**Easter - Funnies**

**Man: “Whatcha doin’, Earl?” Earl: “Hiding Easter eggs.” Man: “Getting ready for an Easter egg hunt, huh?” Earl: “Yup.” Man: “I’ll bet your grandson will enjoy that.” Earl: “Grandson? Who said anything about my grandson? That’s the nice thing about being my age. I can hide my own Easter eggs.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Dad: “What are you doing up here?” Mom: “Shhhh! I’d hiding Jeremy’s Easter basket.” Dad: “His Easter basket? Connie, the boy is fifteen years old!” Mom: “This is an age-appropriate Easter basket. See? Instead of a chocolate bunny, I put in a CD. Then I put in some burger coupons instead of jelly beans, and a piece of software instead of those marshmallow chicks he used to love.” Dad: “That was really a neat idea!” Mom: “I think he’ll appreciate the effort.” After finding his Easter basket, Jeremy says to himself: “Shoot! No candy!” *(Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman, in Zits comic strip)***

**Elizabeth: “Hey, it looks like the Easter bunny brought us some great stuff!” April: “Yah! You don’t want yours, do you? Why don’t you eat your rabbit, Elizabeth?” Elizabeth: “I can’t. Look at how cute he is!” April: “If you bust his ears off, he won’t be so cute anymore! Then, you bite off the tail an’ eat the feet. Sort of one at a time.” Elizabeth: “He’s got little pink eyes!” April: “They’re candy icing, see? They pop right off!” Elizabeth: “April, I thought you loved animals!” April: “I do! ‘Specially the chocolate ones!” (Lynn Johnston, in For Better or For Worse comic strip)**

**Preacher: “Brother Fester, I just dropped by to invite you to our Easter banquet.” Brother Fester: “Easter was a month ago.” Preacher: “I know, but since you never come anyway, I didn’t see any reason to be prompt.” *(Jerry Bittle, in Geech comic strip)***

**Grandpa: “What have you got there, son?” Nelson: “My Easter basket.” Grandpa: “Oh, have you been on an Easter egg hunt?” Nelson: “Yeah!” Grandpa: “Ahh, so the Easter bunny came and laid eggs all over the yard. What’re you going to do with them?” Nelson: “Eat them!” Grandpa: “Wow, really? You’d eat something that came out of a rabbit? I hope you’re at least going to wash them. Look at the size of these eggs! Hard to believe they came out of a little bunny, huh? Boy, that must’ve hurt! Come to think of it, I thought I heard something screaming in pain in the garden this morning.” Grandma: “Earl, why do you have Nelson’s Easter basket?” Grandpa: “He said he didn’t want it.” (Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)**

**Every Easter when I was a child, the Easter Bunny left a basket of candy and eggs just outside our front door. But one year when I ran out to see what he’d left, there was nothing there. I came crying into the house and told my mother what had happened. “Oh, my gosh!” she said. “I forgot to put it out!” (Ruth Glunt, in Reminisce magazine)**

**To keep the guests occupied before Thanksgiving dinner, my aunt popped a Batman video into the VCR. Almost two hours later, everyone was hungry and had had enough of the flick. “This movie sure is dragging on,” my uncle moaned. “Just how long is it?” “Dad,” his son said, “why do you think they call it Batman FOREVER?” (Brandy Hall, in Reader’s Digest)**

**Eileen Luby of Seattle, Washington says one of the funniest Easter memories she can recall happened back in `1949. “On the night before Easter, our 4-year-old son refused to go to bed. No amount of coaxing could persuade him to turn in for the night,” Eileen relates. When I asked why, he said, “I want to stay up and watch Santa Claus lay all those eggs!” (Reminisce magazine)**

**Billy: “The year’s best-tastin’ mornings are Easter and the day after Halloween!” Dolly: “We better wash Jeffy’s face before church.” Jeffy: “Why did the Easter bunny give each of us a new toothbrush?” Billy: “Happy Easter eggs!” (Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)**

**First man: “I’m going to ask him.” Second man: “No, you’re not!” First man: “Why not?” Second man: “Because I’ve already told you there’s no such thing as the Easter bunny!” First man: “Then where do Easter eggs come from?” Second man: “What do you think?” First man: “I think Merle believes in the Easter chicken.” *(Jerry Bittle, in Geech comic strip)***

