





Then they returned from the tomb and announced all these things to the eleven and to all the others.

The women were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James; the others who accompanied them also told this to the apostles, but their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them.

But Peter got up and ran to the tomb, bent down, and saw the burial cloths alone; then he went home amazed at what had happened.

## REFLECTION

*A brief reflection rooted in the readings is offered remembering the love and mercy of Christ. If the story about Zacchaeus was used, note that "today salvation has come to this house" through the prayers offered for their loved one. If the resurrection story is used, highlight the promise of the resurrection: "He is not here, but he has been raised." Christ's resurrection overcomes all death, even death by suicide. Conclude by reminding those gathered that the Church teaches we should not despair of the eternal salvation of the person who died and that the Church prays for those who have taken their own lives.*

## PRAYER OF BLESSING AND SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

Lord, we rejoice in the victory of your Son over death;  
by rising from the tomb to new life he gives us new hope and promise.  
Grant that (Name) who died here may rest in peace  
until you awaken (him/her) to glory,  
for you are the resurrection and the life.  
Then (Name) will see you face to face and in your light will see light  
and know the splendor of God, for you live for ever and ever.

*Solemnly sprinkle with Holy Water the spot where the person died by suicide*

With longing for the coming of God's kingdom, let us pray together as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father ...**

*Make the Sign of the Cross over the spot where the person died and pray*

Eternal rest grant unto (him/her), O Lord,

**R:** *and let perpetual light shine upon him/her.*

May (he/she) rest in peace.

**R:** *Amen*

May (his/her) soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**R:** *Amen*

Go in Peace.

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