



# The Resurrection and the Missio Ad Gentes

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# The Resurrection and Mission



- Prior to the Resurrection, Jesus was preparing first the apostles and then all disciples to carry on his mission.
- He sent out the 12 future bishops and priests with instructions about what to say, what to do, what to take and what not to take.
- He did the same with the 72 lay disciples.
- He taught them by his own preaching and the way he tied that to putting the truth into action.
- He taught them by revealing to them about the help the Holy Spirit would give them.



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- But this preparation all culminated after Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. In basically all of his appearances, he gave the members of the Church a renewed summons to share the faith.
- It's very important for us to take these sources seriously in terms of our living out that mission today and forming others to participate in it.
- The true "spirituality of the resurrection involves this type of preaching.



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- I want to begin with various of Jesus' apparitions and derive nourishment from them.
- Then I want to look at the preaching in the Acts of the Apostles, which is what the Church ponders throughout the Easter Season, because it indicates how the Church is supposed to live in the reality of Christ's resurrection.
- I will finish with some of what St. Paul, St. Peter, St. John and St. James likewise share.



# Pope Francis on the Impact of the Resurrection



- “Christ’s resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a **vital power which has permeated this world.**”
- “The disciples “rejoiced” (Jn 20:20) at the sight of the risen Christ. In the Acts of the Apostles we read that the first Christians “ate their food with glad and generous hearts” (2:46). Wherever the disciples went, “there was great joy” (8:8); even amid persecution they continued to be “filled with joy” (13:52). The newly baptized eunuch “went on his way rejoicing” (8:39), while Paul’s jailer “and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God” (16:34). **Why should we not also enter into this great stream of joy?**”



# Pope Francis on the Impact of the Resurrection



- “There are Christians **whose lives seem like Lent without Easter.**”
- John Paul II told [Asian bishops] that if the Church ‘is to fulfil its providential destiny, evangelization as the **joyful, patient and progressive preaching of the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ** must be your absolute priority.’”
- The kerygma is not just the facts of 1 Cor 15:3 but, “Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; **and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.**”



# Pope Francis on the Impact of the Resurrection



- “We are convinced from personal experience that it is not the same thing to have known Jesus as not to have known him, not the same thing to walk with him as to walk blindly, not the same thing to hear his word as not to know it, and not the same thing to contemplate him, to worship him, to find our peace in him, as not to. It is not the same thing to try to build the world with his Gospel as to try to do so by our own lights. **We know well that with Jesus life becomes richer and that with him it is easier to find meaning in everything. This is why we evangelize. A true missionary, who never ceases to be a disciple, knows that Jesus walks with him, speaks to him, breathes with him, works with him. He senses Jesus alive with him in the midst of the missionary enterprise.**”



## St. John On Mary Magdalene at the Tomb



- “On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. **So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,** “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him” (Jn 20:1-2)



## St. Luke with the Women at the Tomb



- “They said to them, ‘Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified, and rise on the third day.’ And **they remembered his words**. Then they returned from the tomb and **announced all these things to the eleven and to all the others**. The women were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James; the others who accompanied them also told this to the apostles, **but their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them.**” (Lk 24:5-11)



## St. Matthew on the Angel with the Women



- “Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, **there was a great earthquake**; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. ... The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the **angel** said to the women in reply, “**Do not be afraid!** I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay....”



## St. Matthew on the Angel with the Women



- “**Then go quickly and tell his disciples**, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you.” Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and **ran to announce this to his disciples**. (Mt 28:1-8).



## St. Matthew on Jesus with the Women



- “And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, ‘**Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.**’ (Mt 28:9-10).



## St. Mark on the Women at the Tomb



- “When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him. ... On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, ‘Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. **But go and tell his disciples and Peter**, ‘He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.’” Then they went out and fled from the tomb, seized with trembling and bewilderment. They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. (Mk 16:1-8).



