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Marian Feast Day

With sadness in their hearts, the Apostles went to visit the Blessed Virgin Mary's tomb to say their final goodbyes.

She had looked so peaceful in death. It was as if she had only been sleeping! They knew that she was now reunited with her Son, but they would miss her love, her wisdom, and all of her stories about Jesus.

But when the Apostles entered the tomb, Mary's body was nowhere to be found, and the tomb was filled with the most exquisite and fragrant of flowers.

The Apostles fell on their knees, their hearts rejoicing.

Jesus had raised His Mother from the dead, both body and soul, and now she was with Him forever in heaven.

God the Father had saved Mary from the stain of Original Sin because she was to be the Mother of His Beloved Son. She never committed a sin, and she was pure and full of grace! When she died, Jesus honored His Mother by assuming her body and soul into heaven to reign as queen at His side. Mary is Queen of the Angels, Queen of the Saints, and Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Mary shows us what will happen if we live the way that she did, saying to God in everything great and small, "Let it be done to me according to your will." If we love Jesus the way that Mary loved Him, then our souls, too, will go to heaven when we die.

At the end of days, God will also raise our bodies from the dead, and they will be reunited with our souls.

The Blessed Virgin Mary's Assumption is a promise of what is to come!

Dear Mary, assumed into heaven body and soul, help me to love Jesus the way you did!