

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

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READINGS:

ACTS: 10: 34A, 37-43; COLOSSIANS 3:1-4 or 1CORINTHIANS 5:6B-8; JOHN 20:1-9 or MATTHEW 28:1-10

REFLECTIONS:

My brother, "Uncle Karl", died last October and the whole family came to Ohio for his funeral. Two of my great nieces who are six and eight years old were very aware of all the activities of those days. Recently they were back in that small town in Ohio and wanted to go to the cemetery to see Uncle Karl's grave and look at the stone again that was placed over his body. To their surprise, they found a fresh lollipop lying on Uncle Karl's grave. Actually it surprised all of us. Uncle Karl was quite fond of children and they were fond of him. He always passed out lollipops to them when he saw them.

On this Sunday morning, Easter morning, can you see and feel Mary Magdalene getting up early while it was still dark and wanting to go to the tomb of her friend, Jesus, who had just died? Can you feel her surprise when she found that stone taken away from the tomb? Can you feel and hear the excitement when she ran to tell Peter and John who came to the tomb as well?

As hard as it might be, we must set our minds on the things that are above not on the things upon the earth, as the disciples taught in Colossians. This weekend we must once more go to the tomb with Mary Magdalene and be reminded that Christ died for us and then rose from the dead for our sake. He is God.

PRAYER:

Jesus, you did die. You died for us that we might have eternal life. You rose from the dead and breathed on us the Holy Spirit as our helper. Help us to set our minds on the things that are You, not on the things of this earth. Help us to come to your tomb every day and remember that you rose from the dead and that you are the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, ready to help us to follow you.

TRY THIS TODAY:

Walk in silence in a cemetery and re-live what it might have been like to walk in the dark with Mary Magdalene to Jesus' tomb. Pray for guidance to set your mind on the things that are of God and not of the world.