

He Is Risen

from the book of Matthew

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Two Robbers were crucified with Jesus, one on the right and another on the left. It was black all over the land.

And Jesus cried out with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit.

Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, and the graves were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen

asleep were raised, and, coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, "This was the Son of God!"





And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and John, and the mother of Zebedee's sons. Now, when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus.

This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him.

When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock. And he rolled a big stone over the door.

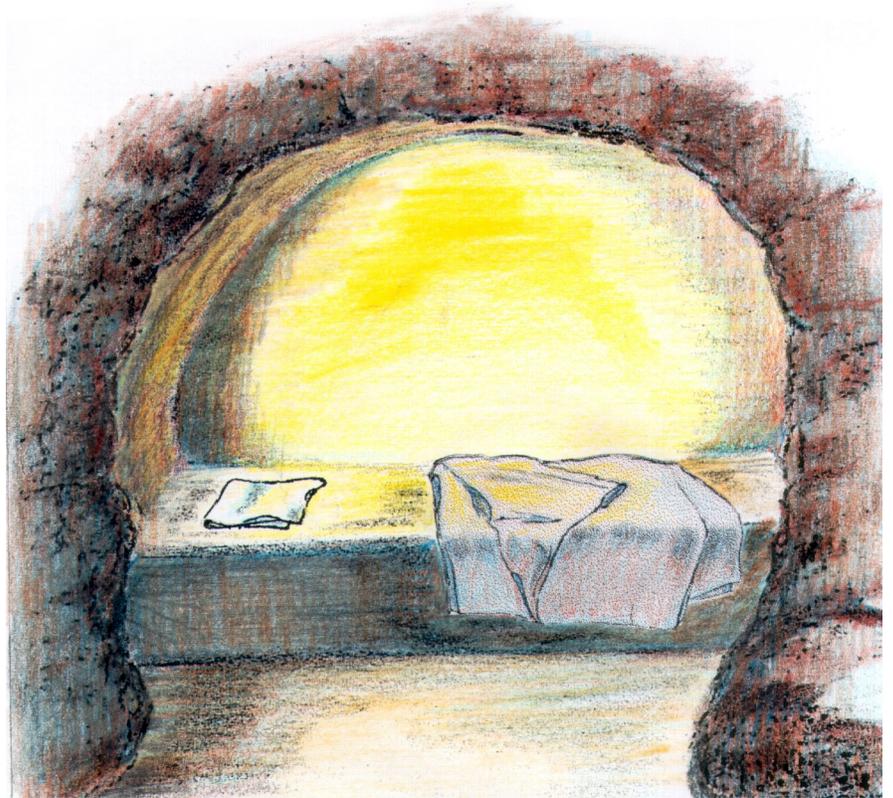
Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came. They came to see the tomb.

And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven. And he came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat on it.



His countenance was like lightening and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid. I know that you seek Jesus. He is not here, for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."



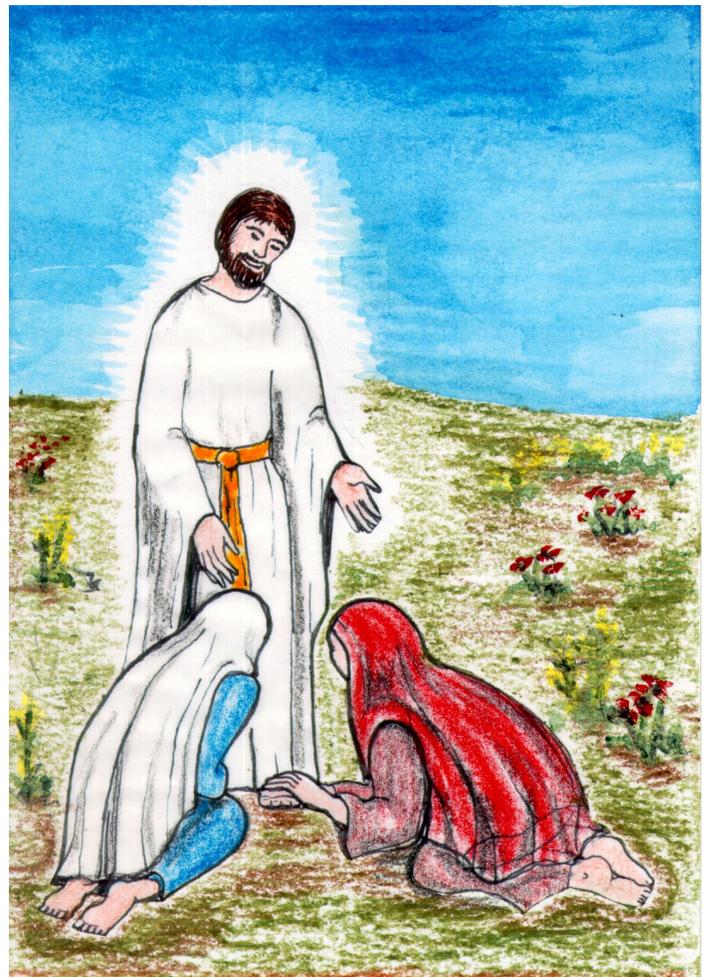
"And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee. You will see Him. I have told you."

