
The Risen Lord Goes to His Mother

- St. Iñigo de Loyola wrote in his book of the *Exercises*:

“The Resurrection of Christ our Lord—The First Apparition: First Point. He appeared to the Virgin Mary. Though this is not mentioned explicitly in the Scripture it must be considered as stated when Scripture says that He appeared to many others. For Scripture supposes that we have understanding, as it is written, ‘Are you also without understanding?’”

- Remember, after asking the Lord to make you aware in His presence and offering to Him your time and your self, where this fits into salvation history. Jesus had died on the cross and His Spirit had gone down among the dead to declare the great Good News that they will rise on the day the Father has ap-

pointed. Then His Spirit returns to the tomb and inspirits His cold, battered flesh. Straightway, He goes to His mother, the Lady Mary.

- Imagine His coming to her.
- Stay to hear what they say, to see what they do, and to let them share with you what they experienced together.
- Consider, then, that Jesus Christ is God and mighty Lord. How did He manifest His divinity to His mother?
- Consider, too, how He consoled His mother after her sufferings.

Then talk with Jesus or His mother, or with the Father. End with the Our Father. ❖