

A WEEKLY WORD

April 20th , 2025 Easter Day

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READINGS: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26;
Luke 24.1-12

“**Jesus is the Reason for the Season**” is a phrase used often in the season of Christmas. But as I have been contemplating the Death and Resurrection of Jesus in the last few days, I am struck by how suitable that phrase describes the Season of Easter!

Without Jesus and His Sacrifice and Resurrection, last Friday and Sunday would just be ordinary days, not holidays, but ho hum Friday and Sundays. We get so caught up in the Easter bunny and the egg hunts, etc, that we often fail to realize that, without Jesus, there would be no holiday, no gifts, no chocolate bunnies or eggs, nothing!

As Christians, we have a responsibility to Jesus and to those around us to remind everyone of the Reason for the Season. Our first reading from Acts today states

Acts 10.42-43 “He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

In the Gospel from Luke we read about how the women went to the tomb to anoint Jesus’ body with spices. There they saw two men (angels) in dazzling white clothes who said to them

Luke 24.5b-9 “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

They immediately went and told the apostles what had happened. They spread the word!

That is what we are asked to do this Easter season – Spread the Word

The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Hallelujah