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Sunday, April 13, 2014

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*“Lazarus, come out! The dead man came out”* (John 11:43-44, NIV).

*“It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love”* (John 13:1, NIV).

*“Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed”* (1 Corinthians 5:7, NIV).

*“Crucify him”* (Mark 15:13, ESV).

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