



Easter Sunday 2023

Matthew 28:1-10

Just go!

Mary of Magdala and the other Mary go to visit the tomb of Jesus. Matthew's Gospel does not say why. Are they going to anoint the body of Jesus or to complete some funeral rite? The fact that they just *go* is beautiful to me. Their simple act, which can be interpreted in many ways, flips the question from "Why did they go to the tomb?" to "Why shouldn't *we* go there?"

Now that Jesus is dead, all other roads no longer make sense, only this one. A conventional masculine outlook would say: "What's the use of going to the tomb?" But from the feminine perspective, love is not the fulfillment of a need; love simply *is*, even beyond death, even if only for a corpse, even if the act brings a person to the brink of tears. The Risen One sees things from a feminine point of view.

The Crucified One is dead but he is not here. Where is he? How beautiful is the small but revolutionary question: "*Where are you today, Risen One?*"

***Forgive us, Lord, for all the times we have tried to bury you
in a perfect tomb so as to confine you.
Deliver us, Lord, from the folly of wanting to lock you
into our mental grids, fixations and fears. Help us remember
that you are and always will be "not here."
Prompt us to weep at the rocks that seal our tombs.
Give us a longing for Life. Fill us with renewed courage.
Gift us with loving eyes because
only those who love are able
to believe and thus
make resurrection possible.***

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