



Jesus ' Death for our Sins

Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension

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Maximilian Kolbe was Martyred by the German Nazis on 14 August 1941. That date is now honored as his Feast Day.

- **His life was influenced by a childhood vision of Mary in which she asked him to select between two crowns, white (celibate) and red (martyr). He selected both.**
- **He joined the Franciscans at age 16 and was ordained a priest at age 24.**
- **He served as a missionary to Japan and founded a monastery at Nagasaki. This Monastery is one of the few buildings to withstand the blast of the Atomic Bomb.**
- **He was imprisoned in Auschwitz for sheltering Jews in Poland and broadcasting anti-Nazi information on the radio.**



Saint of the Week



- **In Auschwitz, 10 men were randomly selected to die of starvation in retaliation for a suspected prison escape. Later the body of the person suspected of escaping was found within Auschwitz. He had drown in the latrine.**
- **Maximilian Kolbe volunteered to substitute himself for one of the men selected.**
- **After three weeks of starvation and dehydration, Maximilian was still alive and didn't seem to be affected by the starvation. The Nazis injected him with carbolic acid to kill him.**
- **He is known as a Martyr of Charity for sacrificing his life.**
- **He is also know as "Apostle of Consecration to Mary" for dedicating his life to Service.**

Saint of the Week (Continued)



- **Week 2**

- **Church as Sacrament**
- **Encounter with the Triune God**
- **Experiencing God's Presence**

- **Week 3**

- **Concepts of God**
 - **Agape -Unconditional Love**
 - **Yahweh – YHWH- I am who am**
 - **Source of all existence**



- **Week 4**
 - **We Believe in God our Father**
 - **Creator of All (I Am Who Am)**
 - **Abba Father (personal, Loving Father)**
 - **Salvation -**
 - **Reconciliation of Man with God**

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- **Week 5**
 - **We Believe in Jesus the Christ**
 - **Both fully God & fully Man (except for sin)**
 - **Born of the Virgin Mary**





- 1. Paradigm . . . One's unique view or perspective based on his/her life experiences**
- 2. Sacrament . . . Encounter with (experiencing presence of) The triune God**
- 3. Agape . . . Unconditional, self-sacrificing, active, volitional, and thoughtful love.**
- 4. Reconciliation .. Restoration of Intimate Relationship
Restoration – Suggests there has been a break
Intimate - Sharing in eternal life**
- 5. Incarnation . . . God the Son became flesh (human) in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.**

Big Word(s) of the Week

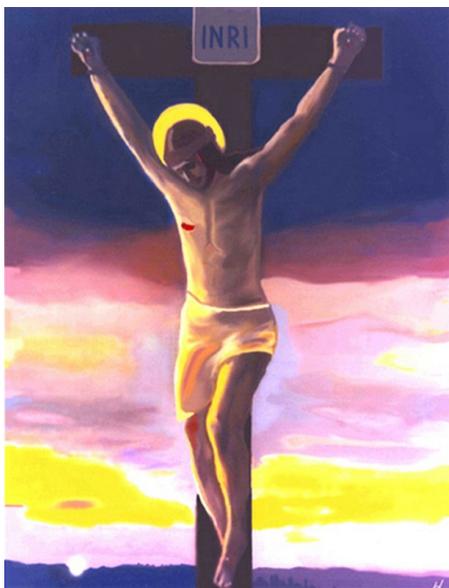


- **Triduum**
 - Latin Abbreviation for “three days” (in singular)
 - Jesus’ suffering, dying and rising from the dead
 - The Church views this as a **single event**

Big Word of the Week



For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried;



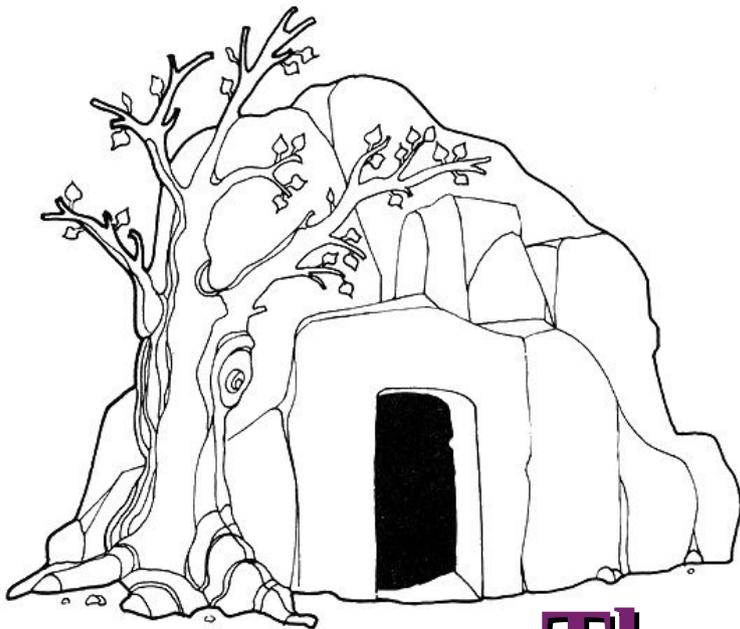
- **It was the Father's Plan that Jesus Die.**
- **Jesus freely surrendered Himself to death in accordance with His Father's Will.**
- **As an Innocent Victim, Jesus died for our sins.**
 - **He died to heal the breach between God and Man.**
- **As "True God and True man" He is the Perfect mediator between God and humanity.**

