

Jesus is alive! Our eternal hope

We will resume our discussion about heaven next week, but for now I want to focus on holy week. It's the season when the followers of Christ are focused on how He suffered and died on the cross and after three days He arose from the grave. As the elements of the sacrament symbolize, this week is not really a joyful time, but rather calls for serious meditation on the price Jesus paid and being grateful for His gift of eternal salvation. It's bittersweet since it's never pleasant to imagine a person being brutally tortured (especially when they are innocent), but the fact that Jesus miraculously came back to life, is a demonstration of



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His infinite power and authority as the King of kings and why we should be filled with humility and joy. He did not just talk about love, He demonstrated His compassion by willingly surrendering His life so that we could live. I admit I'm an emotional person. I remember going to see the Passion movie when it was released back in 2004 and I was broken to my core. It's not uncommon for me to cry when I witness something that moves my soul and this ranks at the top of my list. As the scenes of what The Son of God went through was presented before me, I kept thinking how could anyone watch this and not know that He is

truly Immanuel, The Lamb of God, The Messiah, and Savior? I'm not ashamed to wear my feelings on my sleeve when it comes to my love and loyalty to Him. We are constantly being pulled in every direction, and influenced to establish worldly things as our highest priority, but let us protect and preserve our spiritual sensitivity to avoid becoming hardened, cold, and uncaring. We think about why He came to earth which is explained so clearly in the sixteenth verse of the third chapter of John, and read how He was betrayed by those He trusted and was denied by His closest friends. The government and religious community rejected His message, the general population mocked Him and eventually agreed to public

ly execute Him on the grounds of blasphemy. For what? Simply and truthfully admitting He was the Son of God. Sadly, things have not really changed that much as He is still considered a heretic and His followers are persecuted. As Christians we know He is The Life, The Truth, and The Light, and Him resurrecting from the dead proves He is the light of the world, The bread of life, and no one can convince us otherwise. Jesus was constantly approached by those in desperate need and is His nature and character to be concerned and compassionate. Nothing has changed, He is still the same. The world has always been filled with human suffering and He is always ready to respond with love, grace, and mercy. He sees and hears everything, especially

when someone calls upon Him to forgive and save them. Two thousand years later He is still pouring out His grace and forgiveness to anyone that will call upon His name. "You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you" Psalm 86:5. "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" Romans 5:8. "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them" 1 John 4:16. There is only one reason Jesus allowed Himself to be crucified. He loved us. One of the core truths about our responsibility as His followers is that we allow His love to saturate and overflow within us. We seldom think about it, but He

commands us to take up our cross and to die to self so that we can be resurrected as a new creation in Christ. As we meditate on His victorious mission, we are given a deeper understanding of who He is, and how He desires to live through us. Beyond the new clothes, the feasting, and the Easter festivities and customs, may we give honor and worship to our Creator who rescued us from our hopelessness. Dear friend, without being forgiven for our sins, we are carrying the weights and chains of misery in this life and the punishment of sin in the next. Come to Jesus today and He will save you and change your life forever.

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Notice is hereby given that North Marshall Water District expects to file an application with the Public Service Commission on or about April 10, 2025, seeking approval of a proposed adjustment to its rates for water service. The proposed rates shall not become effective until the Public Service Commission has issued an order approving these rates or six (6) months from the date of the filing of the application, whichever occurs first.

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RATES					
Bi-monthly Customer Charge	Current	Proposed	Difference		
5/8" x 3/4" Meter	\$ 27.50	\$ 30.27	\$ 2.77	10%	
1" Meter	\$ 38.38	\$ 42.25	\$ 3.87	10%	
1 1/2" Meter	\$ 56.54	\$ 62.24	\$ 5.70	10%	
2" Meter	\$ 78.37	\$ 86.28	\$ 7.91	10%	
3" Meter	\$ 123.24	\$ 142.28	\$ 19.04	10%	
4" Meter	\$ 201.84	\$ 222.31	\$ 20.37	10%	
6" Meter	\$ 385.65	\$ 422.36	\$ 36.71	10%	
Rate Per Gallon	Current	Proposed	Difference		
All Water Usage	\$ 0.00383	\$ 0.00422	\$ 0.00039	10%	

If the Public Service Commission approves the proposed water rates, then the effect on the average monthly bill for each customer class is set out in the table below.

Meter Size	Average Gallons	Existing Bill	Proposed Bill	Change	Percentage Increase
AVERAGE BI-MONTHLY WATER BILLS					
5/8"	8,000	\$ 88.14	\$ 94.03	\$ 5.89	10%
1"	30,000	\$ 388.28	\$ 422.31	\$ 34.03	10%
1 1/2"	80,000	\$ 461.84	\$ 502.24	\$ 40.40	10%
2"	120,000	\$ 942.24	\$ 1,028.28	\$ 86.04	10%
3"	180,000	\$ 1,423.24	\$ 1,565.28	\$ 142.04	10%
4"	220,000	\$ 1,818.40	\$ 2,002.31	\$ 183.91	10%
6"	500,000	\$ 3,856.50	\$ 4,223.36	\$ 366.86	10%

The Application may be examined at the utility's office located at 36 Carroll Road Benton, KY 42025; telephone (270) 527-5284. The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by the utility.

However, the PSC may order rates to be changed that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may examine this application at the Public Service Commission offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or through the PSC website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the PSC through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602. You may contact the Public Service Commission at (502) 564-3940.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Public Service Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this notice, the Public Service Commission may take final action on the application.

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