

## Sunday, April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday, Year B

### Mark 16:1-8

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid

### OPEN

- What do you like to do on Sunday Mornings?
- What "incredible" event would you dis-believe were it not that you saw it with your own eyes? Try now to convince another person that it really happened, even though they weren't there to see it for themselves. What difficulties do you experience in the retelling of your eyewitness account?

### DIG

- Why do you think the women go to the tomb at the time they do? What does this say about them? Where have their thoughts been since Friday?
- What potential problem looms ahead? What do they find instead? What do they fear? Seeing the empty tomb and the man sitting beside it, what thoughts are racing through their minds?
- Do you think they believed the man? How do their actions support your answer?
- Why do you think the angel asked them specifically to speak to Peter? What does this tell you about Jesus' plans for Peter?

### REFLECT

- Would you have had trouble believing the angel's words? Why or why not?
- Who did Jesus send to you to tell you he had risen? Did you have trouble believing that person? How were you finally convinced of Jesus' resurrection?
- To whom is Jesus sending you with this message? How will you accomplish this mission?
- Where is your spiritual life focused these days: On Good Friday? Easter Sunday? Somewhere in between?
- What will you remember most from the gospel of Mark to sharpen your focus of who Jesus really is?