

## Resurrection People

Happy Easter, friends! Let me share with you a reflection on the Easter Day Gospel reading from John 20:1-9. It is packed with a lot of visual detail for such a simple message. Why does this Gospel passage contain so much observed detail to convey the basic message that Jesus has been resurrected? As I read through this scripture passage, I hung on every word anticipating a new aspect of understanding about Christ's resurrection. But nothing new came to me. These thoughtfully crafted words, phrases and sentences simply pull us into the story of how a few of the disciples experienced the realization that Jesus did as he said he would. He defeated physical death for the salvation of the world.

When we experience both the momentous and day-to-day events of our personal lives, we often latch on to minor details that help us in developing the memories of those events. The details seem trivial compared to the importance of the event itself. But this is a significant component of the divine gift of life. God gave most of us five physical senses for taking in all we encounter in this world. He also gave each of us a sensitive heart of flesh with which to also encounter the experiences of life. This is how our life story also becomes God's life story. The details matter. The details are what help us to sense what is happening in every life experience. The gifts of our mind and heart allow us to process these details enhancing the significance of the event. We can come closer to knowing it as God knows it.

When we can see and feel these details of life from God's perspective, then we are living our lives as "Resurrection" people, as Father Kelly implored us to be during his Easter homily. When we open ourselves to this idea and purposefully soak in and process these numerous life details with our God-given senses, then we realize that we belong to God. We are allowing this truth to permeate our entire being bringing us to a heightened sense of joy. So friends, take in and enjoy the details of your lives, even for those difficult moments, and then share them with others when the opportunity is right. This is how we witness to God in our lives. This is how we become and remain "Resurrection" people.

Peace Be With You,

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