

FAMILY NIGHT

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Easter Sunday, March 28, 2010

He Is Risen

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Christianity is based on this marvelous fact of Christ's resurrection. No other religion can point to such a powerful event backed up by the manifest power of the Holy Spirit. His death took away our sins, but his resurrection brings us new life and the hope our own resurrection. His resurrection is proof of his divine authority to give us what he has promised. We can boldly shout "Alleluia" today for this unfathomable mystery which will unite us eternally in the Trinity. Those who witnessed the empty tomb have faithfully passed this truth on to us. We are now his witnesses to tell others of new life in Christ.

Opening Prayer: Our Father or Glory Be



Sunday Readings:

Acts 10:34a,37-43

God raised Jesus up on the third day.

Colossians 3:1-4

Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

John 20:1-9

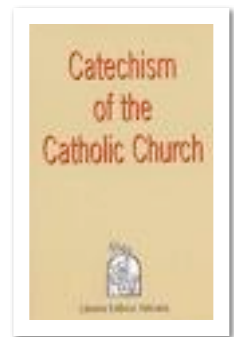
The tomb is empty. Jesus is risen!

Family Activity

1. Telephone message—Pass a phone from one person to the next and have each one announce or explain the resurrection to "someone" on the line.
2. "Halleluia Hunt" Put strips of paper with the words "Halleluia" written upon them inside plastic eggs for hunting.

Catechism Connection

No. 657 “The empty tomb and the linen cloths lying there signify in themselves that by God’s power Christ’s body had escaped the bonds of death and corruption.”



Who told Peter and John about the empty tomb?



Saintly Examples

St. Mary Magdalene

Jesus cast out seven demons from Mary Magdalene. She later came to Jesus while he was dining at the house of a wealthy man and washed Jesus’ feet with her tears and dried his feet with her hair. She was sorry for the many sins she had committed. Many were offended that Jesus let such a woman touch Him, but Jesus responded in forgiveness saying, “your faith has saved you, go in peace.” St. Mary Magdalene became a faithful follower of Christ. She was one of the women who went to the tomb on Easter morning to anoint the body of Christ, but found the tomb empty. She asked someone whom she thought was the gardener if he knew where Jesus’ body had been taken, only to realize that he was the Risen Christ. Mary Magdalene announced to the disciples the great miracle of the resurrection.

Let's Talk About It

Discussion Questions

1. List the moments in the Passion and Resurrection when Mary and other women are involved in the story. What did they do for Jesus?
2. What is so important about the empty tomb? Who were those who witnessed it?
3. How is baptism like the resurrection? (It is a passage from death to life.)
4. What is different about the Christian message compared to other world religions? (Our leader is still alive!)

Family Commitment

(Fill in your commitment here)

Snack



Eat Easter eggs as a symbol of new life. Cut hard boiled eggs in half, pop out the yolk and pretend the white is the empty tomb.

Closing Prayer

“Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us; and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!” (Ps 117)



Quiz Answer

Mary Magdalene (John 20:2)