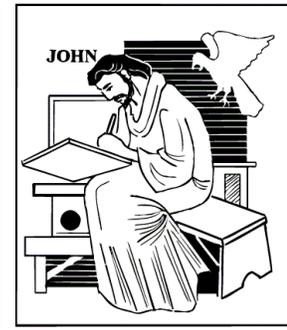
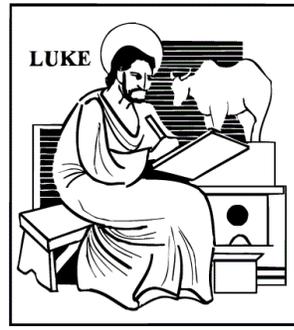
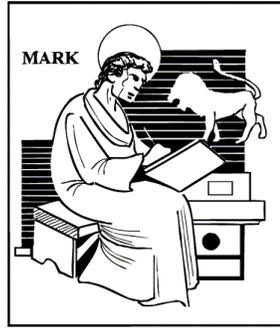
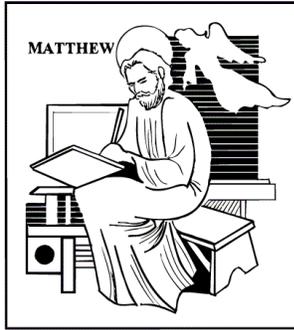


Breaking Open the Word



April 5, 2015 The Resurrection of the Lord Gospel Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Spiritual Reflection: It is the small details in the Resurrection stories that are the most important. For example "the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place," tells us that the body was not stolen because who would take the time to unwrap a body they were stealing while Roman Guards were nearby. If someone was going to steal a body, they would take the body and the wrappings it was in with them and may be later take the body out of the burial clothes. In a similar way sometimes it is small things that show Jesus is alive still in our life.

Spiritual Questions

1. What are some of small ways in which you know Christ is alive?
2. Why is important that Mary Magdala was the first witness?
3. They believed in the Resurrection before they saw Christ? How about you?
4. How can you better understand Scripture?
5. How do you plan to grow in faith?