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Jefferson City, Missouri - As we have reached the halfway point of session and with a week off for Spring Break. This week's report turns to the most important event in history. Holy Week is approaching, but what does that matter in a modern world that is forgetting about God?

When Jesus rose from the dead, grief departed, and His suffering—so wrenching and complete—became a thing of the past. At the moment of Christ's resurrection, His focus, and ours, turned to the future.

The miraculous lesson of Easter is that through Jesus' death on the Cross, and by our acceptance of Jesus as our Lord and Savior we have been granted a second chance—permission to leave our old lives behind and stand before the pristine, unmarred canvas of a new day, with all its potential for joy and choices that honor God.

Christ is victorious over death, and His Kingdom is forever.

When we hear about the resurrection of Jesus Christ, it should stir and shake us. "What? Somebody has risen from the dead? Who is it? That can't be – if it is true the whole world must change!"

“And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you.”

(Matthew 28:7 NLT)

Did you know?

Easter, is Christianity's most important holiday. It has been called a moveable feast because it doesn't fall on a set date every year, as most holidays do. Instead, Christian churches in the West celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21.

Therefore, Easter is observed anywhere between March 22 and April 25 every year. Orthodox Christians use the Julian calendar to calculate when Easter will occur and typically celebrate the holiday a week or two after the Western churches, which follow the Gregorian calendar.

Across all cultures, men and women have found consolation and courage in the belief that death is not the end, but as a follower of our Lord and Savior that it is followed by another, better life to come.

As always, it is an honor to serve you in the Missouri House. If you would like to discuss any issue, please call 573-751-3629.

You can also email me at Kent.Hampton@house.mo.gov.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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