Jesus' Death & Resurrection



And rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

- **On the Third Day Jesus rose from the dead.**
- **His resurrection symbolizes victory over death.**



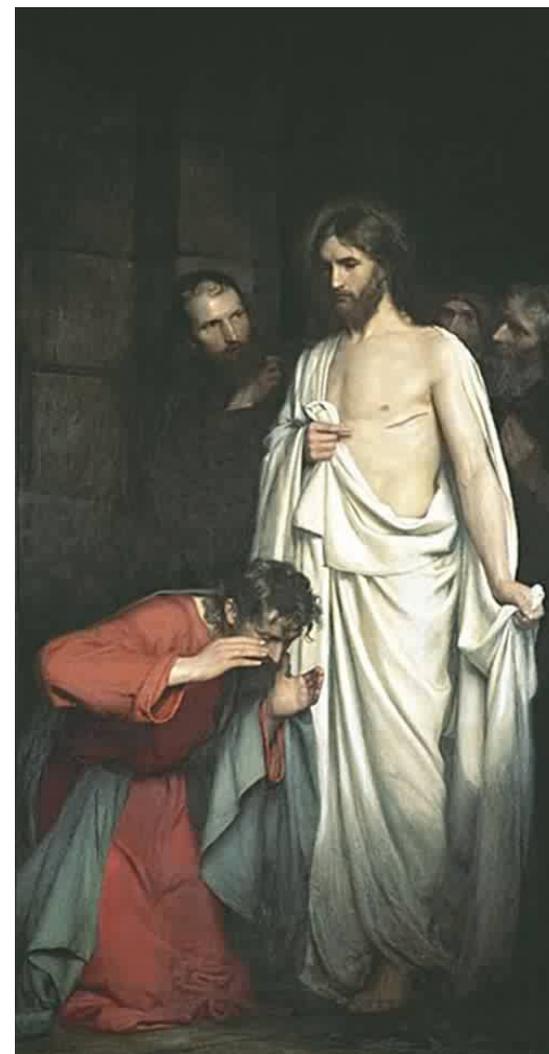
- **Jesus' resurrection foreshadows our own resurrection at the end of time.**
- **The Christian should not view death with fear but as the gateway to never-ending life united with God.**

The Empty Tomb



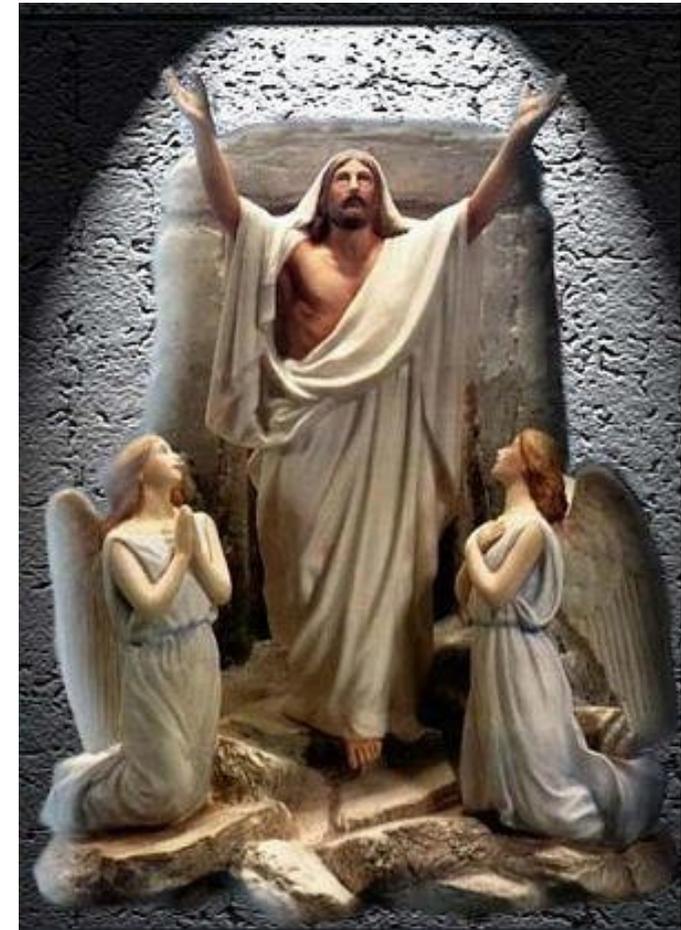
- **Jesus' Resurrection Is Real**
- **He did not appear as a Ghost.**
- **He appeared in Bodily Form (story of Thomas).**
- **His Resurrected Body is a Glorified Body (Mary Magdalene story).**

