

## Christ Our Hope Catholic Church

### *Faith In Laity Corner*

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Readings: Jn. 20-1-9



### **Finding the Resurrected Jesus**

As we rise on Resurrection morning, one can wonder how many people reflect on the amazing facts surrounding the scenes surrounding Easter. Looking around our world there is no doubt there is a real need for a Resurrected Jesus to show Himself on our Earth racked by violence and atrocities of every kind; committed by *sinful men*. Let us pause to remember Christians who were brutally killed with the bombing in Sri Lanka. If the resurrected Jesus came to our world today, would He think that His efforts were in vain? How would He feel as He watches our homeless and abused children, our

politicians with *feet of clay* and lies on their lips, our deliberate and painful killing of people because of their race or religion? Just what would Jesus think of us? How do we recognize that He lives in our midst!! Yes, He has to be alive as no body was ever found and there were many witnesses to the fact that, the tomb was empty!!!

It must have been quite a scene at the tomb, where Jesus was laid two days before. Strangely, He could not be found? The word went to a woman first; she went and brought the news to the other disciples

*“Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.” (Jn. 20:1)*

During an era where women had little power or influence in daily life; it was a woman who was given the most important news ever to occur on earth. Mary found that her fears of having to roll the stone to the entrance of the tomb were unfounded as she observed that something happened to the stone and when she stepped closer to the tomb, her fears were not unfounded.

*“ They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put Him.” (Jn. 20:2)*

Jesus was not there. Where could His body be? She knew He was dead, she helped dress and embalmed the body, how could someone act with such cruelty as to steal His body?

*“So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.” (Jn. 20:3)*

Mary was correct, there was the evidence that He was there, but where is He now?

*“Simon Peter arrived, he went into the tomb*

*and saw the burial cloths there” (Jn. 20:6)*

What thoughts went through the head of Peter? What explanation could the other disciples arrive at, with the body no longer there? What would you have done, if you were there? Would you have been caught up looking for Jesus among the dead? What explanation would you have given to your family, and close friends? Was this a conspiracy? Was there a political motive? Would you have been able to recall that Jesus spoke about rising from the dead?

*"For they did not yet understand the scripture that*

*He had to rise from the dead." (Jn. 20:9)*

Maybe, you would be like His followers, confused and trying to put meaning for what you just found out. Now, you just had to wait to find Him or remember what He said about dying and rising.

What does Jesus' resurrection mean for us? Anyone can die for a good reason, but to die for sinners; frail and stubborn humans whose faith and fickle mind makes it easy to forget what others have done for you in the past. So as we look on at the perils of our world- extreme weather which is the cause of the death to thousands, political and religious mayhem, violence at every turn, false or misleading rhetoric let us rest in the fact that Jesus died for us once, so death cannot limit us again, Jesus did this for us, what are we doing to acknowledge Him?

*Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*

*Do you believe this? (Jn. 11:25-27)*

## ***Resurrection Blessings to all.***

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