

## Easter (2014)



### The Easter Tree // April 19 & 20, 2014

Mankind's problems began with a tree

#### The tree that wounded mankind

**Genesis 2:8** Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. **9** And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were **the tree of life** and **the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**. *New International Version*

**Genesis 2:15** The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. **16** And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; **17** but **you must not** eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." *New International Version*

#### The tree Adam and Eve could have eaten from

**Revelation 22:2** ... On each side of the river grew **a tree of life**, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations. *New Living Translation-SE*

#### Man's first separation from God

**Genesis 3:8** Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD **God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day**, and **they hid** from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. **9** But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" **10** He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and **I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.**" **11** And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" *New International Version*

**Adam's sin caused all of us to be sin stained and prone to sin**

**Romans 5:12** Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, **because all sinned** *New International Version*

**Sin's greatest damage was separating us from God**

**Romans 2:23** For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. *New Living Bible*

**Ephesians 2: 12** In those days you were **living apart** from Christ.....You lived in this world **without God and without hope.** *New Living Bible*

**Mankind's problems began with a tree and ended on a tree**

**Jesus on the tree**

**Psalms 22:14** My life is poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart is like wax, melting within me. **15** My strength has dried up like sunbaked clay. My tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You have laid me in the dust and left me for dead. **16** My enemies surround me like a pack of dogs; an evil gang closes in on me. They have pierced my hands and feet. **17** I can count all my bones. My enemies stare at me and gloat. *New Living Translation-SE*

**Jesus' Death**

**Matthew 27:46** At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, **why have you abandoned me?**" *New Living Translation-SE*