## St. John on Mary Magdalene with Jesus



- “Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni,’ which means Teacher. ... **Go to my brothers and tell them,** ‘I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples, “**I have seen the Lord,**” and what he told her. ” (Jn 20:11-18)



# St. Luke on Jesus with the Disciples of Emmaus



- “He asked them, ‘What are you **discussing** as you walk along?’
- “He said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are! How **slow of heart to believe** all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, **he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures.**”
- “Then they said to each other, ‘**Were not our hearts burning** [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?’



## St. Luke on Jesus with the Disciples of Emmaus



- **“So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them** who were saying, ‘The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!’ Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread” (Lk 24:13-35).



## St. Luke on Jesus with the Apostles



- “While they were still speaking about this, [Jesus] stood in their midst and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ... He said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.’ **Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures.** And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day **and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things**” (Lk 24:36-48).



## St. John on Jesus in the Upper Room



- “On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. [Jesus] said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. **As the Father has sent me, so I send you.**’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the holy Spirit’ (Jn 20:19-21).



## St. John on Jesus with St. Thomas



- “Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.’ **Thomas answered and said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’** Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? **Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.**”(Jn 20:26-29).



## St. Mark on the Disbelief of the Apostles



- “When he had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. **She went and told his companions who were mourning and weeping.** When they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, **they did not believe.** After this he appeared in another form to **two of them** walking along on their way to the country. They returned and told the others; **but they did not believe them either.** [But] later, as the eleven were at table, he appeared to them and **rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart because they had not believed those who saw him after he had been raised.** (Mk 16:9-14).



## St. John on Jesus at the Sea of Galilee



- “Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We also will come with you.’ So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, ‘Children, have you caught anything to eat?’ They answered him, ‘No.’ So he said to them, ‘Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something.’ So they cast it and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord.’” (Jn 21:3-6).



## St. John on Jesus with St. Peter



- “When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon, son of John, **do you love me** more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.’ He said to him, ‘**Feed my lambs.**’ ... ‘**Tend my sheep.**’ ... ‘**Feed my sheep.**’ ... ‘Amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.’ He said this signifying **by what kind of death he would glorify God.** And when he had said this, he said to him, ‘**Follow me.**’” (Jn 21:15-19)



## St. Mark on the Mission of the Apostles



- “[Jesus] said to them, **‘Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.** Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents [with their hands], and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.’ So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But **they went forth and preached everywhere,** while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.. (Mk 16:15-20).



## St. Matthew on Jesus' Ascension



- “The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the world.** Amen..’ (Mt 28:18-20).



## Acts on Jesus' Ascension



- “While meeting with them, [Jesus] enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for ‘the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; ... in a few days you will be baptized with the holy Spirit.’ ... **You will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and **to the ends of the earth.**’ When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight” (Acts 1:4-9).



## Acts on Pentecost



- “When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them **tongues as of fire**, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all **filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim** ” (Acts 2:1-4).



## St. Peter's First Proclamation



- “Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, “You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. ... Jesus the Nazorean was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. **But God raised him up.** ...”



## St. Peter's First Proclamation



- **“God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses.** ... Therefore let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, “What are we to do, my brothers?” Peter [said] to them, **‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you,** in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the holy Spirit’. ... Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.” (Acts 2:14-41).



# The Joint Proclamation of the First Christians



- “They devoted themselves to the **teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.** Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. **All who believed were together and had all things in common;** they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one’s need. Every day they devoted themselves to **meeting together** in the temple area and to **breaking bread in their homes.** They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. **And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.**” (Acts 2:42-47).



## Peter and John in the Temple



- “As [the former cripple] clung to Peter and John, all the people hurried in amazement toward them in the portico called Solomon’s Portico. When Peter saw this, he addressed the people, “You Israelites, why are you amazed at this, and why do you look so intently at us as if we had made him walk by our own power or piety? The God of Abraham, [the God] of Isaac, and [the God] of Jacob, the God of our ancestors, **has glorified his servant Jesus** whom you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence, when he had decided to release him. ...”



## Peter and John in the Temple



- “You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you... **The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses.** And **by faith in his name**, this man, whom you see and know, his name has made strong, and the faith that comes through it has given him this perfect health, in the presence of all of you. Now I know, brothers, that **you acted out of ignorance**, just as your leaders did; ...



