



EASTER SUNDAY

5TH APRIL 2026

“See, my servant will prosper, he shall be lifted up, exalted, rise to great heights. As the crowds were appalled on seeing him - so disfigured did he look that he

seemed no longer human - so will the crowds be astonished at him, and kings stand speechless before him; **for they shall see something never told and witness something never heard before.**” (Isaiah 52:13-15)

Early, on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She was sad and was coming to anoint the body of Jesus. Behold she found that the stone had been moved away from the tomb. It was empty. She went running to tell Simon Peter and the other disciple, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him.” Simon Peter and the other disciple came running and upon entering the tomb found that it was empty. The scripture continued: “Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.”

They saw the empty tomb; they didn’t know what it meant. They imagined that his body had been stolen or taken away, it was no longer in the tomb. The empty tomb made them confused. The authorities being unable to account for the empty tomb would accuse the disciples of having stolen his body. **For they shall see something never told and witness something never heard before.**

All this didn’t make sense until Jesus began to appear to them. They saw him. They ate with him. It is the appearances of Jesus that made them understand what had truly happened. They had seen him killed and crucified, now after his death, they see him alive. It is this encounter with the risen Christ that gave them courage to fearlessly go forward to proclaim him to the world even at the cost of their lives. What had happened to the disciples? They who were afraid and deserted him when he was arrested. Where does this renewed courage and faith come from? They had seen him after his death. **For they shall see something never told and witness something never heard before.**

After his death and resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples and calls them to be his witnesses. You are witnesses of this event. Go tell the world that God loves them. Invite them to repentance and baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are witnesses of these things.

Dear brothers and sisters, the events of these last days leading to the resurrection, is a reminder of God's love for each one of us personally. God who created us and everything in the world has redeemed us after we had lost our friendship and relationship with him due to sin and disobedience. God in Christ is inviting us to new life by redeeming us. He teaches us that nothing can separate us from Him, neither death, suffering, nor pain. He has been through all these to prove to us how much he loves us. God now invites us to respond to his renewed invitation: *"Come back home, do not let sin keep you away from me. You have been redeemed."*

Easter is about the triumph of our Lord Jesus over sin and death. Anyone who believes in him and comes to him will likewise overcome sin and death. He teaches us that not even pain, rejection and betrayal can triumph over God's plan and purpose. He teaches us that we may experience the pains of Good Friday but fear not, Easter Sunday is coming. The tomb is empty, Jesus is risen.

For they shall see something never told and witness something never heard before.



Easter greetings to you all from the Carmelite Community. We wish you all the joy of the resurrection. May you continue to enjoy the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

*Fr Bob, Fr Jerome, Fr Maurice, Fr John,
Fr Martin, Fr Theophilus and Fr Deepu*