

Lent Day 40
Sunday March 27, 2016
Easter Sunday

Reading: Mark 16.1-8

Reflection

Christians aren't stupid. We don't believe in the resurrection because we fail to understand death. In fact, Christians maybe the clearest on death seeing as we have been called to follow Jesus in his own death.

The Gospels all show these women going to lovingly care for their DEAD master. They are carrying spices and perfumes to apply to his corpse. They are worried about the large stone in front of the tomb because they know they can't move it. They are caught off guard when the tomb is already opened. They are terrified by an heavenly messenger who announces that Jesus is risen. They take off in fear. We know about death.

It is because we know about death that we can proclaim with such joy that Jesus has been raised from the dead. This means that death itself has been defeated, and if death has then sin has. With this resurrection comes the promised new life for the world. That is why our announcement of Jesus is such good news. God has finally dealt with the powers of sin and death and through Jesus he offers this new life; new creation.

Christians know about death. What they know is that Death is powerful; he comes for us all. But, we know that he has been defeated and broken. Now his halls have been emptied. He is no longer the final word. God is. Jesus is. Life is.

Prayer

God, who raised Jesus from the dead, grant us the power of your resurrection to live into this new life. Amen.