

Easter Sunday

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 U E Z Q T B C P B N
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 D E L L O R G A E J
 B A H O A Q B L P N
 E S I R T B A Y L C

BELIEVED
 BURIAL
 CLOTHS
 COVERED
 DARK
 DEAD
 DISCIPLE
 LOVED

MAGDALA
 MARY
 MORNING
 PETER
 RISE
 ROLLED
 SCRIPTURE
 SEPARATE

SIMON
 STONE
 TOMB

Catechizing Corner!

Luke's passion narrative was written from the Mary Magdalene enters the tomb, finds it empty and runs to tell Peter that the Lord's body has been stolen. There is not a hint that she suspects Jesus was raised from the dead. Peter and the Beloved Disciple come to the tomb. The Beloved Disciple enters, sees the burial cloths, and believes. Peter does not believe, but his lack of faith is explained away as lack of understanding; he does not yet understand the scripture in relation to this event. The two men are needed at the tomb because two witnesses are required to authenticate an event. Women were not acceptable witnesses. Thus, John places the discovery of the empty tomb by men alongside its discovery by a woman or women. The one confirms the testimony of the other. The cloths were perceived as proof of the resurrection. No one would steal a body by first unwrapping it. Even though grave robbing was a common problem, and even if the disciples had stolen the body (as they were accused of doing), no one would have unwrapped the body. The wrappings left on the floor seemed to suggest a new reality. The person inside those cloths had simply dematerialized, leaving the cloths in place as if his body had simply vanished. His corpse has not been resuscitated; he has been transformed from mortal to immortal. This story does not set out to prove the resurrection. The New Testament had no need to prove it. This is more a story of faith. There was nothing that could be proved from the evidence of the empty tomb and the left-behind burial cloths. None of it made any sense until Jesus began to appear to the disciples after the resurrection.

Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook, Cycle C
 Paulist Press, 1998



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Disciple's Reflection

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Question of the Week

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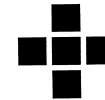
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God

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Closing Prayer



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Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples of Jesus Christ connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need!

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb

Gospel Glossary

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A **burial cloth** is a piece of material that was used to wrap a dead body to prepare it for burial

first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Adults: Where and how do you see the Risen Lord this year?

Teens: Have you ever been brave and full of faith like Mary Magdalene?

Children: Where is Jesus in your life right now?

Families: How did the resurrection change everything?

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Thursday