

## 4-2-18 The last laugh

Many centuries ago a monk was pondering the meaning of the events of Holy Week with its solemn services of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, then the astonishing, earthshaking events of Easter.

“What a surprise ending,” he thought. Then suddenly he had a new insight. His hearty laugh startled his fellow monks, breaking the silence of their contemplation.

“Don’t you see,” he cried, “It was a joke! A great joke! The best joke in all history! On Good Friday, when Jesus was crucified, the devil thought he had won. But God had the last laugh on Easter when he raised Jesus from the dead.” The monks called it “the Easter laugh.”

So on this Easter Monday laugh out loud, tell a joke or two and remember: God had the last laugh on Easter.

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