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# St. Michael the Archangel Parish

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Adoration: Wednesday 7:30am - 4:45pm / Confessions: Saturday 9am at St. Michael's Church

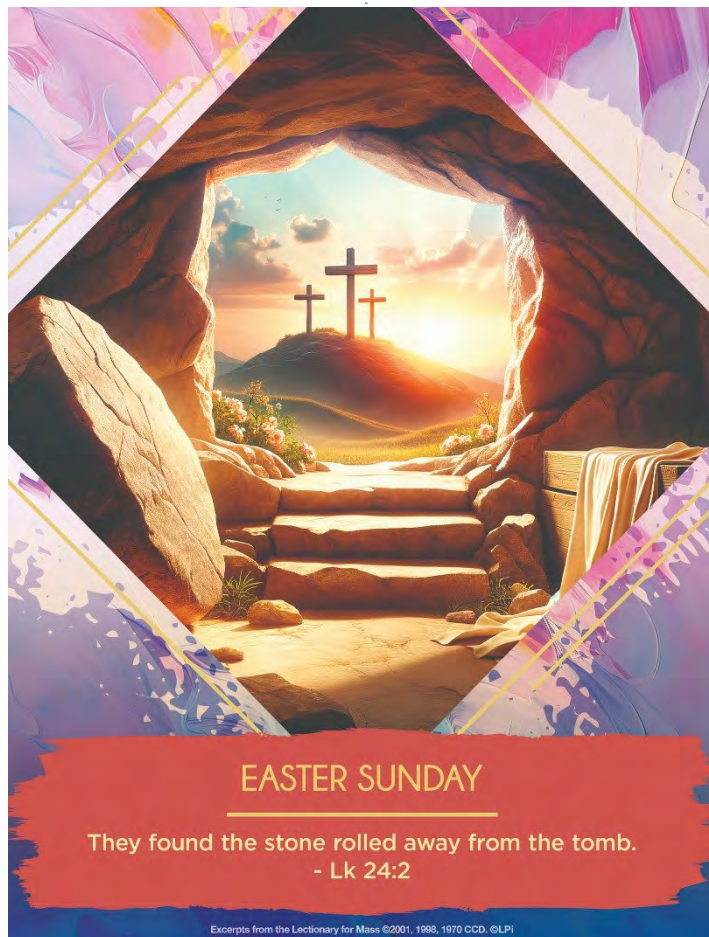
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## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Reading I - **Acts 10:34,37-43** | Psalm - **118:1-2,16-17,22-23** | Reading II - **Colossians 3:1-4** | Gospel - **John 20:1-9**  
Primera Lectura - **Hechos 10:34,37-43** | Salmo - **117:1-2,16-17,22-23** | Segunda Lectura - **Colosenses 3:1-4** | Evangelio - **John 20:1-9**



### EASTER SUNDAY

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb.  
- Lk 24:2

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### Prepare for Next Week's Scripture Readings

1st Reading: **Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16**

Primera Lectura: **Hechos de los Apóstoles 5:12-16**

Psalm/Salmo: **118 (117):2-4,13-15,22-24,25-27a**

2nd Reading: **Revelation 1:9-11a.12-13,17-19**

Segunda Lectura: **Apocalipsis 1:9-11,12-13,17-19**

Gospel/Evangelio: **John (Juan) 20:19-31**

## HAPPY EASTER!

Happy Easter! Or as most other languages prefer: Blessed Pasch - Passover! *Pasqua, Pascua, Páscoa, Pâques!* Israel's Passover through the Red Sea to the Promised Land! Jesus' Passover through the Cross to resurrection! Our catechumens' Passover last night, and ours once upon a time, through Baptism's waters to our family's Eucharist! Welcome, everybody! As someone once said of the Catholic Church, "Here comes everybody!" So in this Jubilee of Mercy, we make our own Saint John Chrysostom's Easter welcome from fourteen hundred years ago: "Let everyone enjoy this radiant feast! You who fasted from Lent's beginning, and you who didn't fast at all, rejoice! The table's richly set! Come, take from it, everybody, no worries, no embarrassment! All of you, taste the banquet of faith! Enjoy the feast of forgiveness! Let no one grieve for having sinned again and again: pardon has risen from the tomb!" Happy Easter! Blessed Pasch! Welcome, everybody! - Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co.

### PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of  
the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and  
do you, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power  
of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world seeking  
the ruin of souls. Amen.

**Aloha! Welcome to Our Parish** - We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. We encourage you to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the kiosk, or can be completed online at [saintmichaelparishkona.org](http://saintmichaelparishkona.org). To our visitors, we pray that you enjoy your stay in Kona and are blessed with safe travels home.



April 20, 2025

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

# The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Col 3:1-4 | Jn 20:1-9

## **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

After years (and, for many of us, decades) of celebrating Easter, we may not be sensitive to the sheer peculiarity of the Resurrection accounts. But a close reading of today's Gospel prompts us to ask: If most of us were dreaming up the greatest event in history, wouldn't we have made it more exciting? A little fanfare would have gotten the message out to the world and nipped future skepticism in the bud. Yet this is not what God did. The account of Jesus' resurrection has no fanfare; in fact, it is not an account of a resurrection at all. It is a story of an empty tomb discovered by a woman from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons (cf. Lk 8:2), and two fishermen. Awestruck by the simplicity of these circumstances, we are inspired to adore the profound humility of God who invites – but never forces – us to respond to him in faith.

## **GO EVANGELIZE**

### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Although we cannot know exactly why God chose to arrange the events this way, today's second reading offers a hint: "For you have died," writes St. Paul, "and your life is hidden with Christ in God." This world which we consider home, and everything that comes to mind when we say "my life" – these are only shadows of the life that is found in Christ alone. Like the disciples in the Gospel, we are meant to gaze past the outward appearances of our mundane and sometimes pain-filled lives and, with the eyes of faith, place our hope in the true *life* that comes from God. But how often we forget! How often we live as if this world were all there was, without hope for eternal life! We are not alone in forgetting God's promises; Mary Magdalene and the disciples do not seem to expect Jesus' resurrection – even though he had repeatedly predicted it. At the tomb, they sought a dead body; but Jesus wished to offer them *his life*. We, likewise, must desire and seek his life by laying aside everything that does not lead us to him.

## **REJOICE**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Although we don't place our hope in this life, marking the Church's feasts in our homes and families can inspire us to seek "what is above" by giving us a foretaste of the joys of heaven. Today through next Sunday, as we celebrate the "Easter Octave," every day is Easter Day! Use simple reminders – decorations, an extra treat, an additional time of prayer – to rejoice each day of the Octave.





# Life of Stewardship

He is risen! He is truly risen! This is what the celebration of Easter is all about - the truth that Jesus was crucified for our sins and three days later rose from the dead, conquering death once and for all.

We know it's true, but this Easter Sunday, let's ask ourselves if we live as if it's true. Do we live as witnesses to the glorious reality of the Resurrection?

A witness, of course, is one with first-hand knowledge. Our readings today focus not only on the Resurrection itself, but also on those who were witnesses to it.

In the Gospel, St. John describes the very first witnesses to the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene, John ("the disciple whom Jesus loved"), and Peter. Each had an individual "experience" of the empty tomb. Each went up close to see for themselves what Jesus' love had accomplished.

How can we as Christian stewards all these years later see for ourselves and so become His witnesses? We "see for ourselves" when we prayerfully read the Scriptures knowing they are a living love letter from God with a message to each one of us. We "see for ourselves" each time we receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist. We "see for ourselves" when we experience His personal and healing power in our hearts during Reconciliation. We "see for ourselves" when we pour out our lives in loving service to those around us and experience the deep satisfaction that only comes when we are imitating our Savior.

This Easter, resolve to live as if the saving power of the Resurrection is true. Experience Jesus for yourself every day from now on. You will be a powerful witness to the truth that He is risen! He is truly risen!

- Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship

## Parish News

### Hawaii Island Charity Walk

The Hawaii Island Charity Walk returns to the Waikoloa Beach Resort Queen's Marketplace on Saturday, **May 10th**. We are recruiting everyone to **join Team Catholic Charities** to fundraise and participate in the event. Fr. Lio has issued his annual challenge to his fellow priests in the West Hawaii Vicariate (and Fr. Steve Macedo) to raise the most funds. There will also be prizes for the top three fundraisers for the Catholic Charities team. **See the Charity Walk table before or after the weekend Masses on April 19/20, 26/27, and May 3/4 to join the team or to make a donation.** You may also place a donation in the collection basket by writing a check payable to St. Michael's and note for Charity Walk.

### Divine Mercy Sunday - April 27

Join us for Music and Prayer with special guests from Italy - Mather Marilú Greco and her brother, Father Domenico Greco.

- Chaplet of the Divine Mercy & Hula at 3pm
- Sunday Mass at 4pm
- Refreshments in the Grace Parish Center at 5pm

### Men of Faith

Christ is risen! Let His resurrection inspire us today and every day to step forward with courage and faith, creating an abundance of hope in a world that so desperately needs it.

May the joy of Easter encourage us to live with passion, to lead with humility, and to embrace every challenge as an opportunity for spiritual rebirth. And let the Spirit of the Easter season be spread throughout our community and our world. Happy Easter to all! From the Men of Faith of St. Michael the Archangel. We meet Wednesdays on the South Lanai at 5:30pm immediately following Evening Prayer and Benediction that starts at 5pm. All men are welcome.

### Special Collection for St. Joseph's School

Next weekend's special collection will be for **St. Joseph's School**, the only Catholic School on the Big Island located in Hilo. With your generous donations last year, we were able to bless St. Joseph's school with \$20,000. Please prayerfully consider supporting Catholic education on the Big Island and let's challenge ourselves to match last year's gift! Envelopes are included in today's bulletin.

### Children's Rosary

St. Michael's Children's Rosary Club meets on the last Sunday of each month. This is a great way for children to recite their prayers and start praying together as a family. **Our next meeting will be after the 9am Mass on April 27.** Join us at the grotto to pray one decade of the Rosary.

### Immigration Ministry Seminar

The next Immigration Ministry Seminar will be held on **Sunday, April 27th at 1:00pm** in the Grace Parish Center. Attorney Evita will discuss federal immigration laws in an informational one-hour seminar. If you, or someone you know from any country in the world, are here in the USA without legal status and are not sure where to begin the process to become legal, this is a must attend. All immigration questions will be answered.

### Immaculate Heart of Mary Craft Sale

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish from Papaikou will have a table outside the front entrance on Sunday, April 27. Please stop by to support them and purchase their homemade crafts! All proceeds will go toward purchasing new lighting for their Church.

### Confirmation & First Holy Eucharist

**"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you." - Ezekiel 36:26**

**Monsignor Gary Secor** will preside at the Restored Order Mass of Confirmation & First Holy Eucharist for the West Hawaii Vicariate at **11am on Saturday, May 3rd** at St. Michael's. Candidates from St. Michael the Archangel, St. Benedict, and Annunciation will receive their Sacraments. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Faith Formation

#### Faith Formation Classes Grades K-5

Happy Easter! No class this week. Our next class will be held on Sunday, April 27 from 10:15am to 11:50pm.

-Margaret Essex, Catechist

#### Youth Ministry Classes Grades 6-12.

No class on Easter. We will see you on Sunday, April 27 from 5:15pm - 7:15pm.

- Edwina Fujimoto, Youth Minister

# Stewardship of Treasure

April 7th - 13th, 2025

ONLINE GIVING	\$ 2,911.00
SUNDAY OFFERINGS / MAILED-IN OFFERINGS	\$ 14,182.86
GRACE PARISH CENTER CAMPAIGN	\$ 10,241.20

## Parish Center Update

We have collected **\$5,862,578.19** for the Parish Center Campaign, which includes pledge payments.

*Mahalo* for your continued generosity.

