

## LESSON 25: JESUS RISES IN SPLENDOR

Early on the Sunday morning after Jesus died, some women went to anoint His sacred body with spices and oils, but they found an empty tomb. A beautiful angel told the women Jesus was no longer dead, but alive. Later the apostles, Peter and John ran to the tombs and found that Jesus had risen from the dead. Jesus first appeared to Mary Magdalene and later to the disciples when they were all gathered in an upper room. Jesus taught us by His life that our suffering and death will be turned into glory and everlasting life. Every Easter we celebrate the miracle of the Resurrection.

Jesus stayed among His disciples for forty days. He taught them more about the faith and their mission on earth. He told Peter, the first Pope, to "feed My sheep". When it was time for Jesus to go home to Heaven, he promised, "I will be with you always, even to the end of time".

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit... and, remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Mathew 28:19-20)

"He has been raised: He is not here" (Mark 16:6)

"so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." (CCC 654)

"My Lord and My God!" (John 20:28)

"But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8)

"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, you are still in your sins." (1 Cor 15:17)

### Words to know:

Resurrection: when Jesus rose from the dead.

Good Friday: the day Jesus suffered and died for us

Easter: the day when Jesus rose from the dead

Disciple: follower of Jesus

### Questions and Answers

1	After His death, what did Jesus Christ do? After His death, Jesus Christ descended in His soul to limbo, to the souls of the just who had died up to that time, to take them with Him into paradise. Then He rose again from the dead, taking up His body, which had been buried.
2	How long did the body of Jesus Christ remain buried? The body of Jesus Christ remain buried three days, although they were not full days: from Friday evening to the day that we now call Easter Sunday.
3	What did Jesus Christ do after His resurrection? After His resurrection, Jesus Christ remained on earth 40 days. Then He ascended to Heaven, where He sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
4	Why did Jesus Christ remain on earth 40 days after His resurrection? Jesus Christ remained on earth 40 days after His resurrection in order to show that He had really and truly risen from the dead, to confirm His disciples in their faith in Him, and to instruct them more profoundly in His teaching.
5	At the present time is Jesus Christ only in Heaven? At the present time Jesus Christ is not only in Heaven, but as God, He is in every place, and as God-man, He is both in Heaven and in the most holy sacrament of the altar.

Choose the Correct Answer

- 1) Jesus first appeared to \_\_\_\_\_ (Mary Magdalene, Peter, John)
- 2) Every \_\_\_\_\_ we celebrate the miracle of the Resurrection. (Easter, Pentecost, Christmas)
- 3) Jesus stayed among His disciples for \_\_\_\_\_ days. (Thirty, Forty, Fifty)
- 4) He told \_\_\_\_\_, the first Pope, to "feed My sheep". (Peter, James, John)

Match the Following

1	Resurrection		Follower of Jesus.
2	Good Friday		The day when Jesus rose from the dead.
3	Easter		When Jesus rose from the dead
4	Disciple		The day when Jesus suffered and died for us.

We pray to God at Mass:

Welcome into Your Kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in Your friendship.