

**“. . . Peter and the other disciple started out on their way to the tomb. They were running side by side, but then the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. Presently, Simon Peter came along behind him and entered the tomb. Then the disciple who had arrived first at the tomb went in. He saw and believed.”**

While reading this passage, something intrigued me and it wasn't anything John wrote. It was the journey to the tomb.

Everyone's journey to the tomb begins at birth. However, in the context of salvation history, Jesus journey started with the beginning of His public life, three years before He died. Its culmination was agonizingly intense and torturous, ending with His crucifixion, death and burial on Good Friday. Can you imagine the shock His followers felt? They did not comprehend prophecies in Scripture which foretold that the Messiah had to suffer, die and rise from the dead. Mary Magdalene's journey to the tomb early on that Sunday morning resulted in a hasty return to the disciples with the astounding news that the tomb was empty. Peter and John ran the short distance to the tomb, unsure of what they'd find. Jesus was not there. John (referring to himself) simply said, "He saw and believed."

And how was our journey to Jesus' tomb during the past six weeks of Lent? What did we see when we looked into the tomb? Did we simply see the unwrapped burial cloths?

Hopefully, our Lenten journey has allowed us to see and believe through His suffering, death and resurrection Jesus has conquered sin and death for us.

May our fervent reception of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist be a cause of thanks and joy.

Rejoice! He is risen!

**How will I carry the joy I experience today to my family and friends?**

*Lord Jesus,  
you send us forth, like Your disciples,  
to be a light to the world.  
On our road to Your heavenly kingdom  
keep us company on the journey.  
Give us the wisdom to know  
and the strength to do Your will.  
Amen.*

Frank Balfay