



Trust in Jesus

The news of Wellington's victory at Waterloo was brought by sailing ship to the south coast of England. From there by semaphore it was wig-wagged over land toward London. Finally the message reached the roof of Winchester Cathedral: "Wellington defeated..."

A heavy fog covered the landscape and the signals from view. The sad news was relayed to London, plunging the citizens into a deep gloom. In a short time, the fog lifted and the remainder of the message came through: "Wellington defeated the enemy."

Quickly the news raced on...lifting gloomy hearts from sadness to joy. Similarly, that is a picture of Good Friday's..."Christ defeated"...to Easter's more complete: "Christ defeated the enemy."

In the atmosphere of loss, disappointment and fear, the risen Jesus reveals himself to his disciples. "they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost." To convince his disciples that it is really he, and not some phantom or ghost, he shows the marks of his suffering and eats before them. Then he tells them what he has explained to the two: his suffering was according to what was written about him as the Messiah. The suffering and the victory of the Messiah are signs of God's reconciliation with men and women. The time of suffering and doubt is over. It is now the time to set hearts burning in Jesus' victory over sin, death and hopelessness.

The resurrection of Jesus was a hidden event. Jesus did not rise from the grave to baffle his opponents, to make a victory statement, or to prove to those who crucified him that he was right after all. Jesus rose as a sign to those who loved him and followed him that God's divine love is stronger than death. To the women and men who committed themselves to him, he revealed that his mission had been fulfilled. To those who shared in his ministry, he gave the sacred task to call all people into new life within him. He tells his disciples to go and preach repentance, reconciliation and peace.

Let us pray that we will learn to trust in Jesus and his saving power so that we can overcome our doubt, disappointment and fear when facing challenges in our life.



*Lord, let your
face shine on us*

**Congratulations to our newly Baptised
Katherine Ann & Ruena Cecilia**