



### **Embracing the Meaning of Easter**

If not for Christ's willing death, I would still be dead in my sins. If not for His resurrection, I would have no hope of eternal life.

This is worth meditating on, even for as long as 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter. By that final Sunday, I want to be singing, "Christ Our Lord Is Risen Today" with overflowing joy.

This is the very reason for observing Lent — to come before the Lord and prepare our hearts for renewal. It is a way of identifying with Christ, who endured the cross for the joy that was set before Him, according to Hebrews 12:2.

I want to focus on Jesus' passion during the time prior to Resurrection Day. Then, when my mouth proclaims, "Alleluia, He is risen!" my heart will respond, "He is risen indeed!"