**Offerings can be mailed directly to the parish office; or click on our website's "Online Giving" to share your blessings.**

## STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TREASURE FOR THE MONTH APRIL 2025

MONTHLY DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: **\$11,525.00**

MONTHLY 'OHANA IN CHRIST ASSESSMENT: **\$2,446.33**

The above amounts fund Diocesan ministries, as listed in 'Ohana in Christ to help support our parishes, pastors, schools, service agencies, and communities within the Diocese of Honolulu.

## Online Giving

St. Michael's Church provides **Online Giving** - a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy - visit **[saintmichaelparishkona.org](http://saintmichaelparishkona.org)** and click our **ONLINE GIVING** tab. Your gift will be securely transferred directly to the parish bank account.

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the LORD

When I was a young boy, my parents told me about their wedding. Then a few years later, they showed me my mother's wedding dress and my dad's suit. It was astonishing to see and touch garments that connected me to the event that led to my existence. Of course, I already believed they were married based on their word. But these holy garments made the event real and tangible for me.

Something like this is at play when St. John reports encountering in Jesus' tomb, "the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7). Those two separate cloths, for his head and for his body respectively, meant a great deal to St. John and to the early Christians. Some years after the resurrection, there surfaced reports of two cloths with unusual characteristics, one bearing the image of a crucified man's body, another smaller one with the image of a wounded man's face. Some call them the Shroud of Turin and the Veil of Manoppello; they both can be seen today.

These two cloths have a long and complicated history, and scholars debate aspects of them. If you're curious, I encourage you to read about them. To be clear, I believe in the resurrection of Jesus because of the testimony of eyewitnesses and the gift of faith in the Church. Nevertheless, seeing these two mysterious cloths have made the life giving event of Jesus' resurrection more real and tangible for me. Maybe they will for you, too. - Father John Muir, ©LPI

## Treasures From Our Tradition

Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture's favorite symbols and customs

and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature's perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China, and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg not as a symbol of spring's rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ's tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age-old wish that Christ "Easter in us." - James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Everyday Stewardship - Leave It In The Tomb

Today, on the most important day of the liturgical year, the Apostle Paul is calling us out.

"I see you hiding in that tomb," he says. "I see you baking with that old, stale yeast, thinking no one will notice."

He says it a little more elegantly, I'll grant you. But the message is this: If you want to be raised with Christ, you'd better be ready to step out of the shadows. Seek what is above - not what is on earth.

I can feel myself responding almost reflexively, "Great idea, Paul - but I'm pretty comfy here." Because sometimes, it's just easier to stay in the tomb. It's easier to crouch in the shadows and look outward at everyone else, thinking of the changes they could make or the sins they could overcome.

Today we are called to embrace newness. New hearts, new lives, new futures, new chances. If there's anything keeping you from that, you need to leave it in the tomb. It's a little scary, sure - maybe Jesus thought so before he stepped into the light of that first Easter morning. But no loaf of bread worth eating was ever baked using stale yeast that wouldn't rise. No new life worth having was ever lived through the broken sins of yesterday.

No Easter morning ever dawned without the tomb sitting empty. Step into the light. He is waiting for you.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

## Hope In The Empty Tomb

This Easter, in churches all over the world, people will be fully initiated in the Catholic Church. Those who have come from another Christian denomination have already begun their journey with Jesus Christ. But for those who are baptized at the Easter Vigil, a new reality has come to pass. Each newly baptized man, woman, and child have become new creations in Jesus Christ. They have died and risen with the one who rose on the third day and whose empty tomb we celebrate every Easter. Easter Sunday morning, they awake after many months of OCIA and all have the same question before them: "Now what?" When one finds themselves having journeyed through various thresholds of conversion and now they bear the name of Christian, the time comes to

# YOU ARE INVITED

(schedule may change without advance notice)

## MONDAY

- Friendly Place Lunches 10:30am-12pm
- Knights of Columbus 5:45pm  
(2nd Monday of the month)
- Church Cleaning 6:00pm

