

*“And as they were coming down the mountain [of transfiguration], Jesus charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of man should have risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.”*

**Mark 9:9-10**



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Greetings Joseph,

Jesus foretold of his death and rising several times. Each time the disciples were left clueless as to what Jesus meant.

*How could they understand?* Nothing like it had ever happened and it was completely outside of their human experience.

When Jesus was arrested, brutally tortured, and crucified, the disciples passed through a time of great darkness, trauma, and confusion.

**But when Jesus was raised from the dead, everything changed. It was not only a turning point for the disciples, but it was *the* turning point for human history.**

The resurrection validates everything that Jesus said and did. His resurrection is the promise of new life here and now. And it is the promise of everlasting life and our own bodily resurrection!

Like the disciples, when we pass through times of darkness or trauma or confusion in our personal lives, in the Church, and in the world, *we may not understand what is happening.*

The confident assurance of Jesus' resurrection gives us hope that mercy triumphs over sin and failure, truth triumphs over lies and falsehood, and life triumphs over death.

Like the first disciples, you and I are called to proclaim the Good News that Jesus is alive—that He truly makes a difference in our lives, and can make a difference in the lives of all those we encounter.

This Easter season, let us grow in worship of Jesus and bring his Good News to the many people who don't yet know that he is alive and has transformed us!

Your brother in Christ,  
Dave Nodar