

Easter Sunday:

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"Do not be terrified, You are looking for  
Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He  
has risen, he is not here." (Mark 16, 6)

Words of joy and hope come from the lips of an angel  
of God who announces the Resurrection of our Saviour.  
As at the time our Saviour was born in Bethlehem an  
angel announced the glad tidings to the shepherds, so now  
when our Saviour rose from the dead an angel  
announces the joyful message to the sorrowful and  
faithful women.

In the eyes of Holy Mother Church, Easter is the greatest  
and most solemn Feast Day of the entire year. And  
why so? Because it is a day of triumph, a day  
of victory in which our Saviour rose victoriously  
over His and our enemies - the deathly grasp which  
sin had upon the human race.

During His lifetime our Saviour had told His  
Apostles that He would be put to death. He told them  
that He would be spit upon, scourged, mocked, and  
finally put to death. He told them also that He would  
rise again from the dead. But the Apostles were  
very slow in understanding. They believed that Jesus  
was God, as He had told them - and as He had  
shown them by His many miracles; and therefore  
they did not expect Him to die. No, for them, Jesus  
the Promised Redeemer, should triumph victoriously  
over everyone - He must not die. But the  
hearts of the Apostles could not at all imagine that Jesus  
should die.

But as Jesus had foretold:

On cross - defeat, despair, death.

St. Paul: "If Christ has not risen, vain then is our preaching,  
vain our faith." I Cor. 15. 14.

Resurrection - Victory, life, redemption.

All these things reveal the greatness of God. Even

nature at this time springs forth into new life.

God gives His graces to those faithful who follow Him even in opposition by great destructive forces.

Our Saviour was kind to all even to those who hated Him.

In Palm Sunday the chief priests & enemies of Jesus said: "Do you see that we avail nothing? Behold, the entire world has gone after him.

they planned to put Him to death.

Our Saviour healed on Sunday and his enemies accused Him of violating the Sunday. But He reminded them that if their animal would fall into a pit on the Sabbath they would take him out.

On the solemn Pasch they violated the day by procuring from Pilate.

After resurrection they bribe the soldiers.

Our Saviour did not appear to them.

Matt. 26, 62 When our Saviour was questioned by Caiphas: "I adjure thee by the living God that thou tell us whether thou art the Christ the Son of God." Jesus said to him: thou hast said it. Nevertheless I say to you, hereafter you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power and coming upon the clouds of heaven.

Our Saviour mistreated by them - but for us to treat Him with love.