## TUESDAY

- Coffee with the Priests 7:30-9:00am
- Charismatic Prayer Group 6:30-8:00pm

## WEDNESDAY

- Adoration 7:30-5:00pm
- Kupuna Ministry 8:30-10:30am
- Benediction/Evening Prayer 5:00pm
- Hula Ministry Practice 5:30-6:30pm
- Men of Faith 5:30-6:30pm

## THURSDAY

- Spiritual Book Club 4:00-5:30pm  
(3rd Thursday of each month)
- Young Adults Group 6:00-7:00pm

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

- Church Cleaning 7:30am
- Grounds Maintenance 7:30am
- Confession 9-10am

## SUNDAY

- Children's Rosary Group After 9am Mass  
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Immigration Seminar 1:00-2:00pm  
(Last Sunday of each month)
- Consecration to God the Father 3:00pm  
(1st Sunday of each month)
- Faith Formation (K-5) 10:15-11:50am
- Faith Formation (6-12) 5:15-7:15pm  
(Please refer to the Faith Formation section for class dates)
- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults After 9am Mass

## Baptism

Baptism Classes are held monthly as needed. Parents and Godparents must attend class. To register, please email [baptism.stmichaelkona@rcchawaii.org](mailto:baptism.stmichaelkona@rcchawaii.org)

## Marriage

Please notify the office and allow six months before the date of marriage for preparation.

chart the course of life as a disciple. Stewardship is that course of life. How one lives out their life from now on is the life of stewardship. The less one understands true stewardship and the value of their gifts and talents to the Body of Christ, the harder the journey.

Those of us who were baptized many years ago can easily fall into a false sense of comfort. We forget that sense of excitement those coming into the Church experience at the Easter Vigil. However, the story of that empty tomb reminds us of the power behind our baptism. Today, we, too, are called to discipleship and a stewardship way of life. Jesus continues to provide the answer to our, "Now what?" -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPI

## Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments - The Search

Everybody's trying to find God. They may not admit it. They may not even know it. They may talk around it, shy away from saying the name, both to others and to themselves: God. But I know for a fact that every person who was ever born into this world spent their lives searching for Him - somewhere, somehow, even if the only place they thought to look was in money or drugs.

It's a comforting fact, really - a reminder of how alike we all are. Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, atheist, rich, poor, Black, white. When it comes right down to it, the history of humanity is a never-ending Easter morning scene that plays in perpetuity. The sorrow, the shock, the confusion. Again and again, as each newborn baby opens his eyes, the search begins anew. Where did he go? What has happened? Where can I find him?

Catechesis isn't enough. Even those who learn about Jesus Christ, who accept his word, hang hesitantly outside the tomb, afraid to go in. Jesus' best friend - the disciple whom he loved - ran faster than Peter, so desperate he was to find his Lord. But when he got to the tomb and saw it empty, he got spooked. He froze. Sometimes, we expect God to be right where we left Him - in a certain parish, with a certain priest, in a certain relationship, at a certain job. We show up, and we're heartbroken to see that our expectations have been turned upside down. He's left us, we think dejectedly, but we're wrong.

There is no one who has been abandoned by God. There are only those who stop looking for Him.

Don't let the empty tombs define you. It's the search that defines you.

- Colleen Jurkiwicz Dorman, ©LPI



## SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH

4pm - MISSA PRO POPULO

## SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH

### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECCION OF THE LORD

- 7am - MISSA PRO POPULO
- 9am - MISSA PRO POPULO
- 4pm - MISSA PROP POPULO

## MONDAY, APRIL 21ST

- 7am - Romana & Pedro Villagomez, May they Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Julia (Judy) Crusat, Rest in Peace, Patrick Vasquez, Rest in Peace Esquiela "Stella" Vasquez Birthday Remembrance

## TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND

- 7am - Susana Garcia, Birthday Blessings
- 5pm - Joseph & Maryell Nemmers, Rest in Peace

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23RD

- 7am - Jovito Pangilinan for Healing

## THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH

- 7am - Patty Jo Hart, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Alice & Bob Croft, Rest in Peace

## FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH

- 7am - Albert Peloquin, Ruth Peloquin, Roy Peloquin, Surang Bunrasi, Elna Juffer, Fr. Praphon Chalcharoen, Gerald Juffer, Fr. Daniel Clark, Rest in Peace
- 5pm - Louisa & A.B. Conner, Rest in Peace

## SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH

- 7am - Diana Garcia Parada, Birthday Blessings

## Requesting a Mass Intention

A Mass intention can be scheduled by calling the Office at **808-326-7771**.

