

Notes & Quotes – April 12, 2009 (Easter)

Our Only Way Home

Revelation 5, 22

Our destiny, not our history or our current reality as the greater power to name us and define us

Lion = triumph
Lamb = sacrifice

Jesus as our Lion-Lamb...our triumphal sacrifice

Our destiny sealed in the resurrection...

➤ **Lion-Lamb reigning in goodness & glory** (Revelation 5:5-13)

“Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything else. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you will do with your evening, how you spend your weekend, what you read, whom you know; what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.”

– Pedro Arrupe
28th Father General of Society of Jesus

➤ **The people of the Lion-Lamb fully alive in freedom** (Revelation 22:1-5)

“Though our eyes are fixed on heaven, for some of us the journey has been long. Very long and stormy...Some of you have shouldered burdens that few of us could ever carry. You have bid farewell to life-long partners. You have been robbed of life-long dreams. You have been given bodies that can't sustain your spirit. You have spouses who can't tolerate your faith. You have bills that outnumber the paychecks and challenges that outweigh the strength. And you are tired.

It's hard for you to see the City in the midst of the storms. The desire to pull over to the side of the road and get out entices you. You want to go on, but some days the road seems so long. Remember this: God never said that the journey would be easy, but he did say that the arrival would be worthwhile. He may not do what you want, but he will do what is right... and best. He's the Father of forward motion. Trust him. He will get you home. And the trials on the trip will be lost in the joys of the feast.”

– Max Lucado