

**Morning Worship Service
Easter Sunday
March 23, 2008
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God's Happy Surprises

Introduction - "It has been a full quarter century since the long haired clergyman with the ukulele drilled the church's children in singing, 'God is a surprise, right before your eyes, God is a surprise.' But the words stayed with me because, now as then, they match my own vivid experience. The high spots of my life present themselves in retrospect as a series of surprises - happy surprises, from the hand of a very gracious God."

J. I. Packer
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Matthew 28:1-10

I. HAPPY SURPRISES FROM THE BIBLE

1. The first _____ - _____
 2. A child of _____ - _____
- The _____ - _____
- A night with the _____ - _____
- The _____
- The _____ of Jesus
- The _____ - the _____

II. HAPPY SURPRISES FOR US - COUNT YOUR SURPRISES

1. Our _____
2. Our _____
3. Little _____ to _____
4. _____ in _____
5. Our coming _____

Conclusion: Glum Christians who say they have not much to give thanks for are wrong... look for the happy surprises, for they will help you to keep expressing proper gratitude to God all your days."

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