The Easter Mystery





- **Jesus' death and resurrection together make up the central belief of Christianity.**
- **His death without his resurrection is meaningless.**
- **Jesus' resurrection is our reason for belief. The event is so extraordinary that it compels us to believe.**



Jesus Conquers Death



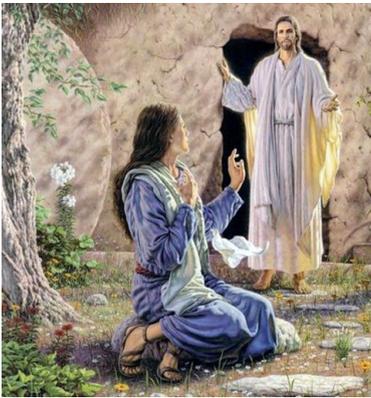
- **The early followers of Jesus say that they experienced the risen Jesus.**
- **These same persons willingly died horrendous deaths rather than deny their story.**
 - **Stephen was stoned;**
 - **Peter and Andrew were crucified;**
 - **Paul was beheaded.**



Why should we believe in the Resurrection?



Some early biblical accounts of persons directly experiencing the Risen Lord.

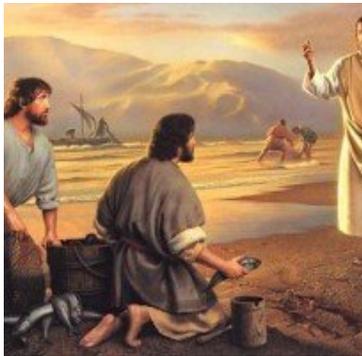


- **Mary Magdalene in the Garden**
(John 20: 11-18)

- **The disciples on the Road to Emmaus**
(Luke 24: 13-35)



- **The appearance to the Apostle Thomas (Doubting Thomas Story)**
(John 20: 24-29)



- **Peter on the beach in Galilee**
(John Chapter 21)

- **Paul on the way to Damascus**
(Acts Chapter 9)



Eye Witnesses of the Resurrected Lord



**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom shall have no end.**



- **Jesus spent 40 days with his apostles and disciples after his resurrection.**
- **On Ascension Thursday, Jesus Ascended into heaven**
...
- **to take up his role as Judge of the Living and the Dead.**

Jesus Ascended



- **The Crucifix and the Cross are two related, but different, symbols with slightly different theological emphasis.**
- **The crucifix includes the body of Christ hanging dead on the cross. This symbolizes the suffering and agony Jesus endured as an innocent victim dying for our sins.**
- **The cross has no body attached. It symbolizes the risen Lord, who conquered death.**



The Cross & The Crucifix





- **The Triduum**

- **Triduum means a 3 day single event.**
- **During the last 3 days of Holy week the Church participates in a single service that begins on Holy Thursday and ends in the Easter Vigil, representing the suffering (Thursday), the death (Friday) and the resurrection (Easter vigil) of Jesus the Christ.**
- **It symbolizes the unity of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection as the Central Belief of Christianity.**

How the Church Celebrates



- **How do we know that Jesus rose from the dead?**
- **Which do you prefer as a symbol of your faith, the crucifix or the cross?**

Discussion





“So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first. He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not the burial cloths, rolled up in a separate place. The other disciple went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. “

(John 20: 3-8)

Scripture





- **Take Aways**

- **Jesus, a totally innocent victim,**
 - **Suffered and Died for our sins**
- **Jesus, glorified**
 - **Rose from the dead**
 - **Precursor of our own resurrection**
- **We celebrate Jesus' Suffering, Death and Resurrection as a single event – Triduum**
- **Jesus now reigns in heaven - triumphant over death**



Take Aways