

What Rose

▪ What We Found

Not a ghost (“flesh and bones,” fish eaten, breakfast cooked) and not a resuscitation (doors shut, unrecognized then known, “death no longer has dominion over him”): the same body, glorified, the firstfruits of one harvest that Paul says includes those who are his. The threads resolved: the scriptures were one aimed story (Luke 24:44-47), and the witnesses knew the difference between Lazarus and their Lord (CCC 646). In a garden, on the week’s first day, the risen one was mistaken, correctly, for the gardener: the new creation beginning inside the old. The study ends where he ends: at a door that opens only from the inside, and a table.

▪ Voices of the Church

St. Athanasius • *On the Incarnation* 27-29

Death, once the terror of terrors, is now trampled daily by ordinary believers; a tyrant visibly bound is visibly beaten. (Summary.)

St. Leo the Great • *Sermon* 71

The forty days of handled evidence were mercy aimed at us: faith resting not on rumor but on touch. (Summary.)

St. Gregory of Nyssa • *Catechetical Oration*

In the resurrection God broke death from the inside; the undoing of death for the whole race has begun. (Summary.)

▪ Live It This Week

- Read John 20:1-18 one more time, slowly, watching for the garden.
- Tell one trusted person one thing you learned in these eight weeks.

▪ Scripture Memory Verse

For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

Romans 6:9 (RSV2CE)

▪ Before Next Session

The door stays open: keep this table monthly, read a Gospel together (ask about What Do You Seek?), or stand in the back some Sunday and watch. The friendship stands regardless; that offer is permanent.

Catechism connections for this session: CCC 645-646, 655, 988-991, 999-1001.