

John 15:16

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

If you are a man, and you are married I bet you remember that day when you asked your bride to marry you. You were probably all nervous and had it all planned out how you would ask her. You went out and found that perfect ring for her that you knew she would love, and maybe it cost more than your first car did.

Or maybe you are not married yet, but you are making plans to ask that one special woman to be your bride.

How about if you are the woman, and if you are married, I'm sure you remember the day your husband asked you to marry him and how you felt when he did.

Maybe you are single, but still anticipate that day when some special man will ask you to marry him, or the day when you find that special woman that you will ask to marry you.

Well, we as believers are the bride of Christ. And there was that one special day that the Lord asked you to marry Him, and you said yes. Also, one day very, very soon He is coming back to take His bride home to heaven to live with Him.

Maybe you are not saved or you are not sure if you are. Easter is right around the corner, just a few days away, and if you go to church that Sunday, Jesus will ask you to marry Him. How so? It's what we call an altar call, where the pastor will ask you to come before the altar or the front of the church to pray with him to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior. What's really happening is the Lord is asking you to be His bride. What will your answer be?

Here's a thought, why wait until Easter, you can tell Him right now, Yes, you want to be His bride.

† **John 3:29 (NLT)** *It is the bridegroom who marries the bride, and the best man is simply glad to stand with him and hear his vows. Therefore, I am filled with joy at his success.*