A farmer pulls a prank on Easter Sunday. After the egg hunt, he sneaks into the chicken coop and replaces every white egg with a brightly colored one. Minutes later, the rooster walks in. He spots the colored eggs, then storms out and beats up the peacock. *(Adam Joshua Smargon, in Reader’s Digest)*

**Two little neighbor girls about the same age, one Christian and one Jewish, were constant companions. After one Easter holiday, the grandfather of the Christian girl asked her what her friend had received for Easter. The girl looked at her grandfather in surprise, and said, “But Grandpa, you should know that Becky is Jewish and she wouldn’t get anything for Easter.” Then she went on to explain patiently, “You see, I’m Easter and she’s Passover. I’m Christian and she’s Hanukkah.” Then with a big smile, she added, “but I’m really glad that both of us are Halloween.” *(Buddy Westbrook in Loyal Jones, The Preacher’s Joke Book)***

**A Sunday School child’s definition of Easter: “You get eggs. And you remember God,” says Mary Louise Duggard, 8. “It’s the day that God woke up,” says Jamila Young-Hogan. “It’s when Jesus got alive,” says Amanda Ward, 7. (Duncan/Akers, in Amusing Grace)**

**Helga: “Every year it’s the same thing! I ask you for a little help, and you fail miserably!! I can’t trust you to do anything!! You have no talent! I’ll do it myself!” Hagar: “Darn! I flunked Easter egg coloring again this year!” (Dik Browne, in Hagar the Horrible comic strip)**

**Monk: “Sorry, Sire, the service just ended.” Sire: “Oh-no! The most important ecclesiastical day of the year!” Monk: “It’s okay, come let us walk together. What does Easter mean to you, Sire?” Sire: “The miracle of new life, spring flowers, baby chicks, baskets of colored eggs and chocolate! Lots and lots of chocolate.” Monk: “Aren’t you forgetting something?” Sire: “God forgive me, I forgot all about the Easter bunny.” *(Parker and Hart, in The Wizard of Id comic strip)***

**A young American tourist goes on a guided tour of a creepy old European castle. At the end of the tour the guide asks her how she enjoyed it. She admits to being a bit worried about seeing a ghost in some of the dark cobwebby rooms and passages. “Don't worry,” says the guide, “I've never seen a ghost in all the time I've been here.” “How long is that?” asks the girl.  “About 300 years.” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**Church usher: “Happy Easter! May I help you find a seat, Sire?” Sire: “Just make sure I’m not behind some huge hat!” Usher: “How about here?” Sire: “Her hat looks down right deadly.” Usher: “How about here?” Sire: “I’m allergic to artificial flowers.” Usher: “Where are you going, Sire?” Sire: “I’ll be back next week when the Easter bonnet contest is over.” *(Parker & Hart, in The Wizard of Id comic strip)***

**Grandpa: “Aha! I found one!” Nelson: “I found one too! Here’s another!” Dog: “I hate Easter. It’s the one day when other people besides me can eat things they find under the furniture.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**While visiting an elderly parishioner, the minister asked, “Minnie, do you ever think about the hereafter?” “Oh, Pastor,” she replied. “I think about the hereafter almost every day. I go into the bedroom, stand there and say, ‘Now, what am I here after?’ Then I go into kitchen and say, ‘What am I here after?’” *(Laura Willhite, in Country magazine)***

**Billy says to Dolly: “I hope the Easter Bunny doesn’t help Santa hide our toys all over the backyard.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**After finding an Easter egg hiding in his chair, the Father says to his son: “The Easter bunny really did an outstanding job of hiding the eggs this year!” The son replies: “Let's hope it was this year!” *(Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)***

**When I die I want to be buried in Israel. Why? Israel has the highest resurrection rate in the world. *(Interfaith Council of Boulder newsletter)***

**Woman: “If you’re not busy tonight, I could use some help delivering band turkeys.” Man: “I’ve got some reading to do for my classes, but as Mr. Dinkle used to say, ‘Homework can wait. It doesn’t spoil.’” *(Tom Batiuk, in Funky Winkerbean comic strip)***

