

# EasterSunday

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BELIEVED  
BURIAL  
CLOTHS  
COVERED  
DARK  
DEAD  
DISCIPLE  
LOVED

MAGDALA  
MARY  
MORNING  
PETER  
RISE  
ROLLED  
SCRIPTURE  
SEPARATE

SIMON  
STONE  
TOMB

## Catechizing Corner!

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

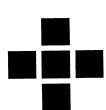


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## Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

**Easter Sunday**  
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**A Call to Prayer**

**The Word of God**  
**John**  **20:1-9**

**Faith Sharing**  
**Questions of the**  
**week**

## 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

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 Scrip-  
ture that he had to rise from the dead.

### The Gospel of the Lord.



## Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

*Choose one*

In what way have you risen from  
“deadness” in your life?

Resurrection reminds us that what looks  
bad can lead to something good. What  
has resurrected, or gone from bad to  
good, in your life over the past year?

What is good and new in your life?

## Closing Prayer

God, by raising Christ your Son you  
conquered the power of death and  
opened for us the way to eternal  
life. Let our celebration today raise  
up and renew our lives by the Spirit  
that is within us. Grant this  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who  
lives with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

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