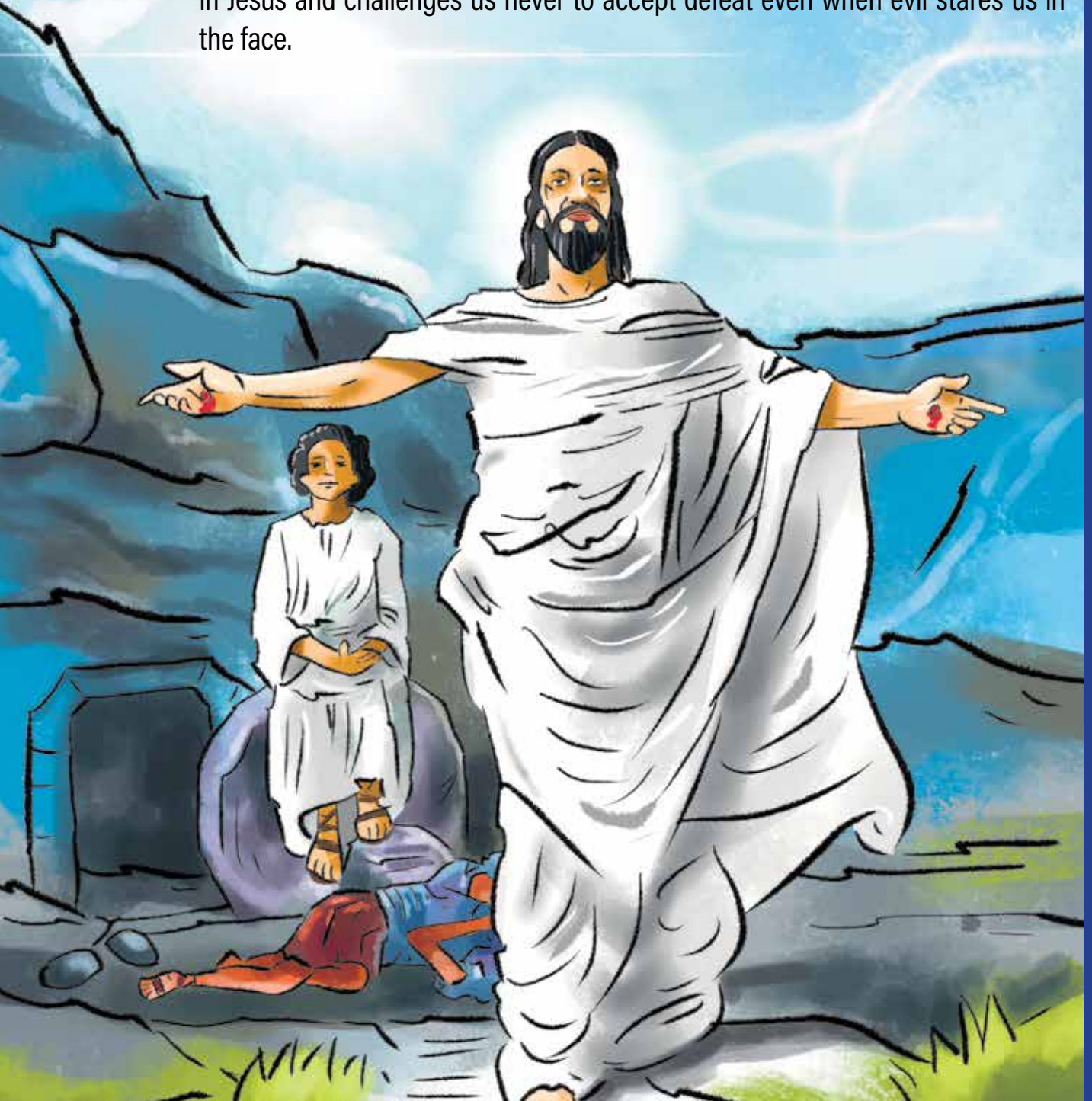




## The Resurrection

The significance of the Resurrection of Christ is that it gives us tremendous hope in Jesus and challenges us never to accept defeat even when evil stares us in the face.



“We cannot give up in the face of evil. God is Love and He has defeated evil through Christ’s death and resurrection.” These words of Pope Francis remind us that because of the Resurrection, we should not be and we cannot be a defeated people. Whatever may be the evil, we should not be afraid because defeat begins with fear.

All the apparitions after the Resurrection give us the same message. The first apparition of the Risen Jesus was to Mary Magdalene and other women who were going to embalm the body of Jesus only to find an empty tomb with the joyous angelic message that Jesus Who was crucified had risen indeed.

On their way back Jesus met them and greeted them with peace and told them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." It is this that prompted Pope John Paul II to call Mary Magdalene as 'the Apostle to the Apostles'.

Then came the much famous Emmaus encounter where Jesus walked like a stranger with the two disciples explaining everything from Moses and the prophets to the scriptural context of His suffering, death and resurrection and revealing Himself to them in the breaking of the bread.

What was the impact of this encounter? The disciples got courage and enthusiasm to proclaim that the Lord is risen, indeed. They got up at once and went to Jerusalem to tell the eleven disciples this most astounding and incredible message and while they were recounting their experience, Jesus stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

The disciples thought they were seeing a ghost and were terrified. Jesus, to remove their doubts, showed them His hands and feet with nail marks, and even asked for and ate some food, so they may trust Him and gather courage.

After this, Jesus took them as far as Bethany where He blessed them and ascended into heaven in front of them giving them the great message for carrying His missionary work to the entire world: ***"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."***





## Word of God

Luke 24:30-31

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.



**Book: *The Resurrection of Jesus Christ: Some Contemporary Issues*** by Gerald O'Collins SJ is a theological book placed in the context of present day issues and the author is a professor of fundamental theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

**Book: *Resurrection*** by Leo Tolstoy is a fascinating poetic work of which Romain Rolland says, "Resurrection is one of the most beautiful poems of human compassion perhaps the most truthful ever written. I see through its pages those bright eyes of Tolstoy's... the look that goes straight to the heart, and in each heart sees its God."

## Reading

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Read online the article, 'Tomb exploration reveals first archaeological evidence of Christianity from the time of Jesus' published in Science Daily on February 28, 2012.

**Bible@Home** - John 20: 19-29

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