**“Do you know what Easter is?” I asked one girl of five. “Oh, yes,” she replied. “Easter is when Jesus died and they put Him in a tomb with a big rock and then three days later they rolled back the rock and Jesus walked out and He didn’t see His shadow.” Which meant that the Holy Land would have six more weeks of winter. *(Bill Cosby, in Kids Say the Darndest Things, p. 19)***

**Congressman Morris Udall tells this story about what happened in the Kremlin when Khrushchev died: “Brezhnev and other Communist leader wanted to get Khrushchev's body out of the country. So they called President Nixon to see if they could bury it in the United States. Nixon said he couldn't give them permission because he would receive to much criticism from the American people. Brezhnev called Prime Minister Heath of England and got a similar turndown. Finally, he called Prime Minister Golda Meir of Israel. Meir said she would help. If the Russians came in the middle of the night, they could bury the body in a remote spot. ‘However,' Meir added, ‘I must warn you that this country has the world's highest resurrection rate.’” *(Congressional Record)***

**When Abraham Lincoln was a lawyer, an out-of-town case required him to hire a horse from the local livery stables. Returning the animal, he asked the liveryman whether he kept the horse for funerals. “Certainly not,” said its owner indignantly. “I am glad to hear it,” said Lincoln, “because if you did, the corpse would not get there in time for the resurrection.” *(Clifton Fadiman, in The Little, Brown Book of Anecdotes, p. 356)***

**The kids down on the White House lawn had a good time looking for Easter eggs. They did a great job. I was thinking, well, maybe we should let the kids hunt for Osama bin Laden. (David Letterman)**

**Billy says to his Mother: “I really love you, Mommy -- more than chocolate bunny rabbits, more than coconut cream eggs ...” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**My daughter-in-law Delia was teaching her 5-year-old twins the true meaning of Easter. She asked Rick, “What did they find in the tomb?” She tried to keep the grin off her face when Rick responded, “Candy?” *(Ruth Scherr, in Country magazine)***

**A guy goes on vacation to the Holy Land with his wife and mother-in-law. Halfway through their trip, the mother-in-law dies. So the guy goes to an undertaker, who explains that they can ship the body home, but it'll cost $5,000. Or they can bury her in the Holy Land for $150. “We'll ship her home,” says the son-in-law. “Are you sure?” asks the undertaker. “That's an awfully big expense. And I can assure you we do a very nice burial here.” “Look,” says the son-in-law, “two thousand years ago they buried a guy here, and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance.” *(Jason Tuthill, in Reader's Digest)***

**The sight of his first wild rabbit caused our son Kyle, 5, to bubble. “Mom, it’s a Mother Nature bunny!” *(Barb St. Godard, in Country Woman magazine)***

**Grimm: “So this is a mummy exhibit. It says the special wrapping was meant to preserve the insides for eternity. Just like a 7-Eleven burrito.” *(Mike Peters, in Mother Goose & Grimm comic strip)***

**Mom: “Michael! What’s with Meredith? She hasn’t wanted to nurse for ages!” Dad: “Um . . . Just for today . . . because it’s Easter . . . I told her you made ‘chocolate’.” (Lynn Johnston, in For Better or For Worse comic strip)**

**Mrs. Easter Bunny looks at Mr. Easter Bunny and says while observing the Easter egg color designs on the wall: “This isn’t what I had in mind when I asked you to paint the walls ‘Eggshell’.” *(Mark Paris, in Off the Mark comic strip)***

**During the course of the lesson, I asked my Sunday School class of small children who Saint Mark was. Receiving no answer, I tried them with Matthew. When there was still no answer, I said, “Surely someone knows who Peter is.” A hand went up at the back of the room, and a shy little voice said, “Please teacher, I fink he was a wabbit.” (E. M. Shales)**

**Police arrested a man on drug charges, alleging he had been selling pills he claimed provided eternal youth. When they went through their files, police discovered it was the fourth time the man had been charged. His earlier arrests were in 1794, 1856 and 1923. They let him go. (Rocky Mountain News)**

**One minister was discussing various holidays and traditions with a flock of his young parishioners. “At Christmastime,” he said, “we traditionally use a plant called the poinsettia for decorating and giving, symbolizing Christmas. Can anyone tell me what plant we use to symbolize Easter?” A hand shot up and a small boy piped earnestly, “An eggplant?” (Duncan/Akers, in Amusing Grace)**

