

Journey towards the Cross

Topic:

Resurrection brings new life
and victory.

Bible Portion:

Luke 24:6-7

Focus:

Resurrection: Victory over death
and sin.



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A daily devotional for lent season

40-Day Gospel Reading Plan

Bible Readings for Today

John 21



Have you Read your
Bible today?

Memory Verse for the day

**"Lord, you know
everything; you know
that I love you."**

John 21:17 (ESV)

Quote

**If Jesus rose from the
dead, then you have to
accept all that He
said."**

- Tim Keller.

This confession, "It is true! The Lord has risen" (Luke 24:34), was God's grand proof that Jesus has eternally defeated death and sin for all mankind. Until the resurrection of Jesus, all of mankind lived in a vicious cycle of sin and death. Sin had made us powerless to live good and godly lives. Sin enslaved our minds and actions to be always against God's good will. Irrespective of who we were, it affected us and our families, and living with its consequences was unavoidable. In fact, the fear of death is the most primal and universal fear experienced by humans, as it holds the uncertainty of the unknown. But the resurrection of Jesus turned the tables.

The Lenten season, which began with sobriety, finally culminates in triumph. It is the resurrection of Jesus that became a perfect antidote to sin and death. By rising from the grave,

Jesus not only proved that He was not just a mere good teacher, a good saint, a memorable healer, or an interesting prophet, but the One who defeated death brought by sin. Many have tried to overcome death or undo sin by different methods, but to no avail. But Scripture tells us that Jesus, the man without sin, stood as a substitute for all mankind before God's judgment on sin, which resulted in His death. Jesus then took the keys of death and Hades from the hands of the enemy (Revelation 01:17) and disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame by triumphing over them (Colossians 2:15).

Jesus Himself had predicted His death and resurrection, not as a depressive suggestion but as a hope to come. He used the metaphor of a grain of wheat in John 12. Unless the grain of wheat is buried, it cannot bring forth life. Therefore,

Jesus explained that only by His death and resurrection could there come forth the fruit of a great harvest of sinners, justified and reconciled to God. Secondly, although a single grain gets buried, the stalk that springs up has a whole head or cluster of grains. Similarly, when Jesus rose from the dead, many graves opened, and those who came out were seen by many. The resurrection of Jesus, proved by the empty tomb and many witnesses, stands irrefutable even today.



Christianity hinges on this resurrection. Without the resurrection, our faith is worthless, preaching is useless, life is meaningless, and Christianity is hopeless. The resurrection not only secures our future after the physical death of our bodies, but the same resurrection power—the Bible tells us in Ephesians 1 that raised Jesus from the dead—is available to us. His Holy Spirit enables us to live a life free from enslavement to sin. We are no longer under the power of sin and fear of death, but in the resurrected Jesus, we can enjoy new life, new strength, and new hope until He comes



again. Because Jesus is alive, we have life not just now but forever.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your victory over sin and death. Help us to live in the power of Your resurrection with faith, hope, and new life. Amen.

- Rev. Arpana Rangayya



Prayer Point



Let us pray for Mr. Abraham (Malar Arts) for his efforts in providing us with daily devotions in PDF format for 40 days, and for his family.

Let us pray for Rev. Samson Michael Balid, Rev. Vasudev Vamanarao Deshmukh and Mrs. Ujwala Anil Reddi for their work in Marathi translation.

Let us pray for the MDCM ministries for children in our diocese.