

# BIBLE READINGS EASTER SUNDAY

## Isaiah 65:17-19

I am creating new heavens  
and a new earth;  
everything of the past  
will be forgotten.  
<sup>18</sup> Celebrate and be glad forever!  
I am creating a Jerusalem,  
full of happy people.  
<sup>19</sup> I will celebrate with Jerusalem  
and all its people;  
there will be no more crying  
or sorrow in that city.

This is the Word of the Lord.

## 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

<sup>19</sup> If our hope in Christ is good only for this life, we are worse off than anyone else.  
<sup>20</sup> But Christ has been raised to life! And he makes us certain that others will also be raised to life. <sup>21</sup> Just as we will die because of Adam, we will be raised to life because of Christ. <sup>22</sup> Adam brought death to all of us, and Christ will bring life to all of us. <sup>23</sup> But we must each wait our turn. Christ was the first to be raised to life, and his people will be raised to life when he returns. <sup>24</sup> Then after Christ has destroyed all powers and forces, the end will come, and he will give the kingdom to God the Father.  
<sup>25</sup> Christ will rule until he puts all his enemies under his power, <sup>26</sup> and the last enemy he destroys will be death.

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## John 20:1-18

On Sunday morning while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> She ran to Simon Peter and to Jesus' favourite disciple and said, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb! We don't know where they have put him."  
<sup>3</sup> Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> They ran side by side, until the other disciple ran faster than Peter and got there first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and saw the strips of linen cloth lying inside the tomb, but he did not go in.  
<sup>6</sup> When Simon Peter got there, he went into the tomb and saw the strips of cloth. <sup>7</sup> He also saw the piece of cloth that had been used to cover Jesus' face. It was rolled up and in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> The disciple who got there first

then went into the tomb, and when he saw it, he believed. <sup>9</sup> At that time Peter and the other disciple did not know that the Scriptures said Jesus would rise to life. <sup>10</sup> So the two of them went back to the other disciples.

<sup>11</sup> Mary Magdalene stood crying outside the tomb. She was still weeping, when she stooped down <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels inside. They were dressed in white and were sitting where Jesus' body had been. One was at the head and the other was at the foot. <sup>13</sup> The angels asked Mary, "Why are you crying?" She answered, "They have taken away my Lord's body! I don't know where they have put him."

<sup>14</sup> As soon as Mary said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. But she did not know who he was. <sup>15</sup> Jesus asked her, "Why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"

She thought he was the gardener and said, "Sir, if you have taken his body away, please tell me, so I can go and get him."

<sup>16</sup> Then Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned and said to him, "Rabboni." The Aramaic word "Rabboni" means "Teacher."

<sup>17</sup> Jesus told her, "Don't hold on to me! I have not yet gone to the Father. But tell my disciples I am going to the one who is my Father and my God, as well as your Father and your God." <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene then went and told the disciples she had seen the Lord. She also told them what he had said to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.