

## Daily Reflection

April 15, 2020

As you read the lessons in today's [Daily Office readings](#), please recall a point made earlier in these Reflections: When people do stupid stuff in the Bible, we are supposed to learn from them, not laugh at them!

In today's Gospel, we see a glaring example of the stupid stuff we mere mortals can do. The guards who had been at the tomb came to the chief priests with an astonishing report: the earth quaked as heaven opened and a being as bright and forceful as lightning opened the tomb. There is no suggestion that the chief priests doubted this report. Given this, their response is even more astonishing than the report itself. They quickly launched a cover-up to conceal what had happened and maintain the *status quo*. The comfort of preserving life as they knew it seemed more important than revelation of God's power to change everything for the better.

Easter is not just one Sunday morning. It is the dawn of a new era. The church celebrates Easter for a full 50 days, spurring us to absorb all its implications. Are you clinging to imperfect habits or circumstances because change is unsettling?

The Easter Vigil tells the whole story of God's commitment to draw us closer and closer to the fully divine life. If you have not viewed St. Margaret's 2020 Easter Vigil yet, please follow this [link](#) and share it with your contacts. Easter changes everything.

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