

LECTIONARY FOR EASTER WEEK

EASTER DAY

Morning

Evening

EASTER DAY, APR 4

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson Exodus 12:1–14  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson Revelation 1:4–18

Isaiah 51:1--16  
John 20:1–23

Monday, Apr. 5

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson Exodus 15:1–18  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson Luke 24:1–12

Isaiah 12  
1 Peter 1:1–12

Tuesday, Apr. 6

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson Isaiah 25:1–9  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson Matthew 28:1–10

Isaiah 26:1--19  
1 Peter 1:13--end

Wednesday, Apr 7

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson Isaiah 61  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson John 21:1–14

Song of Sol. 2:8--end  
Revelation 7:9--end

Thursday Apr 8

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson 1 Kings 17:8—end  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson Mark 5: 21—end

Daniel 12  
1 Thessalonians 4:13--end

Friday, Apr. 9

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson 2 Kings 4:8--37  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson Luke 7:11--17

Zephaniah 3:14--end  
Acts 17:26--31

Saturday, Apr. 10

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson Jeremiah 31:1–14  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson John 11:17–44

Micah 7:7--end  
Acts 26:1--23

Low Sunday, Apr 11

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson Isaiah 52:1--12  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson Luke 24:13–35

Isaiah 54  
John 20:24--end

*“Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here:for He is risen as he said,. Come see the place where the Lord lay.” St Matthew 28:5-6.*

Many of us still recall a TV crime show called “:Dragnet.” which related the adventures of a pair of police investigators. The show was remarkable in its time, and today seems almost quaint as it consistently presented its plots in moral terms of good in conflict with evil. It added one common saying to the collection of American aphorisms, “The facts, ma’am, just the facts.” The principal investigators always called people back from opinions, impressions, and feelings to the only important thing, the Facts.

Our Easter preaching sometimes falls short of its purpose because (in a vainglorious effort to be clever and original) we try to explore our feelings, or deduce some general truth, or arrive at some profound abstraction. On this day of all days (it is not called the “queen of feasts” for nothing!}, we must be simple and stick to the facts.

The facts are (1) the cold stiff corpse of Jesus, about 40 hours after He was found dead, was strangely resuscitated; but moreover, (2) He sprang up with new life and vigor; (3) the heavy boulder which imprisoned Him in His tomb was pushed aside: (4) one or more angels met the handful of disciples who visited the tomb and stated clearly what had happened (see above); (5) on the first Easter Day and for quite a while afterward, many people saw, heard, and recognized the glorified, risen Jesus; (6) believers and unbelievers alike agreed that whatever had happened, the tomb of Jesus was suddenly empty.

These are some of the facts of the case. They clearly point **not** to a personal experience, nor to a religious revival, nor to group excitement, but to an Event, an event as simple, and as factual as the empty bloody spot in the tomb, “where the Lord lay.”

For Christians, this wonderful event, which took place in clock time at a certain spot in the world in A.D. 30, is the fact of all facts. It is the supreme event which has transformed and transfigured all other facts and events before and since..Just as Jesus in His resurrection power brushed aside the heavy stone like a cobweb, so this event has grabbed hold of us and given us a small but delicious portion of His wonderful new resurrection life,. “The Lord is risen! Come see the place where the Lord lay!” LKW

