

Resurrection Talk Even at Christmas

The Resurrection of Jesus is rarely presented as anything more than one great apologetic argument proving the Divinity of Christ. *Certainly it is this!* But if we do not penetrate deeper within the mystery of our Lord's Resurrection, past the mere apologetic aspect of it, it will fail to stir our souls and it will not be for us what the Church intends it to be. It is more than merely an historical fact on which to build an argument. Our hope is not founded on a dead man, but on One Who lives, and Who lives in order to give us life. "I have come that they may have life and have it more abundantly." If we fail to grow in this life which He came to give us, we have failed as Catholics. Unfortunately, some tend to reduce everything to apologetics. They read, not to find nourishment for their spiritual life, but to hunt for "quotes" to prove something to someone. While they go searching for "holy" information, their faith becomes abstract and their spiritual life grows cold and lifeless. They know how to argue but not how to pray. They know how to quote but not how to live. They know things *about* Christ but they do not know Christ. And thus they so often know how to hate but not how to love. What is the remedy? Forget about collecting facts and figures and storing up information but rather earnestly seek Christ Himself by prayer, spiritual reading, and self-denial, or else apologetics will remain an exercise in futility as far as our own sanctification and eternal salvation is concerned. The spiritual life today is little known because it is so little taught and because it is so seldom sought. Earnestly desire to find Christ as Mary Magdalene did when she came to the sepulcher that first Easter morning. Her love was so great that no obstacle was too big to get in her way. The only way to find Jesus is to look for Him. Jesus is never very far from hearts who sincerely desire Him.



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