

Daily Reflection

April 12, 2020

HAPPY EASTER! The Gospel lesson in today's [Daily Office readings](#) is quite possibly the most profound passage in the whole Bible, and includes this declaration:

"What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness **did not** overcome it." *John 1:3b-5*

The opening verses of John's Gospel are always used on the first Sunday after Christmas. We are not apt to think about them at this time of year, when we are recalling the end of Jesus' earthly ministry, not the beginning. But these words have meaning any day and every day. It is no accident that John used the past tense in proclaiming "the darkness **did not** overcome." The end of the human story has been written. The end of all our stories has been written by Jesus' entry into the world.

Of course, there is lots about the middle chapters still being worked out, which drives us crazy! In today's Old Testament lesson, the Hebrew people are told to gird up for a journey. You can sense the excitement. They don't have a clue about all that is ahead in the wilderness.

Our lives are similar now. There's some excitement as we find new ways to explore and express ourselves in this quarantine. But we wonder, "How and when will it end?" We may not know that, but we know all we need to know: "the darkness **did not** overcome."

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