

“Remember, man, thou are dust, and to dust thou shalt return.”

It is difficult to paint a darker picture than that which was spoke to Man, “Remember, Adam, thou are dust, and to dust thou shalt return.” These keynote words of the season were heard early this Ash Wednesday morning when scores of the Christian faithful received the sign of the Cross on their foreheads. These words were pointing as it does towards the passion of Christ throughout the coming forty days ending with his triumph on Resurrection Sunday. These words are the theme of our meditation.

There are two ways of looking at Ash Wednesday. One is from the death side where the above text is the central theme, and the visuals of Christ are of Him being scourged and mocked while wearing a crown of thorns and being buried in an empty tomb.

The other side of looking at Ash Wednesday is from the life side of the children of the Resurrection. Jesus rose from the dead, Rose triumphant as He said. Resurrected children move and have their being in this fact and in Christ’s words, “I am He that liveth and was dead, I am alive for eternity,” These living and illuminated words radiate his glory like bright X-ray and gamma-ray flashes on a cold winter’s night. Jesus’ efficaciousness is fully shown, In Adam all return back to the dust. However, In the new Adam, Christ, all are alive for evermore.

Let us live in the Light of our Resurrected and Ascended Lord as we reflect on this Ash Wednesday meditation.

PRAYER: Hear Our Pray Oh Lord, and Grant Us Thy Favor.



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