

# The Victory of Jesus

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 22*.

❖ No one witnessed the Resurrection, and the Gospel stories about it vary. They all agree, though, that the tomb was empty and that the apostles saw Jesus again. To recognize the risen Jesus required faith because the Resurrection is a mystery of faith.

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❖ Jesus was magnificently transformed by the Resurrection. The Apostles saw him glorified. He was full of power, mystery, and glory. The disciples were astounded by seeing Jesus, but it was not until Pentecost and the coming of the Spirit that they were empowered for their mission.

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❖ In Luke's Gospel, the women visiting Jesus' tomb were surprised to find it empty. Two angels in dazzling clothes appeared and asked why the women looked for the living among the dead. They said that Jesus had been raised from the dead. When the women told the disciples about their experience at Jesus' tomb, the disciples accused them of speaking nonsense. Read the story in Luke 24:1–11.

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❖ One of Jesus' appearances occurred when he revealed himself to two disciples traveling on the road to Emmaus. The disciples traveled with a stranger to Emmaus. Only when they shared a meal and the stranger broke the bread did they see who he really was.

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❖ Today we encounter the risen Lord in the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist, in the Scriptures, and in the Christian community.

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❖ Sacramentals are objects, such as medals and palms, or actions, such as the Sign of the Cross, that prepare us for the sacraments.

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❖ At the Ascension, Jesus returned to his Father. Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit. He promised that Spirit to his disciples. Jesus told the Apostles he wanted them to be witnesses. Today we too are witnesses to Christ. Read more about the Ascension in Acts of the Apostles 1:6–11.

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