

Motivation for Jn 20:1-9

We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus every Sunday, but this Sunday is different.

In the Vigil Mass we read 7 readings from the Old Testament complimented by 7 psalms or canticles, and it tells us of the Messiah, the saviour that God will send to forgive us our sins and bring us into communion with him.

When we finally read the Gospel, we encounter the disciples looking for him, since they believed in him but didn't understand what his purpose was on earth. But when they reach the place where he was laid down to rest, his absence puts them to the test, especially Peter.

The question we must ask ourselves is if we truly believe that Christ died for us, but now he is Risen! He asks us to believe him even when we don't understand, to trust in his love for us, to trust that he still loves us the same as when he created us and the world, and "saw that it was very good".

He wants you to put aside all the things that you don't understand and to see him and believe. So as you prepare to listen to the Gospel, ask yourself: what are the things that don't allow me to listen to his message of love? How do I open my eyes to see him and the life he gives me? Do I trust in his intentions and love for me?