

Dear Parents,

We are at the peak of our liturgical season...Easter Weekend! He is Risen! Throughout Lent we have been preparing for this important day. Jesus is alive in our hearts and in our world. Please take some quiet time with your family this weekend to listen to Jesus and celebrate his resurrection. Jesus has risen....Alleluia!

Let's pray together this week for:

- For the church, the sign of Christ present in our world
- For peace and forgiveness in our world
- For those who are seeking hope
- For our parish community as we proclaim that Christ has risen

The work to cover in their "Be My Disciples" book this week is:

- Pages 251-252 for all levels

The lessons in their workbooks will be shorter the next few weeks. Please use this opportunity to catch up on any lessons you have not completed in their duo tangs.

You will find below the duo tang masters that show different questions than those you received in your duo tang. Remember, the questions to be answered are those in the duo-tang you received at book pick-up, not the questions on the masters below. I encourage you to use the questions below to open a dialogue with your child.

The prayer service this week can be found at <https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2021-04-04>.

Feel free to email me if you have any questions.

Have a Blessed week!

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SUNDAY *Emotions of Easter*

John 20:1-18 ♦ ECHO STORY

When Mary walked to the tomb on Sunday morning, was she **SAD**?

[Repeat the last word and gesture SAD through face and body movements]

When Mary saw that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, was she **FEARFUL**?

[Repeat the last word and gesture FEARFUL through face and body movements]

When Mary ran to tell Peter and John the news, was she **CONFUSED**?

[Repeat the last word and gesture CONFUSED through face and body movements]

When Mary told the disciples that someone had taken Jesus' body, were they **FRIGHTENED**?

[Repeat the last word and gesture FRIGHTENED through face and body movements]

When Peter and John ran to the tomb, were they **PUZZLED**?

[Repeat the last word and gesture PUZZLED through face and body movements]

When John looked inside the tomb, was he **STARTLED**?

[Repeat the last word and gesture STARTLED through face and body movements]

When Peter went inside the tomb, was he **SHOCKED**?

[Repeat the last word and gesture SHOCKED through face and body movements]

When John walked into the tomb, was he **SURPRISED**?

[Repeat the last word and gesture SURPRISED through face and body movements]

When the disciples returned home, were they **GLOOMY**?

[Repeat the last word and gesture GLOOMY through face and body movements]

When Mary wept outside the tomb, was she **LONELY**?

[Repeat the last word and gesture LONELY through face and body movements]

When Mary stooped to look into the tomb, was she **HOPELESS?**

*[Repeat the last word and gesture
HOPELESS through face and body
movements]*

When Mary saw two angels sitting inside the tomb, was she **AMAZED?**

*[Repeat the last word and gesture
AMAZED through face and body
movements]*

When the angels asked Mary why she was crying, was she **SORROWFUL?**

*[Repeat the last word and gesture
SORROWFUL through face and body
movements]*

When Mary told the angels that someone had taken Jesus' body, was she **SCARED?**

*[Repeat the last word and gesture
SCARED through face and body
movements]*

When Mary turned and saw a man standing behind her, was she **STUNNED?**

*[Repeat the last word and gesture
STUNNED through face and body
movements]*

When the man asked Mary why she was crying, was she **UPSET?**

*[Repeat the last word and gesture
UPSET through face and body
movements]*

When Mary asked the man to tell her where they had taken Jesus' body, was she **FORLORN?**

*[Repeat the last word and gesture
FORLORN through face and body
movements]*

When Jesus called Mary by name, was she **HONORED?**

*[Repeat the last word and gesture
HONORED through face and body
movements]*

When Mary responded to Jesus with the word Teacher, was she **DEVOTED?**

*[Repeat the last word and gesture
DEVOTED through face and body
movements]*

When Jesus told Mary to tell the others that he was alive, was she **JOYFUL?**

*[Repeat the last word and gesture
JOYFUL through face and body
movements]*

When Mary replied "I have seen the Lord," was she **ALIVE?**

*[Repeat the last word and gesture
ALIVE through face and body
movements]*

When Jesus' followers remembered God's great gift of salvation, were they **LOVED?**

