



4/21/19 Jn. 20: 1-18 & Acts 10: 34,, 37-43

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#### ENTERING THE SCENE:

Fr. Henri Nouwen tells it like this: "The resurrection of Jesus was a hidden event. Jesus didn't rise from the grave to baffle his opponents, to make a victory statement, or to prove to those who crucified him that he was right after all. Jesus rose as a sign to those who had loved him and followed him that God's divine love is stronger than death. To the women and men who had committed themselves to him, he revealed that his mission had been fulfilled. To those who shared in his ministry, he gave the sacred task to call all people into the new life with him. The world didn't take notice. Only those whom he called by name, with whom he broke bread, and to whom he spoke words of peace were aware of what happened. Still, it was this hidden event that freed humanity from the shackles of death."

This Easter do you hear your name?

#### [John 20 1-18](#)

1 **Early** on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, **Mary Magdalene** went to the **tomb** and saw that the **stone** had been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came **running** to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the **tomb**, and we don't know where they have put him!" 3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the **tomb**. 4 Both were **running**, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the **tomb** first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the **strips of linen** lying there but did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the **tomb**. He saw the **strips of linen** lying there, 7 as well as the **burial cloth** that had been around Jesus' head. The **cloth** was folded up by itself, separate from the **linen**. 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the **tomb** first, also went inside. He saw and **believed**. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) (*Revised Common Lectionary continues*) 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes, 11 but **Mary** stood outside the tomb **crying**. As she **wept**, she bent over to look into the **tomb** 12 and saw two **angels** in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the **head** and the other at the **foot**. 13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you **crying**?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." 14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. 15 **Woman**, he said, "why are you **crying**? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the **gardener**, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." 16 Jesus said to her, "**Mary**." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "**Rabboni!**" (Which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said, "Do not **hold** on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my **brothers** and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 18 **Mary Magdalene** went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the **Lord!**" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** [Fr. Donald Goergen O.P](#) says: "History does not provide us with the meaning of the resurrection; rather: the resurrection gives us the meaning of history". Is this true for you?

**PRAYER:** Risen Jesus, only Mary risked whatever might happen to go to the tomb. She loved you for your own self, not for what you could do for her or others. You reveal what God's love truly is and that this love is without conditions. I am drawn to you for the same reason. Help me as I live into realizing what this love means. Amen.

Back in 1984 I asked Fr. Beck to design a logo for our new venture that was to be known as The Growing Edge. [He created this and](#) said that the "Growing Edge should always be about growing things at the edges of what was assumed possible." Every now and then he would hide a part of it in one of his drawings as in the one here and wait to see how long it would take me to spot it. Do you see it? The Growing Edge took on a new name after surviving three floods and became The Ark, hence the [www.theark1.com](http://www.theark1.com). I invite you to see what it is becoming now.