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You're Invited! 8:30 am Easter Sunrise Worship. 9:30 am Breakfast. 10:30 am Festival Worship.

Viewpoints

Observing events in our modern world from the viewpoint of our ascended Savior.

Easter's Ticket of Fortune - April 3, 2015

In her numbness, she had almost discarded her ticket of fortune.

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Charolette Peters, 79, described herself as being “numb.”

She certainly had every right to feel numb! She had quite unexpectedly learned that she was the winner of \$10 million from the Connecticut Lottery.

But there's more behind her unexpected windfall. Her feeling numb was greatly accentuated because she “had put aside and almost discarded” the winning ticket. Only as an after-thought, on a whim, she blindly decided to check the ticket before she actually trashed it. For thirty days she was a multi-millionaire, and didn't even know it, as her ticket of fortune lay discarded. Imagine that!

But there's even more behind why Charolette was feeling numb. Thirty days prior to realizing her good fortune, Donald (her husband of 59 years) had bought the ticket. It was a 20-year tradition for the retired factory worker to purchase two tickets every ten weeks. And on that very day, after Donald bought that winning ticket, he died... “unknowingly providing financial security for his wife ... and their family.” In the sad busy-ness of burying her beloved, Charolette had forgotten about the ticket, and in her grief, nearly discarded it.

I love this story because it helps me get an idea of how the women felt on Easter morning. I'm speaking of those followers of Jesus who journeyed to the tomb early Easter morning, expecting to finish the gruesome work of spicing the decaying body of their dear friend. They came to the tomb, already numb. And that numbness was incredibly magnified when they discovered that they had become multi-millionaires!

For three days, they didn't realize that the death of Jesus was their ticket to the eternal riches of God's heavenly kingdom. They had nearly discarded trust that Jesus was the long-promised Son of God. And then the crucified Jesus greeted them. How huge his grin must have been to see perplexed smiles... frozen numb.

Here's my transliteration. “The women raced away from the empty tomb, numb, yet filled with joy, to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said with a loving grin and dancing eyes. In their numbness they fell to his feet and worshiped him” ([Matthew 28:8-10](#)).

Wherever your travels may be taking you this Easter weekend, please do take the time to read the Easter account. Trust the Spirit of God to help you understand how numb these women were as they walked to the tomb... and how their numbness was glorified with the news of everlasting fortune, when the living Savior greeted them.

Blessed Easter, friends. The empty tomb declares that Jesus is your ticket of forever fortune!

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[Man's Last Lotto Ticket Wins...](#) @ Fox News

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Blessings to you and your loved ones, Pastor Mike Nitz

