

**SCRIPTURE QUOTE
TO MEMORISE:**

In fright, the women bowed to the ground. But the men said, "Why look for the living among the dead?"

(Luke 24:5)

Looking back, it is easy for us to say that Jesus is the promised Messiah, risen from the dead. However, for his disciples at the time, it was not an easy truth to accept.

Even today, we tend to think that if everyone, especially those with authority, say something, then it must be true. Yet Jesus stood alone, ridiculed by the authorities and rejected by the crowds. The passage in Isaiah described him as 'despised and of no importance - someone punished, struck by God and brought low'. For the disciples, who witnessed first-hand the brutality of the Passion, it would have taken immense faith and courage to continue to believe in his promise of Resurrection.

That is why, standing at the entrance of the tomb, they searched for Jesus; expecting to see him among the dead, afraid to believe that he could be alive - to believe the possibility that all he had said about God and about himself was true.

The Gospel passage ends there, with the picture of the empty tomb in our minds, and **we are invited to make a choice - do we keep searching for meaningful life among the dead**; or will we take the leap and dare to believe in a God who loves us, came to live among us, paid the price of sin for us and promises always to be there for us?

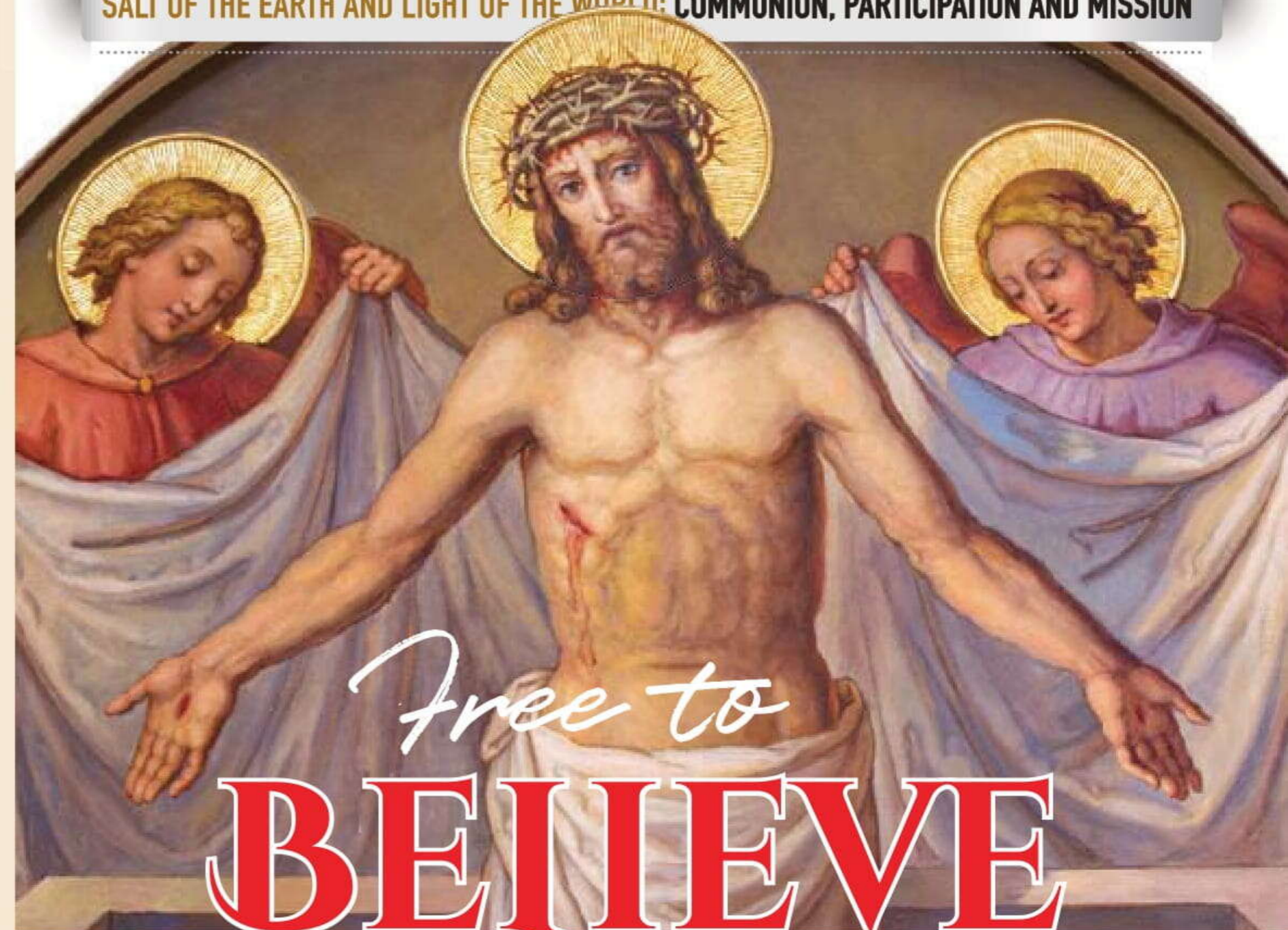
Today, it may be easier to say that Jesus is risen, but it is still difficult to believe in his message of love and promise of life. It takes tremendous faith, hope and courage to look at the misery of reality around us, and still believe in the love and power of God.

Therefore, together with Mary, who stood by her Son and was the first to believe, let us ask for the grace to continue believing in the power of the Resurrection in our lives today. ✝

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In the Gospel today, the disciples of Jesus went to the tomb looking for a dead body - but found none. Until that moment, they had not understood what Jesus was trying to tell them - that he was literally going to die and rise again. It was only when they saw the empty tomb for themselves that they began to understand and believe.

**SCRIPTURE
of the DAY**

Acts: 10: 34, 37-43;

Psalms 117: 1-2, 16-17,
22-23;

Colossians 3: 1-4 or
(1 Corinthians 5: 6-8);

John 20: 1-9 or
(Luke 24: 1-12)