

**Saturday in the Octave of Easter**  
**April 14, 2012 8:30am**

In the first reading, the religious leaders of that day warn Peter and John to stop speaking about Jesus and his resurrection.

Peter and John respond: *“It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard.”*

I came across a reflection on this response from Peter and John.

It is written by an author named Brian Doyle.

I would like to share it and use this as kind of short meditation for us this morning – something a bit different from the usual homily.

Brian Doyle writes this:

*“‘It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard.’*

*I know that feeling...*

*I have seen miracles and wonders and it is impossible for me not to speak of them:*

*I have seen children emerging shining from the womb of the woman I love;*

*I have seen men forgive that which is unforgivable by the calculation of our time, and so reveal the extraordinary world that may yet be born;*

*I have seen men climb into unquenchable fires to save brothers and sisters they did not know, and so reveal love beyond any definition of that holiest of words;*

*I have seen beings so graceful and amazing that I cannot begin to imagine the Imagination [spelled with a capital ‘I’] that set them in motion.*

*Yet I know, beyond a doubt, this is a Gift [spelled with a capital ‘G’] beyond measure, love greater than the universe;*

*So I go daily into the world, and proclaim to every creature that we swim in a Love [spelled with a capital ‘L’], we are granted it every instant...”*