



Deacon Greg's Corner



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The Greatest Race Ever!

This is a day of Great Joy; for **HE HAS RISEN!!!** But looking at it from Peter's and John's perspective, I can't imagine the emotions that the two apostles must have been feeling as they were running to the Tomb. Joy, Fear, Uncertainty, they were probably feeling all three of these emotions plus many more.

Why, because they had just spent the last three days in pain and grief. They had helplessly watched their beloved Master and Teacher forcibly taken away, falsely accused and judged, beaten, mocked, and ultimately nailed hand and foot to a cross. He died, and His lifeless body had been put into a tomb. He had told them He would rise again, but, as was true about many other things He told them, they couldn't totally comprehend yet what that meant.

Nothing like that had ever happened before. Yes, Jesus had resurrected others, but it was not logical that He could resurrect Himself. Even though they had seen His Transfiguration not long before, the reality of His passion and death had veiled His promise of that.

These were practical men, who not long ago had been ordinary fishermen. Everybody at that time knew that when you die, you are gone from this earth for good. All hope seemed dead to them.

But then that morning, hope had risen again. They had just heard from Mary Magdalene that she had seen the Lord. She had gone early to the tomb with some other women planning to anoint His dead body. Instead, to her great joy, she had met Him alive in His risen body. Jesus had told her to go back and tell Peter and the other disciples to meet Him in Galilee.

So, Peter and John raced to the tomb because they had to see for themselves that the tomb was truly empty. My dear friends, this is exactly what we must do every Easter morning; we too race to see that He has risen from the tomb and celebrate that it is a beautiful morning for a Resurrection!

God Bless!

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The Empty tomb - Alleluia