

The Season of Easter

Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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The observance of Easter is the fulfillment of our Christian faith because it assures us of eternal life. It is believed to be the feast of all feasts. Therefore, let us rejoice, be glad and proclaim our Lord Jesus is alive! "Hence, the season of Easter reminds us of our Lord Jesus as the good shepherd, His resurrection and eternal life; divine mercy and obedience to God's commandments.

What is the Season of Easter all about?

1. Resurrection (First Sunday)

On **Easter Sunday**, we gather for the Lord's resurrection (Lk. 24:1-12) as Easter people. We rejoice as we are truly alive.

2. Divine Mercy (Second Sunday). The disciple Thomas wanted proof that Jesus was alive (Jn. 20:24-29). In contrast, the other disciples who were still afraid and were locked up in a room witnessed Jesus with his pierced hands. Moreover, for most Christians to believe is to see, but we must trust/believe our Lord Jesus though, we haven't seen Him.

3. The Journey to Emmaus (Third Sunday). The two disciples were disappointed and were walking away from the others (Lk 24:13-35). On the contrary, when we experience tragedies, pain, all the more, we must walk towards God. We must believe that when God puts us in a tough situation, He will see us through it. We must open our eyes that we are not victims; rather, we are victors like Him. Thus, great obstacles require great faith.

4. Good Shepherd Sunday (Fourth Sunday). We are shepherds, tasked to take care of our sheep (Jn 10:14). When some of our sheep get lost, we need to search and bring them back. The sheep will always want to be with the shepherd or what the shepherd does (not what he says. As shepherds we should guide our family, our

primary responsibility. The children will not follow what we say, but they will follow what we do. Like Jesus, we should always give chances to others to change because Jesus believes we can still change, and be better Christians. Since we belong to God, we must regularly attend mass so that God can nourish our souls and heal our broken lives.

5. Death, the door to eternal life (Fifth Sunday)

"I will go and prepare a place for you" (Jn. 14:3). This is the reality of death and the beauty of the resurrection. Thus, heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people (Jn. 14:1-6). We cannot avoid death, but there is a promise that there is a place for us. As Christians, we do not consider death as the end of life, rather, it is the start of a new life. That's why we strive to be holy and look forward to heaven. It is the God-given rest. We must pray for our departed loved ones. They are now in God's hands, and they will continue to pray for us.

6. Obedience (Sixth Sunday)

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (Jn. 14:15). Jesus is inviting us to honor our fathers and mothers (Fifth Commandment). Moreover, God gave us mothers to take care of us (as what God does to us). They are the wind beneath our wings.

Conclusion: Love must be proven by what we do, not by what we say. We are Easter people; therefore, we must follow what the Gospel says. We should live according to God's commandments: "Lord, your Word is my life."

Reflection:

1. What makes you walk away from Jesus?
2. How will you find your way back to Him?

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