

Mathew 28 The Resurrection

1. [Mt 28:8] So they left the tomb in a hurry, afraid and yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples

Risen One, Bringer of Joy, plant the seeds of great gladness deep in the soil of my being. May I enjoy life, begin each day with enthusiasm, and become ever more aware of you.

2. [Mt28:9] Suddenly Jesus met them and said, " Peace be with you. " They came up to Him, took his feet, and worshiped Him.

Risen One, Beloved, draw me ever nearer to you. I offer you my love and devotion. I embrace you and bow to your beauty. May I commit my entire life ever more fully to you.

3. [Mk 16: 9-11] An Old Ending To The Gospel
Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

[Mk 16: 10- 11] She went and told his companions. They were mourning and crying; and when they heard her say that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe her.

Risen One, Truth- Bringer, open my heart to hear your voice. May I listen deeply even when tears of sorrow moisten my heart. Erase my resistance to the surprising ways you choose to enter my life.

4. [Luke 24:12] But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; he bent down and saw the grave cloths but nothing else. Then he went back home amazed at what had happened.

Risen One, Source of Amazement, I run to the tomb of life, I hurry to see for myself. When I look with eyes of faith, I am amazed at what I find. That which seems dead and forsaken fills with wisdom and teachings for my life.

Luke 24 The Walk to Emmaus

5. [Luke24:15-17] As they talked and discussed, Jesus himself drew near and walked along with them; they saw him, but somehow did not recognize him. Jesus said to them, " What are you talking about to each other, as you walk along? " They stood still with sad faces.

Risen One, Full of Compassion, you are with me as I walk the continuing road of sorrow and joy. You listen to my longing. You fill me with the strength of your loving nearness.

6. [Luke 24:28-29] As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going further; but they held him back, saying "Stay with us; the day is almost over and it is getting dark, " So he went in to stay with them.

Risen One, Trusted Companion, I desire to be with you. Stay with me. Your presence nourishes my hunger. Your love feeds my desire for goodness. Stay with me. Stay with me.

7. [Luke 24: 35] The two then explained to them what happened on the road, and how they recognized the Lord when he broke the bread.

Risen One, Sacred Teacher, you send me fourth with blessing. You bid me tell the powerful story of your risen life. May I tell this story again and again through the witness of my life, by the quality of my love, and by the courage of my words.

The Easter Challenge

You believe because you can see
Happy are those who have not seen
And yet believe.

_____ John 20:29