

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Christ's Death and Resurrection are intended to continue throughout all eternity. Christ lovingly gave His life once for all of us. Christ now lives for us. Christ is the Lamb of God and as Revelations states, "For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." *Rev.7*

Jesus did His sacrificial part. The Apostles and disciples, like Paul and Barnabas, urged the followers "to remain faithful to the grace of God". *Acts 13* There were those who rejected these teachings; and those, the Gentiles, who were delighted to be instruments of salvation in spreading the Word of God.

Fast forward to the present year 2022. Each of us is a disciple of Jesus Christ because of our Baptism, formal and informal instructions, and even the stirrings of the Holy Spirit. It is because of this that the responsibility of discipleship depends on us and even those who come after. This doesn't mean we should stand on a busy corner with a sign preaching the Divine Word. It could be as simple as to how we treat each other, how we model for our children, how we follow the commandments and works of mercy. "Values are caught, not taught" is a quote that has been around for years. If we simply add one word to that... "Christian" values are caught, each of us would help to do our part in discipleship. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they know me." *Jn 10* If we are truly His people, the sheep of His flock, maybe we should put a little more effort into sharing all that accompanies that with our family, our neighbors, and even our world.

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