



Fourth Sunday of Easter

These weeks following Easter offer an opportunity to see how the Church began to grow and form around the Apostles. In the first reading, Peter reminds those listening that all the miraculous deeds accomplished are done in the name of the Nazorean. The crucified and risen Jesus gives the power and grace to bring about the miracles now being done by the Apostles. Salvation can only come through Him.

Psalm 118 proclaims that; "the stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone." In and through Jesus is the whole Church built and sustained.

In the Letter of John, we hear of the love bestowed by God the Father on us who are His children. Our destiny is to be with Him. To see Him as He really is.

The 10th chapter in the Gospel of John offers the familiar image of Jesus as the "Good Shepherd." The one who lays down his life for the sheep. He knows them and they follow him. This Shepherd comes for all and not a certain few. The command given by the Father is for the Son to lay down His life and take it up again by His own power. We are recipients of this gift from God, namely life with no end.

Peace,

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