

"BELIEVING IN EASTER"

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There was once a Christian named Mary who was the patient of a fine Christian doctor. The doctor was a gentle doctor who loved his patients and saw them as people. His favorite patient was **Mary Brown**. One day he went to his office with a heavy heart and it was because of Mary Brown.

When he walked into that waiting room, there sat Mary. She was earnestly talking to a young mother sitting beside her. The doctor knew why Mary was there and what she was doing (witnessing). You see, Mary had a habit of introducing herself in this way: "Hello, my name is Mary Brown. Do you believe in Easter?" Then she would explain the meaning of Easter, and many times people would be saved.

As the doctor entered his office and there he saw his head nurse. She had first met Mary when she was taking her blood pressure. Mary began by saying, "My name is Mary Brown. Do you believe in Easter?" She said, "Why yes I do." Mary said, "Well, what do you believe about Easter?" The nurse said, "Well, it's all about egg hunts, baskets, sunrise church services, and new dresses and hats". Well Mary kept pressing her about the **real meaning of Easter**, and taught her about Jesus and His plan of salvation and led her to accept Him as her Lord.

The doctor said to his nurse, "Don't call Mary into the office quite yet. I believe there is an important teaching (witnessing) in progress." After being called back in the doctor's office, Mary sat down and when she took a look at the doctor she said, "Doctor, why are you so sad? Are you reading your Bible and praying?" The doctor replied by saying, "I have a heavy heart because your lab report came back and it says you have a disease which is not curable and you're not going to live very long".

Mary said, "Why doctor, shame on you. Why are you so sad? You have just told me I'm going to see my precious Lord Jesus, my husband, and my departed brethren. You have just told me that I am going to celebrate Easter forever, and here you are having difficulty giving me my good news!"

A few weeks later Mary was sent to the hospital, as she was coming closer to "going Home" (heaven). She asked her doctor if he would make sure that they put women in her room who need to know about Easter. Her wish was fulfilled and there were many who heard the story of Easter. Due to Mary being a patient many (patients, staff, visitors, etc.) heard the story of Easter. Many were saved due to Mary's witnessing.

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