

RISEN

CELEBRATE THE VICTORY

Easter Sunday
1st April, 2018

Other Readings:

Acts 10:34, 37-43.
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17,
22-23.
Colossians 3:1-4.
John 20:1-9.



Things Families can do on Resurrection Sunday

- Attend Mass together.
- Easter Greeting: Greet each other with "Alleluia, the Lord is risen!" and answer "He is risen indeed!"
- The Passion: Watch Mel Gibson's portrayal of Jesus' last hours with older children (warning: graphic but realistic violence). If your children are younger, watch the [Jesus Film Project's](#) beautifully-crafted evangelical movie, scripted only with words from the Gospel of Luke.

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD EASTER SUNDAY

A meditation based on Acts 10:34, 37-43

Not to all the people, but to us.

We want to focus on just one verse today. Speaking to a centurion and his family, St. Peter says that the risen Jesus chose to appear, "not to all the people," but only to himself and the other disciples, "the witnesses chosen by God in advance" (Acts 10:41). He didn't appear to everyone - not the Pharisees, not the people in Athens or Alexandria, not even to all the people he had healed and delivered. It was just a few people.

Peter then goes on to say something even more surprising: God had commissioned him and the others "to preach to the people and testify" (Acts 10:42). Rather than making a proclamation from heaven for all to hear, God chose ordinary, everyday people to share his good news. In other words, he chose people just like us.

Why would God choose such a humble, risky strategy? We may never know the full answer, but here are two possibilities:

First, Jesus wants us to experience his love through each other. He wants us to feel his presence through the generosity, the affection, and the humility of his followers. That's why he has called us to be a Church - so that he can work through us to change the world. It's why he calls us to gather around the altar as brothers and sisters.

Second, Jesus trusts us. He was confident that, with the help of his Spirit, Peter and Mary Magdalene and the rest could accomplish something grand and beautiful for him. In the same way, he trusts you. He knows you won't always get it right, but neither did the apostles. Still, he knows that if you set your heart on loving people as he loves them, you will make a difference.

Christ is risen! May we all proclaim it through our love!

Let us Pray...

"Jesus, I am in awe that you have chosen me to share your Gospel!"