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The resurrection is the most important life event for us Christians; what Jesus means in our lives is understood through the resurrection, because everything he says and does brings healing, hope, love, peace, and freedom to people.

The woman in the time of Jesus is the supreme expression of this; the gentle dialogue that Jesus has with the Samaritan woman heals and liberates her; she recognizes him and responds affirmatively by "proclaiming the one who spoke to her" (John 4,3-42).

The following of Mary Magdalene, Jane, Susanna, and other women who, after being healed, accompany him, with decision and self-determination (Luke 8,1-3).

The woman with a hemorrhoid, poor and impure, rejected and discriminated against, seeks Jesus, touches him, and is healed, before this strength of faith, Jesus empowers her, makes her visible and she responds by following him and announcing him in public. Jesus heals the woman who was bent over, immobile, imprisoned by the weight of marginalization (Luke 13:10-17) on a Sabbath day and she "glorifies him" by doing what was the meaning of the Sabbath day: not working to glorify God.

The women who, like Salome, Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, contemplated the death of Jesus from a distance, mourned him, never hid, followed him, and stayed to see where he was laid (Mark 15,40-41).

It is the women who from the beginning of time are the protagonists of what Jesus arouses in people, they are the ones who announce the resurrection, who give life to the faith of Easter (Matthew 28,1) and it is a woman, Mary the Mother of Jesus, who accompanies the fear, the despair, the discouragement, the sadness, the darkness in which the disciples and their followers were left.

We women are permanently invited to remain visible in the resurrection of Jesus in our hearts and those of our women; to lead processes of liberation with them, to understand service to them as a diakonia of self-giving for one another, to experience the mercy of God with our families and communities, to understand that the resurrection seeks a renewed humanity; that it is the light and strength to face difficulties; that it is the absolute possibility to meet him in the Eucharist.

"The resurrection of Jesus is a true event of the promotion of women" (Miguel Payá Andrés).

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