

# The Resurrection of the Lord



love  
He has  
conquered  
death

From the moment of the resurrection,  
Christ has no other visible body  
than that of Christians,

nor any other love  
to give than that of them."

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### **Reading 1 Acts 10:34a, 37-43**

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree.

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.

To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

### **Responsorial Psalm Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23**

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

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Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures forever.  
Let the house of Israel say,  
"His mercy endures forever." **R.**

"The right hand of the LORD  
has struck with power;  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.  
I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD **R..**"

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The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
By the LORD has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes. **R**

**What did you see  
on the way?**

**. Mary, in the morning?**



**To my glorious Lord,  
The abandoned tomb,  
the angels witnessing,  
shrouds and graveclothes.  
My love and my hope  
have truly risen!**

## **Reading 2 Colossians 3:1-4**

Brothers and sisters:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

## **Gospel John 20:1-9**

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.

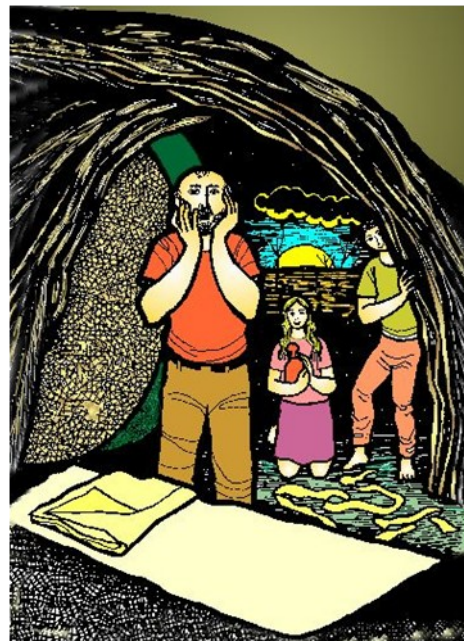
They both ran, but the other disciple  
ran faster than Peter

and arrived at the tomb 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 SCARS OF THE RISEN ONE**

«You killed him, but God raised him». This is what Jesus' disciples preached with faith throughout the streets of Jerusalem just a few days after his execution. For them, the resurrection is God's answer to the unjust and criminal action of those who wanted to silence his voice forever and cut off at the root his project of a more just world.

We must not forget it. In the heart of our faith there is a Crucified One whom God has proven right. In the very center of the Church there is a victim to whom God has brought justice. A life «crucified» but lived out with Jesus' spirit doesn't end in failure but in resurrection.

This totally changes the meaning of our efforts, pains, works and sufferings for a more human world and a happier life for all. To go about thinking about those who suffer, to be close to the most needy, to extend a hand to the defenseless... to follow the footsteps of Jesus, isn't something absurd. It is to walk toward the Mystery of a God who will raise up our lives forever.

The small abuses that we can endure, the injustices, rejections or misunderstandings that we can suffer, are wounds that one day will scar over forever. We must learn to look at the wounds of the Risen One with more faith. Thus so one day will be our wounds of today. Scars healed by God for ever.

This faith sustains us within and makes us stronger to keep taking risks. Little by little we need to go about learning not to complain so much, not to always go about feeling sorry for ourselves for the bad there is in the world and in the Church, to not always feel victimized by others. Why can't we live like Jesus, saying «no one takes my life from me, but it's I myself who give it»?

To follow the Crucified One all the way to sharing in the resurrection with him is definitely to learn to «give my life», time, efforts and maybe our health out of love. We won't lack wounds, weariness, and fatigue. A hope sustains us: someday, «God will wipe away the tears from our eyes, and there'll be no more death or mourning, no crying out or fatigue, but this whole old world will have passed away».

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