

## STATION FIFTEEN: JESUS IS RAISED FROM THE DEAD

**Family Life:** It was a great day! The sun was shining and the freshness of Spring was in the air. It was like everything, including each of them, was coming to life after a long, hard winter. It had been a cold, dark winter, not only outside, but inside as well. There seemed to have been one trouble after another; the lay-off, the death of a parent, constant financial pressures and finally, a pregnant unmarried daughter.

It seemed as though they had died over and over again, but this morning it was somehow different. They had weathered all the storms. They had even grown closer to each other, became more loving. It had been terribly difficult, they cried a lot of tears, but somehow this morning, with a new healthy baby in their arms...a grandchild, they had a sense within themselves of God's promise of new life.

**Meditation:** How full of life and energy the women at the tomb must have felt. Their tears must have turned to joy as they found that He who was buried "is no longer here – He is risen!" Families experience that whole cycle of life, death, and resurrection. Day after day, year after year, the paschal mystery is alive in them. It only needs to be recognized.

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus – we celebrate your resurrection. We thank you for your life and for your death. We ask that you help us each day to be a little more aware of how life is always followed by death and death by resurrection.

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Question for Reflection:

1. Do I recognize the resurrection experiences in my life?