

Easter morning we were with the disciples at the empty tomb asking “What is going on here?” And slowly, slowly, piece by piece, we began putting it together. We remembered that Jesus had said frankly that he would be killed, and three days later would rise from the dead.

And we thought back over other death events. We remembered:

- the funeral procession outside of Nain. Jesus told the widow’s only son to get up, and he sat up while the pall bearers were carrying him. DEATH WAS INTERRUPTED.
- Jairus’ daughter, who died before Jesus could get there. Jesus went into her room, took her by the hand and told her to get up. She did. DEATH WAS INTERRUPTED.
- Lazarus, who had been dead four days before Jesus arrived. But Jesus told them to roll back the stone, and he called Lazarus out. DEATH WAS INTERRUPTED as Lazarus emerged alive.

But death was interrupted even more at Easter – death was dealt a death-blow as Jesus rose from the dead, never to die again. Now we need not fear death! Now we have access to Heaven! Now we can be in communion and communication with Almighty God right here and right now! Thanks be to God.