



Living Christ Together...

Triumph Over Death

Dear Friend in Christ,

In today's Gospel Jesus meets the funeral procession of the son of the widow of Naim and calls him back to life.



This scene reminds us of the raising of Lazarus. In both cases, Jesus shows that He has power over death, that death is subject to His command.

He had the power to turn death away from himself as well, but He didn't. Instead, death conquered Him and just as the widow's son was carried to the tomb, so was Jesus of Nazareth. And just as Lazarus was laid in the tomb, so was Jesus. For all the world could see, death had defeated Him. And that was the end of it.

But death's triumph was short-lived. The Risen One emerged victorious from the tomb to make us sharers in the victory He won on the cross. "Take up *your* cross and follow me to the victory I have won for you!"

Notice the difference between someone who has power handed to him and someone who has to work to win it for himself. If you have to deny yourself, take up your cross, and go through what Jesus did, it changes you completely. It makes you a new man or new woman, as Saint Paul would say. You learn what it's like to triumph over death.

In Christ Jesus,

Bishop Liam Cary



P.S. Most recent [Diocesan Chronicle](#)

In order to add a friend or family member, [click here](#). This message was intended for the sole benefit of the original recipient, please do not forward. If this email goes into SPAM, please add our email address to your contacts.

Your privacy is important to us. See our [privacy policy](#). If you no longer wish to receive this type of electronic messages from the Diocese of Baker: Pastoral Offices, please click [unsubscribe](#).

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Baker

641 SW Umatilla Avenue Redmond, OR 97756

Tel (541) 388-4004 - Fax (541) 388-2566

[Email Us](#)