

# The Stinger Was Taken

A little boy and his father were driving down a country road on a beautiful spring afternoon.

Suddenly, out of nowhere, a bumblebee flew through the car window.

Since the little boy was deathly allergic to bee stings, he became petrified. But the father quickly reached out, grabbed the bee, squeezed it in his hand, and then released it.

As soon as he let it go, however, the young son became frantic again as it buzzed by the little boy. His father noticed his son's panic-stricken face.

Once again, the father reached out his hand, but this time he pointed to his hand. There, still stuck in his skin was the bee's stinger.

"Do you see this?" he asked. "You don't need to be afraid anymore. I've taken the sting for you."

This is the message of Easter. We do not need to be afraid anymore of death, that it is the end of it all. Christ faced death for us. And by His victory, we are saved from sin through our faith in Jesus.

Christ has taken the stinger for us.

He is risen! New life is ours!

*O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:55-58 NKJV).*

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