*[Repeat the last word and gesture
LOVED through face and body
movements]*

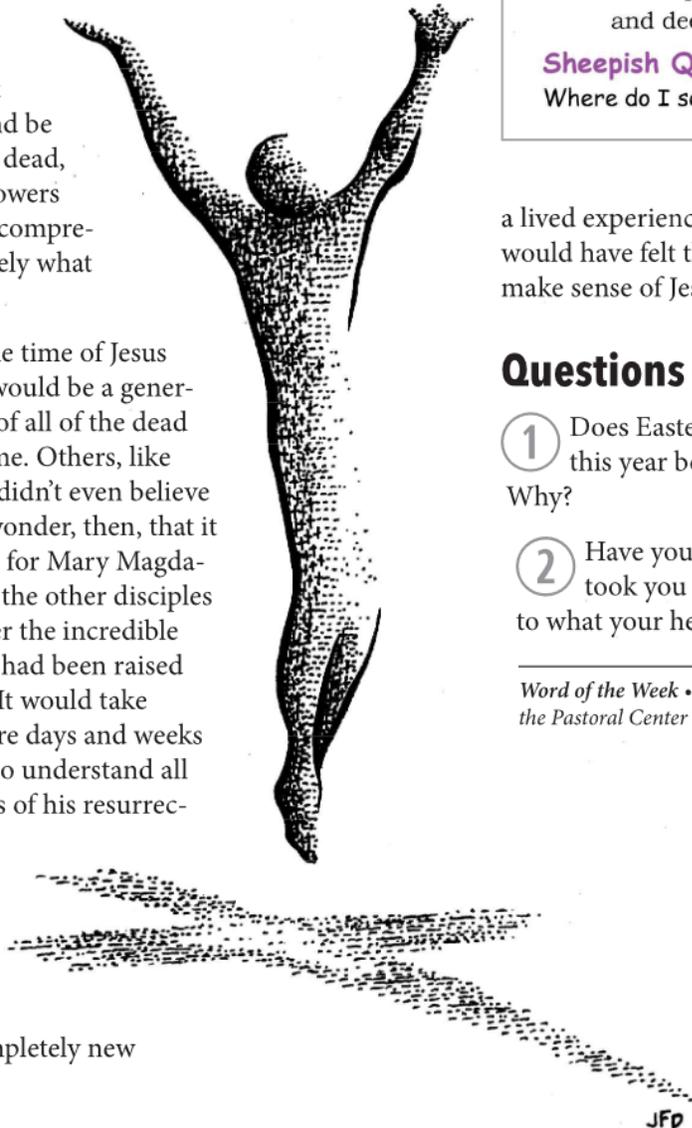
Hearts Before Minds

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Acts 10:34a, 37-43 - Peter's discourse
- ▶ Colossians 3:1-4 - Mystical death and resurrection
- ▶ John 20:1-9 - The empty tomb

Each of the four gospels recounts slightly different details of Jesus' resurrection. Yet they all begin with a note that the stone which had sealed the tomb has been rolled away, and that the tomb where Jesus' body was laid is now empty. Those who first saw these things were confused and couldn't understand what they were seeing. Despite Jesus' predictions during his lifetime that he would die and be raised from the dead, none of his followers seemed able to comprehend immediately what had happened.

Some Jews at the time of Jesus believed there would be a general resurrection of all of the dead at the end of time. Others, like the Sadducees, didn't even believe in that. It's no wonder, then, that it took some time for Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the other disciples to piece together the incredible news that Jesus had been raised from the dead. It would take them many more days and weeks to really begin to understand all the implications of his resurrection. They had nothing in their experiences to compare this to as they lived into a completely new reality -



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"I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord."

Sheepish Question:
Where do I see and celebrate new life today?

a lived experience of life after death. Their hearts would have felt the joy long before their minds could make sense of Jesus' resurrection.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Does Easter feel any more significant to you this year because of how you experienced Lent? Why?
- 2 Have you ever been so surprised by joy that it took you some time for your mind to catch up to what your heart was experiencing? How so?

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