

Sir Knights:

Easter is once again upon us. It is the time to remember that Jesus died for us, returned to comfort and prepare his followers, and then ascended to be with our Father. It is to him we owe our eternal life, granted by God and earned by Christ's death on the cross.

Christ was crucified by the Romans at the request of the religious leaders in Jerusalem. Christ's body was taken down the next day and preparations began for interment in the sepulcher. They were unable to complete the preparation that day and the next day was the Sabbath. They could not work on the Sabbath so the body was left in the sepulcher until after the Sabbath. Very early on the first workday of the week Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary the mother of James brought spices to the sepulcher to apply them to the body but they found the body gone. The women found two men standing by them who asked "Why do you seek the living among the dead. Remember that the son of man must be delivered unto the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." At this the women remembered Christ's words and they returned to the eleven Apostles to tell them what had passed.

Christ communicated with the Disciples several times after he was raised, informing them what he expected of them and to prepare them for the Holy Spirit.

His teachings are full of love and respect, but when he observed actions contrary to his beliefs he became angry and occasionally physical with those involved, as in the cleaning of the Temple. When we show our preference to the Christian religion we should remember that his teachings are of great moral value. As Knights Templar we should honor and respect them. We should remember that it is our duty to give preference to the Christian Religion and to practice the Cristian Virtues. This we pledged when we were in the Chamber of Reflection and vowed in our obligation.

May the blessings of God rest on you and all Fraters.

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