

“Easter will have to be Postponed”

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The crisis occurred shortly after his corpse passed into the portal of Hades. This was an emergency.

“There’s no way we can proceed with the plan. Easter will just have to be postponed,” declared Agnus. “These are the wrong forms.”

The committee members pored over the documents.

“And in any case there’s no signature of the next of kin,” said Francis.

“That’s understandable. They all ran away,” said Elspeth.

“But we can’t proceed on this basis,” Angus reiterated.

“Look, the case is straightforward,” intervened Michael. “He stood up for the poor and agitated for change. Of course the authorities didn’t like him. I would run away, too. Can’t we just waive the requirements?”

“There’s also the copyright issue to be clarified,” warned Brenton. “We can’t let him go until that’s settled. He borrowed stuff from Israel’s Bible without acknowledgment.”

“And isn’t he Middle Eastern?” asked Jo. “He simply won’t be allowed in.”

“But they let in Santa Claus from up north and Jesus who walked upon England’s mountains green and they haven’t upset anyone,” objected Stan.

“Don’t kid yourself. There’s no way they’ll let someone in called Jeshua,” answered Jo.

“I suggest we be a bit more flexible,” said Jude. “Why not let him stay for a while in one of our holding camps with all the others from that region?”

Jude and his associates all agreed, and despite protests from Michael, that settled it. “Let’s postpone Easter. No one will mind. People have got plenty to go on with, anyway – eggs, chocolate, bunnies, hot cross buns.”

And so it was. Some invented stories that he was seen. They redrew his image. None of this lowly shepherd type. Now he was a king and soon he would be blessing even the empire that crushed him.

Someone said the real Jeshua eventually escaped from his concentration camp, but it is a rumour, probably made up by those who shared his views. It may be true, but then he’ll never get the following Santa and England’s Jesus have. Be careful, Jeshua, people are looking out for you!