

Easter – Love Overcame

Readings: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Colossians 3: 1-4/1Corinthians 5: 6b-8; Sequence; John 20: 1-9

Scripture: “We are witnesses of all that [Jesus] did ... 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 ... to us, the witnesses chosen by God ...” Acts 10: 39-41

Reflection: Jesus left the tomb behind. This points to His death. It also implies his resurrection. If I leave the tomb behind me, somehow, I’ve been resurrected as well. I’ve gotten up and walked out of the tomb. Today, we live out Jesus’ story of life, death, resurrection throughout our lives. Whenever we experience a loss, or life doesn’t turn out the way we want, or we have to give up a dream, a part of us dies. Yet the story doesn’t end there. We can choose to get up and walk out of the tomb into new life. Doing so gives our suffering context, offers us hope. Let us cling to and live the resurrection today.

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Ron DiCianni, The Resurrection, Museum of Biblical Art, Dallas, TX
http://downloads.cbn.com/cbnplayer/cbnPlayer.swf?s=/vod/MW131v2_WS

Message for the Ladies of Charity: “... choose the life of Jesus Crucified as the model for our lives so that His Resurrection may be a means for glory for us...”

Louise de Marillac Spiritual Writings, A.21B Meditations, page 732

Prayer: Love overcame, emerging from a stone cold tomb,
all truth, majesty and creativity of a living God transforming a broken heart,
making a quiet return in a still and sorrowful garden.
The gravestone rolled away to release redemptive love.
Jesus, resurrected and restored, comforts a weeping woman,
speaks with travelers on a journey, meets with His faithful friends
who bow down before Jesus alive and acknowledge that the Savior has arrived.
The work of God has come alive
and the extraordinary transformation of heaven and earth is complete.

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Try This: How does love challenge me to choose life anew, to comfort another?

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