

Easter Sunday – 04/17/2022

Jesus, the second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, the creator of all things visible and invisible, willed to be imprisoned, beaten, spat upon, put on trial, sentenced to death, and crucified between two criminals by the very creatures he had made and finally enclosed in an empty tomb for our salvation.

But the tomb could not hold him in.

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

Mary came to the tomb in darkness but left with the light of faith increasing ever more inside of her.

Is the light of faith increasing every day brighter and brighter inside of us?

When Simon Peter arrived at the tomb he went in and saw the burial cloths there, then the other disciple also went in and scripture said, he saw and believed.

The disciples hadn't yet seen the risen Lord but as we just heard, they saw and believed.

Mary Magdalene and the other disciples witnessed Jesus' horrendous death firsthand. They had not yet seen him alive so they were just like us in that they also had to live by faith and not sight.

But Jesus did appear to them in order to prepare them for their grand mission of spreading the gospel everywhere in a very hostile world and we have been given the same mission.

Although Jesus probably won't appear to any of us in the same way that he did to his disciples, he is here. The tomb may be empty but the tabernacle is not.

Jesus is here for us in the way that we need to see him in order to fulfill our mission to spread the gospel everywhere in an equally hostile world and he will be here until the end of time.

As Catholics we never have to go far to find the risen Lord. We just need to let the light of faith increase in us so that we can see him more perfectly.

As I have said many times before, Jesus is always right here in every tabernacle of every Catholic Church everywhere around the entire globe and he will be until the end of time, a prisoner of Love, just waiting for us to bring him our darkest places so that we can fulfill our mission in the world.