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New Life at Easter

Daffodils, bluebells, buds bursting, bird song, chickens hatching from eggs, are all things we associate with this time of the year. These signs of new life remind us to give thanks to God for His wonderful creation. But these are not the most important things we remember at Easter.

At the annual Feast of Passover, celebrated last week, the Jewish community remembered their deliverance from slavery in Egypt, an event which took place about three and a half thousand years ago! This is so they will never forget who God is and what He has done for them. The Hebrews were saved from death by smearing the blood of the Passover Lamb on their door posts.

Jesus Christ's death and resurrection took place at Passover and He is referred to as the Lamb of God, the Passover Lamb, who died on the cross, not to save us from literal slavery, but from the slavery of sin. This slavery often causes us to do what is wrong and not do what is right. Last Sunday we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord, reminding us that the Lord Jesus not only died for our sins, but also was raised from the dead so that we too can be set free from slavery to sin and enjoy new life in Him. We have a living saviour! Something to celebrate indeed!