

## **So, What Now?**

*"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' "* Luke 24: 5B-7

The tomb was empty. This was certainly a game changer. The present story had been turned on its head when Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb that early Sunday morning. Nearly two thousand years ago something unthinkable happened. A man who had been put to death by the mighty Romans was raised to life on the third day. So, what now? What did this mean for them? The religious leaders that had so smugly believed to have won two days earlier would soon be scrambling in attempt to cover up what was to be the greatest story ever told. Disciples that were in hiding, fearing that they would be next, would be boldly proclaiming the risen Messiah.

What does this mean for us? Without Easter, without the Resurrection, there is no hope. Without Easter, there is no real life. Simply put, without Easter, there's no Christianity. The Resurrection of Our Lord is the day on which the Church throughout the world celebrates the new reality we are given because Christ Jesus is indeed risen from the dead, never to die again! For many people, Easter Day is no different from any other day, except perhaps for a few special traditions involving a bunny, buying a ham, or an egg hunt for the kids. We know more, don't we? And we have a blessed opportunity today, don't we? May the world know what we know! May our students, their parents, and all we come in contact with each day know that without Easter, we have nothing. Yet with Easter and because of Easter, we have everything! Forgiveness and new life are ours in Christ – both to receive and to share! *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*