

## Risen as He Said



Dear Friends in Christ,

"He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said" (Mt 28:6).

The angel's announcement to the women at the tomb speaks primarily about our Lord's resurrection. Jesus' prophecies about His own resurrection have been fulfilled. What He had said would happen has come to pass. This reveals that all along He was the one in control of events.

*Just as He said.* We should not limit our Lord's trustworthiness to just the resurrection. Yes, His resurrection confirms the veracity and trustworthiness of His words about the resurrection. But by extension it confirms the trustworthiness of all His words, of everything that He said. The resurrection authenticates everything He taught, no matter how demanding.

Indeed, every word of His takes on a new authority and power. In light of the resurrection the disciples certainly reflected more deliberately on His words and their meaning. Or perhaps what He said come back to them with greater vigor and force: "Blessed are the poor in spirit...I am the bread of life...Whoever believes in me shall never die..."

*Just as He said.* These words provide a principle for reading scripture. We read the Gospels in the light of our Lord's resurrection, confident that every word spoken there bears the authority of the risen one.

One line in may be of particular importance now: "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world" (Jn 16:33). Our Lord spoke those words at the Last Supper, as He prepared for His passion and death. The

crucifixion seemed to have emptied them of meaning. But now the resurrection sheds light on their meaning and authority.

In the light of the risen Christ, let us trust that, although now we do indeed have trouble, we can take courage because He has conquered the world.

Updates...

- **Divine Mercy Sunday.** Sunday the 19th is Divine Mercy Sunday. We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day and the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm, the "Hour of Mercy." Here's more information on the [Feast](#), the [Novena](#), and the [Chaplet](#) of Divine Mercy.
- **Rectory Ramblings.** Episode 7 will be tonight at 8pm. Special guest Michael Searby, a licensed counselor with many years experience, will join us to speak about the different personal and relationship struggles that might arise during the pandemic -- and what are some good methods for dealing with them. Please join us!
- **Schedule.** We will continue the confession and adoration schedule we instituted several weeks ago.
  - Confessions: Monday to Friday, 11am to 12 Noon...7pm to 8pm.
  - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 12 Noon to 630pm.

Through the intercession of our Lady and Saint James, may the Lord bless and keep you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Scalia

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