

April 3 - Scripture: Luke 23: 50-56 and Luke 24: 1-12

Observation: There are moments in life we know must be tolerated rather than celebrated: Saying goodbye to a loved one in an airport. The day after Christmas. The emotions after the game when our team has been defeated. And, of course, the first steps in facing life without that special person who has passed away. The disciples faced such a moment after Jesus' death and burial.

But they were soon to realize that when you follow Christ there is no such thing as a sad ending. "Why do you look for the Living One among the dead?", the angels said. And their mourning was turned into laughter in a moment's notice. Christ was alive!

Application: Sometimes I get wrapped up in this world and forget that God is above it all. No matter what happens in this life, we win. This Monopoly game called life goes back into the box, and I will realize everything was just a game anyway...just temporary. So, why do I seek the Living One among the dead? In my work? In traditions? In my legacy? In schemes and plans for my family? In hobbies and food and entertainment? These things all die and fade away. But there is no sadness in that if my heart is set on the eternal, and the Eternal One.

Prayer: Dear Father, thank You for turning my sadness into joy. Thank You for accomplishing what I could not produce on my own: My adoption into Your family for an eternity. You have made me like You, and I too shall conquer the grave someday... not on my own power but through Yours. I will never know a sad ending. My salvation is secure.

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