**Mass cards are available.**

***"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat..."***

—Matthew 25:35

## The Food Pantry Ministry

The Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month from **9 - 9:45am at Immaculate Conception Church Parking Lot.**



Use this QR Code for our Amazon Wishlist. Items purchased can be mailed directly to the Parish Office. Mahalo for your support!



## Too Good to Be True

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- Acts 10:34a, 37-43 - Peter's discourse
- Colossians 3:1-4 - Mystical death and resurrection
- John 20:1-9 - Peter and the disciple at the tomb

This Easter reading from the Gospel of John is one of the most puzzling resurrection stories we have in Scripture. Then again, in all of the resurrection stories, we get the sense that the disciples were much more confused than we are to hear that Jesus was raised from the dead. We have the benefit of knowing the “end of the story” before they did. Although several times Jesus is said to have told his followers that he would be killed and then raised from the dead, the Gospel writers also told us that the apostles didn't understand what Jesus was saying. How could they have?

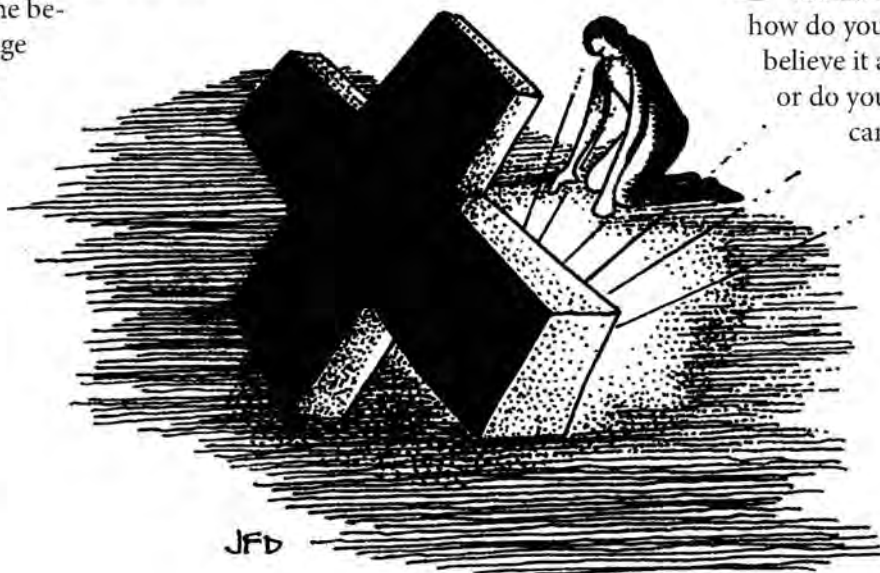
Mary Magdalene is a central figure in this resurrection story, as she is in all of the other Gospels. We are told she stayed with Jesus throughout his torture until he died, and all four Gospels tell us she was right there three days later when the empty tomb is discovered. Peter and a mysterious unnamed “other disciple” are a part of this story too as they discover Jesus' body is missing. They seem to realize that his corpse wasn't stolen (if it were, the burial garments surely would have gone with it). The unnamed disciple “saw and believed” but we aren't told what he believed. The passage ends suggesting the trio still doesn't understand what has happened. The seven verses that follow this passage tell us that Jesus



appeared to Mary Magdalen and she comes to believe he is alive again.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 Imagine you were one of Jesus' followers who didn't understand his predictions about being raised from the dead. What might you have been thinking or feeling if you discovered the empty tomb?
- 2 When you hear news that seems too good to be true, how do you first react? Do you believe it and thank God for it, or do you look for reasons it can't be true?



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