

THE GLORY OF GOD

Episode 1

Summary

As Our Lord expired upon the Cross, from a human perspective, it appeared like his life and mission were an utter failure. His Apostles almost all abandoned him and were hiding in fear. Yet, we have come to Rome and see the splendor and beauty of the Church with now over a billion Catholics around the globe! How do we go from what appears like a failed mission, a lifeless corpse hanging on a tree, to Christianity breaking through and transforming civilization for the next 2000 years and forever more? Only a God who is infinitely good can work such mighty wonders. As Our Lord is taken down from the Cross and his lifeless body is placed into the tomb, there his glorious light shines into the darkness and rises victoriously! The lives of Sts. Peter and Paul provide clear and compelling evidence of a glorious life beyond the grave because they were witnesses to it!

Scripture

“The glory which thou hast given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one.” - **John 17:22-23**

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” - **1 Peter 3:15**

“Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?” - **1 Corinthians 15:54-55**

Quotes

“The contemplation of Christ’s face cannot stop at the image of the Crucified One. He is the Risen One!”
- **Pope St. John Paul II**

“St. Bonaventure explains that God created all things ‘not to increase his glory, but to show it forth and to communicate it’, for God has no other reason for creating than his love and goodness.” - **CCC 293**

“The glory of God is man fully alive.”
- **St. Irenaeus**

Discussion Questions

1. *Where did the Holy Spirit move most profoundly in your heart during this episode?*
2. *Have you ever considered that everything that God has he desires to give away and that his Glory is our inheritance?*
3. *Lots of evidence was presented to give compelling evidence for the Resurrection. Which resonated with you the most and why?*
4. *What is the reason for your hope? Who may God be calling you to share this message with?*

Resolution

Every Sunday is meant to be an opportunity for the grace-filled reality of Easter Sunday to enter into our hearts. May our lives become a proof, clear and compelling evidence that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song. Pray for the grace and courage to go forth in haste, to proclaim his infinite goodness to the ends of the earth, starting with those closest to us.