**Cylene: “Ruthie!” Ruthie: “Hi, Cylene!” Cylene: “Listen, if you’re coming to my Easter egg hunt, I hope you’re going to wear something better than that! And it’s customary when you come to such an event to bring the hostess – that’s me – a nice gift! And don’t be late, because we’ll start without you!” Dad: “Cylene, huh? That’s your little rich friend!” Ruthie: “Yes. You know, Grandpa, Cylene must be rich, but I don’t think her family is.” Grandpa: “Why do you say that?” Ruthie: “Because everywhere she goes, people say, ‘There goes Cylene . . . her poor family.’” (Rick Detorie, in One Big Happy comic strip)**

**A biologist found a formula that would keep porpoises alive forever. However, the formula needed myna bird blood and the only place he could get it was at the zoo. Late one night he broke in and grabbed a bird. When he was sneaking out he had to step over sleeping lions, where he was promptly arrested. The charge? Crossing staid lions with mynas for immortal porpoises. (Rocky Mountain News)**

**A man was driving along the highway and saw a rabbit hopping across the road. He swerved to avoid hitting it, but the rabbit jumped in front of the car. The driver pulled over and got out to see what had become of the rabbit. To his dismay, the rabbit was dead. He felt so bad he began to cry. A woman driving down the road saw the man and pulled over. She got out and asked what was wrong. “I feel terrible,” the man said. “I accidentally hit this rabbit and killed it.” The woman told him not to worry, she knew what to do. She went to her car trunk and pulled out a spray can. She walked over to the limp, dead rabbit and sprayed the contents of the can onto it. Miraculously, the rabbit came back to life, jumped up, waved its paw at the humans and hopped down the road. Fifty feet away, the rabbit stopped, turned around and waved again. This happened again and again. The man was astonished. He couldn’t figure out what substance could be in the spray can. “What was that?” he asked the woman. She turned the can around so he could read it: “Hair spray. Restores Life to Dead Hair. Adds Permanent Wave.” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**One man says to another: “That’s right, these plastic recycling bins are made to last thousands of years!” *(Dave Coverly, in Speed Bump comic strip)***

**I submitted my request for immortality sometime ago, but haven't heard anything yet. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Man reading a book about the Civil War says: “Why can’t you retain this stuff, young man?” Lars: “It’s easy for you to talk. You were there.” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**Dennis: “Huh! Santa, what are you doing here?” Santa: “Well, the Easter bunny had a huge earache, so I’m filling in for him! Except I’m not very good at hiding eggs!” Dennis: “You’re used to puttin’ stuff under the tree, huh? Why don’t ya just lemme have ‘em all an’ skip the hidin’ part?” Santa: “That would save me a lot of time! Thanks, Dennis! See you in December!” Dennis: “How come you’re not using the chimney?” Santa: “My reindeer are on spring break, so I’m hoofin’ it!” Dennis: “Oh.” Mom and Dad come down the stairs and Dad says: “Well, well, well. Somebody’s been busy this morning!” Mom: “Honey! Why didn’t you wait for us?” Dennis: “You wouldn’t believe me if I told you!” (Hank Ketcham, in Dennis the Menace comic strip)**

**It was the Easter and Passover season. The children had been studying Old and New Testament accounts of both holidays and The Ten Commandments was playing on television for about the third time. In addition, we had just had a family Passover meal intertwining as much of the Jewish customs into our Christian version as we could. All of this ecumenical education was apparently overwhelming for one of our younger offspring. When we got up in the morning, there was a red streak of a thick sticky substance on all the bedroom doorframes. Upon investigation, we found that our son, deeply impressed by all he had seen and heard, had decided to protect us all. Not having lamb’s blood, he used ketchup. *(James L. Larabee, in Catholic Digest)***

**A noted jurist had attended Sunday services. Asked for a comment on the sermon, he replied that it was like the peace and mercy of God. “Yes,” he continued, amplifying his statement, “it was like the peace of God because it passed all understanding, and like His mercy, I thought it was going to endure forever.” *(Bill Earle, in Quote magazine)***

