

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9



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Jesus Christ is Risen

Alleluia! We celebrate the great feast that gives us life, hope and great joy. Jesus is risen from the dead!

Imagine Mary Magdalene and the other women at the tomb. They are there to perform an act of love, the anointing of the body of their friend and teacher, Jesus. To their amazement, the tomb is empty. Only the burial cloths remain. Later he appears to them and they understand what has happened.

What does the feast mean for us? Obviously, to be a Christian means that we believe in the resurrection of Jesus and we live our lives as his disciples proclaiming this good news! It also means that we rise with Christ in so many ways even in our everyday lives. Our belief in Jesus helps us to live in hope and joy even in times that seem desperately hard. Joy is not just happiness; it lies deep in our soul in the core of us and radiates throughout our being. It is the sense that all will be well in and through our risen Lord.

Pope Francis reminds us, "Let us not be closed to the newness that God wants to bring into our lives!" It is this great feast that shows us the new, and that all things are possible with God.

Reflection:

- How does Jesus bring you a sense of profound joy in your life?
- How do you share your joy with others? What more could you do?