

Easter... what difference does it make?

Corsica is a small French island in the Mediterranean. It is called the *Island of Beauty* and this title is well deserved as it is fascinating. Its inhabitants, attached to their land, have kept beautiful Christian traditions among which are the processions, both during Holy Week and around the solemnity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, the patron saint of the island.

The elders, in particular, want to perpetuate centuries-old traditions. A very old friend of mine tells me that her mother was overwhelmed on Easter Day. When the bells started ringing again to announce the Lord's resurrection to the world, she knelt down where she was, even if she was in the street, and wept for joy to thank God: "Can you imagine that? The Lord is risen!"

This friend, after so many years, remembers her childhood and her mother's deep joy. She was overjoyed and full of gratitude simply because Jesus had risen. For her, **Easter changed everything.**



And for us, what difference does Easter make?

Let us learn from this lady's faith about the upheaval that should be ours. Our God came among us, he was crucified, died... to free us from death.

Let us learn from this woman's tears of gratitude about the joy that should be ours. Jesus disappears from view but he is more present than ever.

This is what we will celebrate in this month of April, in our parishes and in our homes during our monthly meeting.

Christ is risen! He is truly risen, alleluia!

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