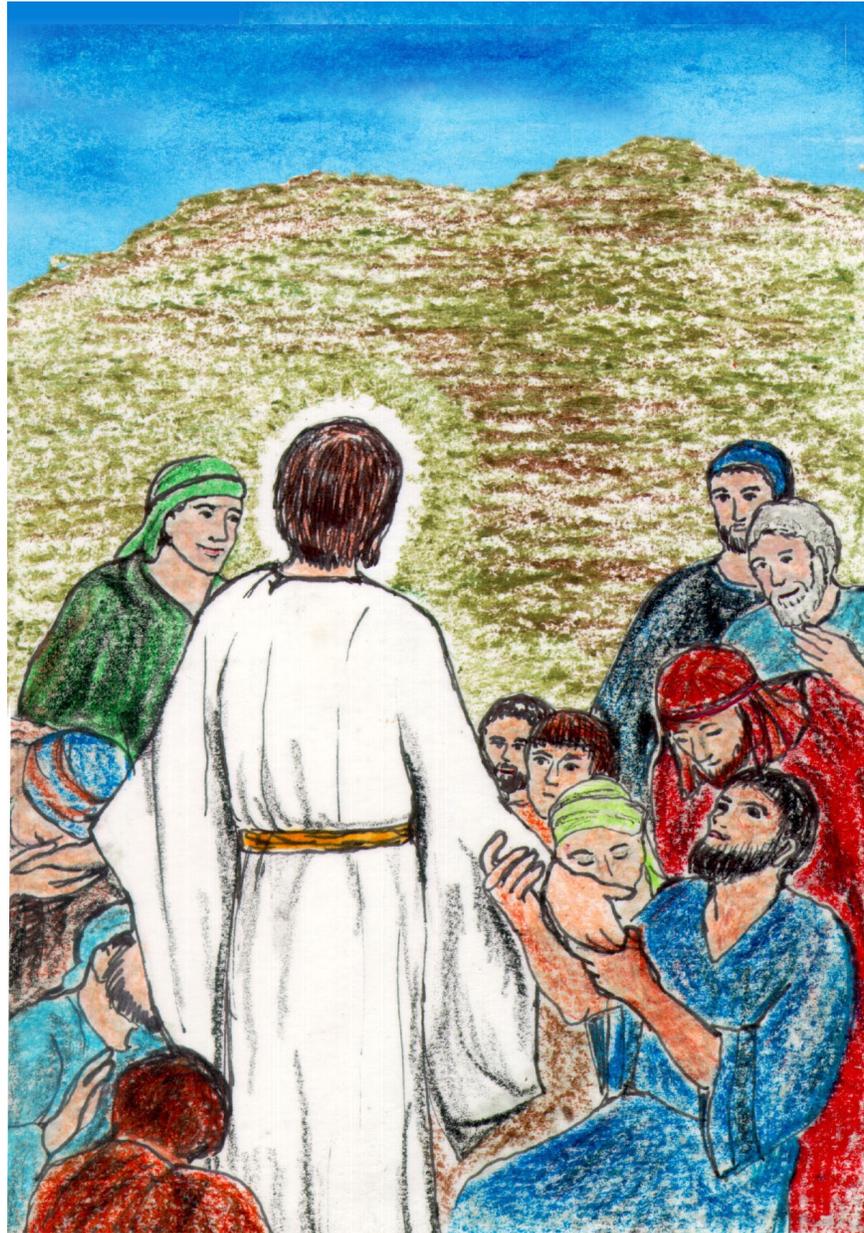


So they went out quickly from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. And as they went to tell His disciples, Jesus met them.

He said, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.

Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me. Go and tell them. They will see Me."





Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. And they saw Him. And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted.

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.”



“Lo, I am with you always.” Amen.

In explanation of “the night”

“I will bury my dead from before me. That this signifies that thus He would come forth and rise again from the night in which they were, is evident from the signification of ‘burying,’ as being to rise again...and from the signification of ‘dead’ as being the state of shade or of night, that is, of ignorance...out of which the Lord comes forth and rises with man, when He is acknowledged. Before this He is in night, because He does not appear; He rises again with everyone who is being regenerated.” *Arcana Coelestia* 2917

In explanation of “the morning”

“In the Word the Lord’s coming is compared to and also called ‘morning.’ Seeing that the ‘morning’ in the proper sense means the Lord, His coming, and so the approach of His kingdom, what else is meant by ‘morning’ becomes clear, namely, the rise of a new Church, for that Church is the Lord’s kingdom on earth.” *Arcana Coelestia* 2405