## Peter and John in the Temple



- “But God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. **Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away,** and that the Lord may grant you times of refreshment **and send you the Messiah already appointed for you, Jesus.** ... For you first, God raised up his servant and sent him to bless you **by turning each of you from your evil ways**” (Acts 3:11-26).



## Peter and John Before the Sanhedrin



- “They brought them into their presence and questioned them, By what power or by what name have you done this?’ Then Peter, filled with the holy Spirit, answered them, ‘Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean **whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead**; in his name this man stands before you healed. ...



## Peter and John Before the Sanhedrin



- “He is ‘the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.’ **There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.**’ ... So they called them back and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. Peter and John, however, said to them in reply, “Whether it is right in the sight of God for us to obey you rather than God, you be the judges. It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:7-20)



# The Continued Witness of the First Christians



- “As they prayed, the place where they were gathered shook, and **they were all filled with the holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.** The community of believers was of **one heart and mind,** and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. **With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,** and great favor was accorded them all. ...



# The Continued Witness of the First Christians



- “**There was no needy person among them**, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and **put them at the feet of the apostles**, and they were distributed to each according to need. (Acts 4:32-35)



## In the Temple & Before the Sanhedrin



- “During the night, the angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison, led them out, and said, ‘Go and take your place in the temple area, and **tell the people everything about this life.**’ When they heard this, they went to the temple early in the morning and taught. ... Someone came in and reported to [the Sanhedrin], ‘The men whom you put in prison are in the temple area and are teaching the people.’ Then the captain and the court officers went and brought them in, but without force, because they were afraid of being stoned by the people. ...



## In the Temple & Before the Sanhedrin



- “When they had brought them in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, ‘We gave you strict orders [did we not?] to stop teaching in that name. Yet **you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man’s blood upon us.**’ But Peter and the apostles said in reply, ‘We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. **We are witnesses of these things, as is the holy Spirit that God has given to those who obey him.**’



## In the Temple & Before the Sanhedrin



- “After recalling the apostles, **they had them flogged, ordered them to stop speaking in the name of Jesus**, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, **rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.** And all day long, both at the temple and in their homes, they did not stop teaching and proclaiming the Messiah, Jesus. (Acts 5:19-42)



# The Importance of Preaching, Prayer and Charity



- “The Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, ‘It is not right for us **to neglect the word of God** to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, **filled with the Spirit and wisdom**, whom we shall appoint to this task, **whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word**’ (Acts 6:2-4)



## St. Philip the Deacon



- “The Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go and join up with that chariot.’ Philip ran up and heard [the Ethiopian eunuch] reading Isaiah the prophet and said, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone instructs me?’ So he invited Philip to get in and sit with him. ...Then Philip opened his mouth and, beginning with this scripture passage, he proclaimed Jesus to him” (Acts 8:26-40).



## St. Paul After His Conversion



- “He stayed some days with the disciples in Damascus, and **he began at once to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.** All who heard him were astounded and said, ‘Is not this the man who in Jerusalem ravaged those who call upon this name, and came here expressly to take them back in chains to the chief priests?’ But Saul grew all the stronger and confounded [the] Jews who lived in Damascus, proving that this is the Messiah. ...



## St. Paul After His Conversion



- “He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and **spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord**. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. (Acts 9:19-30).



## Barnabas and Paul in Antioch



- “There were some Cypriots and Cyrenians among them, however, who came to Antioch and began to speak to the Greeks as well, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. The news about them reached the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas [to go] to Antioch. When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced and encouraged them all to remain faithful to the Lord in firmness of heart, for he was a good man, filled with the holy Spirit and faith. And a large number of people was added to the Lord. ...



