

The third that of Lazarus who is already two days in his tomb, instances, an inveterate sinner, an almost hopeless case; one who spreads the contagion of bad example, evil words. Nevertheless because some charitable Martha, or fervent Mary have offered their labors and their prayers for him; have rolled away the stone, removed the occasions of sin dangerous companions, obscene pictures, bad books, Jesus Christ commands him as He did Lazarus to arise and come forth from his tomb. But Lazarus' grave-clothes still clung to him and encumbered him and Jesus said to His disciples: Free him from these bonds.

Grace, conversion, resurrection come from Jesus—from the Eucharistic Jesus, who touches and vivifies hearts, but, the priest in the tribunal of penance must free this other Lazarus from his bonds, must absolve and complete what Jesus began.

Lazarus risen becomes an Apostle and preaches the true God. Great sinners often become great saints, those who have been close to hell's gate and whom some special mercy has saved, enter into the heavenly way. The Jew, Hermann is an example of this. He scarcely knew God and only knew Jesus Christ to blaspheme Him. One day he entered into a church, without exactly knowing why—but God knew.—An arrow straight from the Sacred Heart smote him, he fell on his knees and arose full of faith... He is now a priest wholly devoted to the Blessed Sacrament. He preaches everywhere and sings in his glorious music the great tenderness and the infinite mercy of Jesus in the Sacred Host.

Thus the God of the Tabernacle continuing His course adown the centuries, forgives sins, chases demons, delivers from evil. Truly He passes in doing good; moreover this august Sacrament deposes even in our members a germ of life and immortality.

And we also shall have our share of His benefits. He will ever be the Saviour in His Sacrament of love and His sweet mysteries our joy and our consolation. To meditate, love and receive Jesus is earthly happiness and the sure means to contemplate Him, love Him, and bless Him eternally in heaven.

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