

## Christ Our Hope Catholic Church

### Faith in Laity Corner

Readings: Acts 4:32-35/Lk. 24:35-48

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### It Came To Pass

One can truly say as most elders put it *'and it came to pass.'* A satisfaction of being around for a while is that we can see things make a complete turn-around. People who were once so popular and famous, forgotten and those who we knew so little about, had such a profound effect on our lives, and find this out after their demise. No one in our human history has held more powerful an impact on humanity, the lives of those thousands of years ago and those who are still to come, but the God-Man, Messiah, Savior, Redeemer, Son of God- Jesus Christ.

*"The God of Abraham, [the God] of Isaac, and [the God] of Jacob,  
the God of our ancestors..." (Act. 3:13)*

Yes, thousands of years went by with longing and the expectation of what is to become a 'source of our salvation'. The prophets sent by God warned and preached to the people to stay in God's favor, He will give them the land and send a Savior.

*"He had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets." (Acts. 3:18)*

Some people believed, but died waiting; others did not care nor did they believe... they too died. Yet, when it was least expected, God sent His Son to save our world, *'it came to pass.'*

*"The Messiah already appointed - Jesus," (Acts 3: 20)*

"Sadly, it was not recognized that God kept His promise; even when Jesus told them that He and the Father are One.

*“You denied the Holy and Righteous One” (Acts. 3:14)*

*It came to pass* but, without the eyes of faith, it was missed. The long-awaited Messiah was there in our presence, but there was no faith. So the Redeemer instead of being welcomed and loved

*“Jesus whom you handed over and  
denied in Pilate’s presence.” (Act 3:13)*

*It came to pass*, that we have eyes, but could not see; ears which heard His Words, but we did not understand. It was sinful and spiteful mankind was readily preferred and accepted

*“that a murderer be released to you.” (Act3:14)*

*It came to pass* that God’s glory was to shine, that the temple was to be destroyed and rebuilt within three days.

*“Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer  
and rise from the dead on the third day.” (Lk. 24:46)*

These things were witnessed by many, who though now dead had the ability to write them down for prosperity, hence, we can believe them today. *And it came to pass...*

*“Everything written about me in the law of Moses and in  
the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.” (Lk. 24:44)*

We today are the ones to continue to bring the Good News

*“that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,  
would be preached in His name to all the nations...” (Lk. 24:46)*

If today we are not the bearers of this Good News, that Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead, having paid the price for our sins “and those of the whole world,” then what are you doing? There are no adequate excuses we could make. The evidence is in scripture, received by visionaries, in our Catholic oral traditions, captured in the thinking of the Church doctors; what more do we want? Let it not *come to pass* that when it was our time to claim that

*“You are witnesses of these things.” (Lk. 24:48)*

We neglect to promote Jesus Christ as the source, power, and focus of our lives and be lost to eternal life forever.

*Let us pray for Christian people everywhere who are facing persecution,  
those who are innocent victims of wars and abuses.  
May God be the source of their strength and our voiced heard,*

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