



(Food for thought: Gospel: John 20: 1-9.)

## “Stone Removed”

The Gospel tells us that the Disciples were "startled and terrified; they thought they were seeing a ghost." Jesus greets them and bids them to be at peace. He tells them to relax. "Look at me, touch me; see for yourselves..."

The very heart of the "good news" that Jesus had come to announce was THE RESURRECTION . And He wanted all of His followers to understand this ultimate expression of His Father's love, a love that would overcome death itself.

In Baptism, we go down into the tomb with Him and emerge endowed with newness of Life. We join the Survivors in the Community of Faith that is the

Church. We make our journey in this company of believers, fortified by prayer, worship and sacramental encounters. And we remember - especially on this day of Resurrection - we remember that in and through Jesus we have confronted evil, sin, disaster and death - and we have overcome.

The Easter victory of Jesus Christ continues to send shock-waves down through the centuries, calling people of every age – especially our own - to be survivors with Him in the ongoing battle between good and evil. Proof of the Risen Christ lies with us. We are the proof that Christ is alive and lives with us still. Like the first disciples, we are His witnesses to all the nations. It is the Risen Christ who assures us of survival and victory.

In Him, we will continue to survive until He ushers us into the fullness of perfect life, where Easter is forever!



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