## Barnabas and Paul in Antioch



- “Then [Barnabas] went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and **taught a large number of people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians**” (Acts 11:20-29).
- While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘**Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.**’ Then, completing their fasting and prayer, they laid hands on them and sent them off. So they, sent forth by the holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia... (Acts 13:2-4)



## St. Paul in Antioch in Pisidia



- “On the sabbath they entered the synagogue and took their seats. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the synagogue officials sent word to them, ‘My brothers, if one of you has a word of exhortation for the people, please speak.’ So Paul got up, motioned with his hand, and said, ‘Fellow Israelites and you others who are God-fearing, listen....’”
  - He preached about their hopes for the Messiah.
  - Jesus is the fulfillment of their hopes
  - You killed him but God raised him from the dead.
  - Now is the time to choose.



## St. Paul in Antioch in Pisidia



- “When they had accomplished all that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and placed him in a tomb. **But God raised him from the dead**, and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. **These are [now] his witnesses before the people.** 32 We ourselves are proclaiming this good news to you that what God promised our ancestors he has brought to fulfillment for us, [their] children, **by raising up Jesus.** ... You must know, my brothers, that through him **forgiveness of sins is being proclaimed to you.** (Acts 13:14-38).



## The Turn to the Gentiles



- “Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, **“It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it** and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, **we now turn to the Gentiles.** For so the Lord has commanded us, **‘I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.’**” The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. (Acts 13:39-49)



## St. Paul in Athens



- “Then Paul stood up at the Areopagus and said: ‘You Athenians, I see that in every respect you are very religious. For as I walked around looking carefully at your shrines, I even discovered an altar inscribed, **‘To an Unknown God.’** What therefore you unknowingly worship, I proclaim to you. ... God has overlooked the times of ignorance, but now he demands that all people everywhere repent because he has established a day on which he will ‘judge the world with justice’ through a man he has appointed, and he has provided confirmation for all by **raising him from the dead.**” ...



## St. Paul in Athens



- “When they heard about resurrection of the dead, some began to scoff, but others said, ‘We should like to hear you on this some other time.’ And so Paul left them. But some did join him, and became believers.... After this he left Athens and went to Corinth. (Acts 17:16-18:1)



## St. Paul on Crucifixion and Resurrection in 1 Cor



- “For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but **we proclaim Christ crucified**, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ... (1 Cor 1:22-24)
- “When I came to you, brothers, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For **I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified**. ... so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.” (1 Cor 2:1-5)



## St. Paul on Crucifixion and Resurrection in 1 Cor



- “If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and **woe to me if I do not preach it!**” (1 Cor 9:16)
- “Now I am reminding you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand. Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. **For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received ...**



## St. Paul on Crucifixion and Resurrection in 1 Cor



- “If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then neither has Christ been raised. And **if Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, your faith.** Then we are also false witnesses to God, because we testified against God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins” (1 Cor 15:12-22).



## St. Paul on Crucifixion and Resurrection in 1 Cor



- “... that **Christ died for our sins** in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; **that he was raised on the third day** in accordance with the scriptures; that **he appeared** to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me.” (1 Cor 15:1-8)



## St. Paul on Entering Christ's Resurrection



- “Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, **so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.** For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, **we shall also be united with him in the resurrection.** ... If, then, we have died with Christ, **we believe that we shall also live with him**” (Rom 6:3-9).



# St. Paul on the Consequences of the Resurrection



- “If then you were raised with Christ, **seek what is above**, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. **For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.** When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. **Put to death**, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. ... Now you must put them all away: anger, fury, malice, slander, and obscene language out of your mouths. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have **put on the new self**, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator ” (Col 3:1-10).



## St. Peter on the Resurrection



- “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us **a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, **kept in heaven for you** who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to **suffer through various trials**, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ ... as you attain the goal of [your] faith, the salvation of your souls ” (1 Pet 1:3-9).



## St. James on Living the Word



- “Put away all filth and evil excess and humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. **Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.** For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his own face in a mirror. He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets what he looked like. But the one who peers into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres, and is not a hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, such a one shall be blessed in what he does” (James 1:21-25).



## St. John on the Risen Life



- “See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; **what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.** Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.” (1 John 3:1-3).



Thank **you!**