**A pastor known for lengthy sermons saw a man leave in the middle of his message. He returned just before the end of the service. Afterward the pastor asked the man where he had gone. “I went to get a haircut,” the man replied. “Why didn’t you do that before the service?” “I didn’t need one then,” the man said. *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**Man: “Your Easter sermons are my favorite, Reverend.” Reverend: “Is that why you sleep so soundly through them?” Man: “They’re just so restful. Except for that part where you keep yelling ‘He is Risen’!” Reverend: “That’s my favorite part. I also like the throwing-the-hymnal-at-you-when-it’s-time-to-sing part.” *(Jerry Bittle, in Geech comic strip)***

**Billy says to Mom and Dad after leaving church: “Could we just go home now and eat our candy ‘stead of goin’ out for brunch?” Dolly: “Jeffy put a hundred dollars in the collection basket and it was my play money!” Jeffy: “I made a great Easter card, Mommy, but I left it on the school bus!” Billy: “Grandma says they should have an Easter carol called Son Rise Serenade.” Dolly: “Is it okay for us to talk now, Mommy?” (Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)**

**April: “Elizabeth, I want you to tell me something about these Easter eggs!” Elizabeth: “Well, it’s a really old tradition, April. An egg signifies birth – and this is the birth of spring! The word ‘Easter’ comes from the name ‘Eastre’ who was once believed to be the goddess of spring! Of course, Easter is a very important religious celebration which might seem like a celebration about death. But, according to the Bible, Jesus died and came to life again – just like all the leaves and flowers and animals come back in springtime. So that’s why we have eggs when we celebrate Easter! Does that answer your question, April?” April: “Not really. I wanted to know who ate all the chocolate ones!!” (Lynn Johnston, in For Better or For Worse comic strip)**

**Someone said to Joseph of Arimathaea, “That was such a beautiful, costly, hand-hewn tomb. Why did you give it to someone else to be interred in?” “Oh,” said Joseph, “He only needed it for the weekend.” *(Duncan/Akers, in Amusing Grace)***

**Easter bunny: “Happy Easter, Trout! I come bearing chocolate!” Trout: “Will you shush? That’s not how we celebrate Easter at this house!” Easter bunny: “Oh, sorry. You have different traditions?” Trout: “Yes! At my house it is customary to maintain a holy silence until Easter noon. So my Mom’s fitful slumber is not disturbed in any way.” Easter bunny: “Is Easter noon symbolic in your religion?” Trout: “Heck, yeah! The last church service is at eleven! If I can keep her conked out, I am home free!” (Tony Cochran, in Agnes comic strip)**

**A bunch of young kids in a large family were enjoying Easter eggs and chocolate rabbits. One of them, remembering experiences of trick-or-treating, remarked, “Easter tastes better than Halloween, and you don't have to ring a lot of doorbells.” *(A Treasury of Humor, Ballantine Books)***

**Dennis: “It’s him!” Mom: “Who, honey?” Dennis: “The Easter bunny! He was right there!” Mom: “Is that so?” Dennis: “I just saw the Easter bunny, Dad!” Dad: “You don’t say. Did you thank him for all the pretty eggs?” Dennis: “He was too busy eatin’ Mom’s flowers and now he’s headin’ for Mister Wilson’s garden!” Dennis yells at Mister Wilson: “Heads up! The Easter bunny’s in your garden!!” Mister Wilson: “I know, and Santa Claus is in my kitchen.” Dennis: “Oh, well! I tried to warn ‘em!” Rabbit: “Munch! Munch! Crunch!” *(Hank Ketchum, in Dennis the Menace comic strip)***

**Rolling Back The Stone**

**Dolly: “But when they found the stone rolled back from the tomb and Christ was gone, where did they think he went?” Billy: “I know! He left a happy trail in the sky so everybody could follow him!” (Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)**

**Preacher: “And so they decided to go to the tomb, but were more concerned as to who would help them roll the rock away from the entrance! When they arrived at the tomb they found that the rock had been rolled aside from the entrance and that the tomb was empty! Do you know why, young lady?” Young lady: “Because they forget to set their clocks ahead and had overslept?” *(Batiuk & Ayers, in Crankshaft comic strip)***

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