

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY
April 17, 2022
Easter Sunday

FIRST READING **EASTER RETURNS** Luke 23:46, 50-56 – 24:3

⁴⁶ Jesus, [as he was dying, cried] with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

⁵⁰ Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, ⁵¹ had not agreed to their plan and action. ⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. ⁵⁴ It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. ⁵⁵ The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body.

SECOND READING **PERPLEXED AND DAZZLED** Luke 24.3-5

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THIRD READING **REMEMBER?** Luke 24.5b-11

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FOURTH READING **AMAZED BY GRACE!** Luke 24.12

¹² Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.