

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection — April 12, 2020

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Reflecting on today's Gospel passage from John and studying the actions of the first witnesses to the Resurrection gives us further insight on how we should live the Easter season.

First, we learn of Mary Magdalene's response. She "came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark." Despite the trauma of just having witnessed the crucifixion of the Lord Whom she loved so much, Mary Magdalene remained focused on Him, not on herself and her own sense of loss. In fact, forgetting herself entirely, she made her way to the tomb in the dark so she could be near to Him. Once she realized that the tomb was empty we read that she "ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple..." to tell them this shocking news. In response we read that "they both ran, but the other disciple ran faster and arrived at the tomb first."

They ran to see all of this for themselves. These first witnesses of Christ's mission and message, His death, and now His Resurrection were passionate. As stewards, we are called to this same devotion to our Lord, this same passion and the same determination to remain near to Him no matter what.

This will look different depending on our own circumstances. Perhaps it will mean committing to a weekday Mass throughout the Easter season to rejoice in all that the Lord has done for us through His death and Resurrection. Perhaps it will mean getting up "in the dark" of the early morning to reflect on the daily Gospel. Perhaps we will gather our courage and finally speak to that friend or co-worker about what the Lord means to us and how they can have His grace in their lives, too. Maybe we will be inspired to host an Easter feast for friends and neighbors at some point during the next 50 days of celebration.

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