

Easter People: Lazarus – “Take off the Grave Clothes”

John 11:17-45; 12:1-3, 9-11

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.” -John 11:44b

Jesus – the Resurrection

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.” -John 11:25

i. The _____: No longer _____ but _____.
When you were dead in your sins ..., God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations ...; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. -Colossians 2:13-14

II. The _____: Take off the _____.
Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. -Hebrews 12:1-2

III. The _____: _____ Our _____!
Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. -John 12:1-2

Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him. -John 12:9-11

“We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!”.-Pope John Paul II, *Angelus*, November 30, 1986.

Grave ___ Entangle ___ Resurrection ___ Power ___ Martha ___