



Easter Sunday

John 20:1-9

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Some things to think about...

How do you think Mary Magdalene felt as she went into the empty tomb? Why did the other disciple wait for Peter before going into the tomb?

How do you think they reacted to the tomb being empty?

How do you think they reacted to Jesus being alive?

Activity:

Complete the "Easter Garden of Hope and Service" activity with your Mini Vinnies group to celebrate Jesus' resurrection and think about how you can follow His example to serve others in your community.

Teacher's Notes

The feast of the Resurrection of Jesus is the greatest feast of the Church year. The "Easter Garden of Hope and Service" activity allows the children to not only create a beautiful representation of Easter, but also reflect on how they can live out the message of Easter by serving others in their community. It's hands-on, meaningful, and aligns with the SVP mission of helping others.

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