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Fr. Paul's Homily
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The scripture passages that we have been reading during this Easter week show the transformation brought about in the apostles by Jesus' resurrection and this is especially true in today's reading from Acts. Before Jesus' crucifixion the disciples were timid, fearful of the authorities and of being arrested. You remember that when Peter was warming himself by the fire he denied knowing Christ when questioned by a servant girl, not even someone in authority. Now, after the resurrection, Peter and John are emboldened by the Holy Spirit and speak out fearlessly, ignoring the command from the authorities not to preach and almost challenging them to make an arrest.

That transforming power of the resurrection is available to us. We are the successors of those first disciples; we are members of Christ's body and we are delegated to carry on his work, the work of proclaiming Christ's resurrection to our world. These stories are recounted each year in Easter week to remind us of our task and that we are given the power to carry it out.