

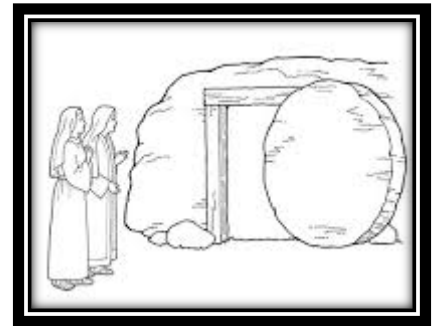
All is Not Lost, Not Even Close

“Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’” - John 20:15

Spring is upon us and I think of the busy bee who will soon be taking flight. She flies from flower to flower collecting pollen. She will need to visit 2 million flowers to make 1 pound of honey, a task she will need lots of help with. Time is short as she will only live about 6 weeks.

The disciples had been busy worker bees, but now it was all coming to a conclusion. Jesus was taken away by the authorities, and the cross would leave them dazed and confused. What had just happened? Wasn't the Messiah supposed to do more? Surely God's plan had failed. Then came Easter morning.

An early morning trek to bring spices, turned into a sprint here and there, with the disciples running to the tomb to see what had happened. “He is not here, he has Risen!”, was the word from the angels (Matt 28:6). Then Jesus appeared in the garden comforting Mary, asking “Woman, why are you weeping?” (John 20:15).



Mary was reminded, that all is not lost, not even close. Life seems heavy sometimes, with struggles and problems. Sometimes we might think, our hardships will never give way to anything better, but resurrection fills us with joy.

What a jolt it must have been, for Peter and John to look into the tomb and find it empty. The graveclothes were lying there where his body had been. The head cloth was neatly folded up, as if to say, “I am done with this now”. Everything pointed ahead, to a greater promise.

Resurrection is not just something we know of, but its something we live each day. This Jesus we follow has a glorious and incredible destination. Problems will eventually fade away into a new and magnificent world. All weeping and mourning will be done, as we meet the Risen Lord.

The honey bee has a short time in which to accomplish her task. She must work together with the other bees to produce the honey they need. We too have a limited time. Christ is coming and will bring with Him the Kingdom. Let Him find us busy with Kingdom work, as we live in resurrection hope. Amen.

Happy Easter!

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