

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43 + Colossians 3:1-4 + John 20:1-9 and Mark 16:1-7



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**Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.**

The heavy stone covering the entrance of the tomb rolled away? An empty tomb with just the burial cloths? Jesus' body not there? What has happened?

These signs invited the disciples into the mystery of the Resurrection. Could it be that the Scriptures that foretold Jesus rising from the dead were fulfilled? They began to believe even though they did not understand.

In our lives we, too, are invited into the mystery of the Resurrection, into the reality of new life in ways we could not even imagine. But are there stones that have to be rolled away first? The stone of fear of the unknown? The stone of disbelief in what seems impossible? The stone of security? Of failure to trust in God's powerful love?

"Resurrection is a leap into a whole new way of thinking," as Deepak Chopra writes, and so does not happen easily. But newness of life is God's gift to us, available to all who believe.

As we celebrate Easter this year, let us allow God to roll away our stones, that we may celebrate Easter with openness and joy, ready to accept the new life promised to us and to all creation. Daily may we practice resurrection and sing with all creation, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia."