



Gospel of John

5-21-23

12a Why Wasn't This Sold? – Love Jesus

12b If It Dies – Love **LORD**'s Field

13 I Will Come Again – Love One Another

14 Peace I Leave with You – Love the Father

15 Remain In Me – Love One Another

20:18 Mary Magdalene went
to the disciples ... said

"I have SEEN the Lord!"

20:19, 21, 26 **Peace Be Unto You**

April 9 ~ Happy Easter

16 When the Spirit Comes – Love in Action

17 I Pray – Love Prays

18a I Am He – Love Knows

18b I Find No Fault – Love Listens

19 It Is Finished – Love Sacrifices

20 Reach Out Your Hand

21 Do You Love Me?



Love Rises

John the Evangelist & Peter
by Albrecht Dürer (1526)



Three Marys at the Tomb
c. 1600, by Annibale Carracci

Resurrection

Most important event since

Creation

All the Church pivots upon Resurrection, as Paul outlined so exquisitely in I Cor. 15, then said in vs. 19

If we have put our hope in Christ in THIS LIFE only,
we are of all people most pitiable.

Madonna della Pietà, 1498–1499

informally La Pietà, by Michelangelo

St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican

Do see the all-star movie *Monuments Men*
this was one of the treasures rescued
from the Nazis in WWII by a special division
of soldier / art experts



John 20:1 Early on the first day of the week ... went ... **still DARK**

Mary Magdalene went to tomb & saw stone rolled away

2 She ran to Simon Peter, and the other disciple Jesus loved:

“They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,
and we don’t know where they have put him!”

Luke 24:10 Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary (James’ mother) & **OTHERS**

Mark 16:1 Mary Magdalene, Mary (James’ mother) & Salome *arrived*

NIV **“just AFTER sunrise”** **KJV** **“at the rising of the sun”**

Mark 16:4-5 “Who will roll away the stone?”

... they **SAW** the stone ... **HAD BEEN ROLLED AWAY.**

Entered the tomb ... saw a young man dressed in a
white robe sitting on the right side, & they were alarmed.

Mark 16:9 Jesus appeared **FIRST** to Mary Magdalene,
out of whom he had cast seven devils.

Mary at Tomb with Two Angels
by Giovanni Biliverti (1585–1644)



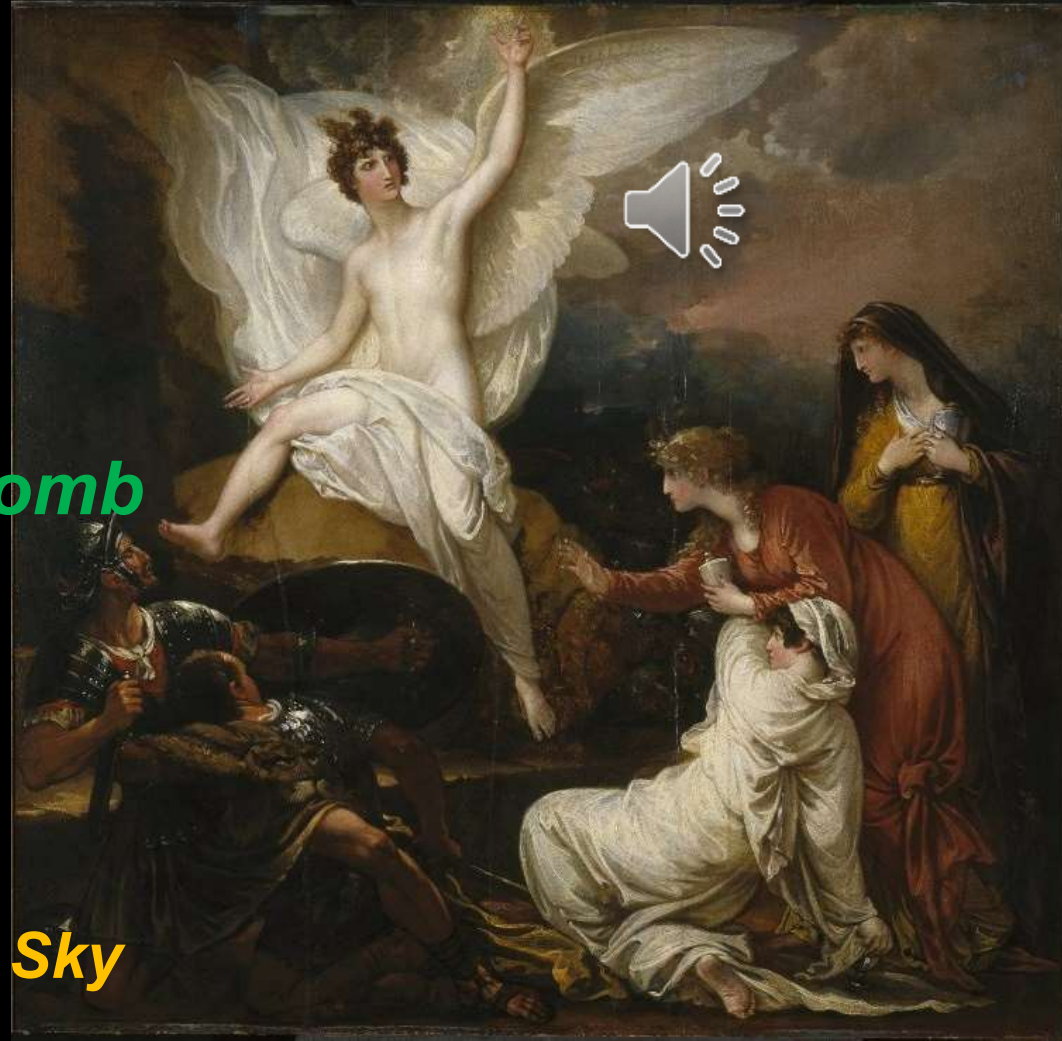
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for an angel of the Lord came
down from heaven and ...
ROLLED BACK the STONE
and sat on it.

Benjamin West (1738–1820) *Angel at Tomb*

British-American artist famous for
historical scenes such as

- ✓ *Death of Admiral Nelson Trafalgar*
- ✓ *Death of General Wolfe*
- ✓ *Treaty of Paris*
- ✓ *Benjamin Franklin ... Electricity from Sky*



Benjamin West, 1738–1820
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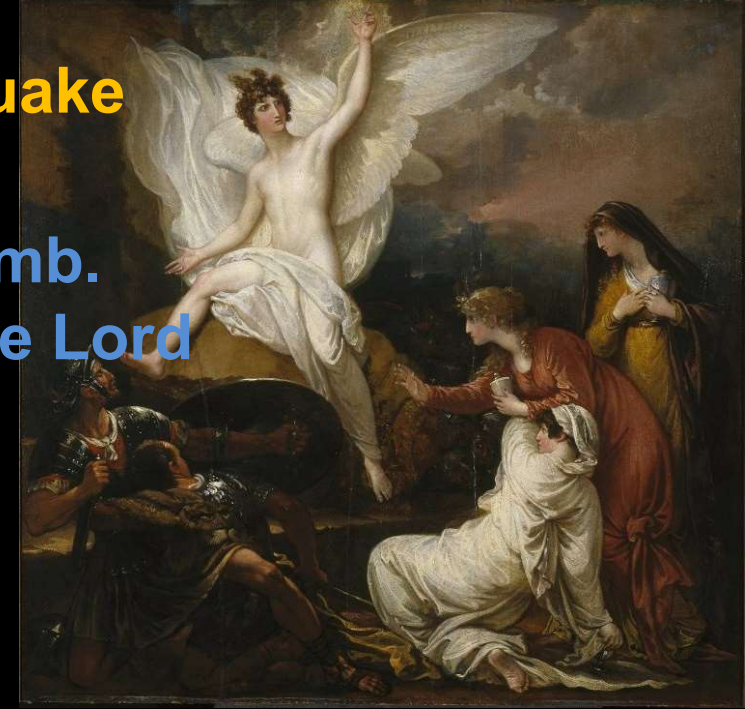


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came down from heaven and, going to the tomb,
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- 3 His appearance was like LIGHTNING, and
his clothes were WHITE as SNOW.**
- 4 Guards were so afraid of him that they shook and
became like DEAD MEN**



**Why did Mark, Luke, & John leave OUT Earthquake & Angel's Stone Roll?
Seems possible – like John does – that *timing* isn't a concern
Seems possible that Earthquake & Angel's Stone Roll were
What the GUARDS SAW ... and Marys arrive AFTER**

Disciples are rightly **AFRAID** ...

They appear hunkered down somewhere ...

3 Days after Jesus' arrest in Garden of Gethsemane

After Good Friday ... **Cosmic Carnival of Evil FINISHED**

Tomb SEALED by **Invincible Imperial Roman Empire**

What to do ... *What to DO* **?!?!**

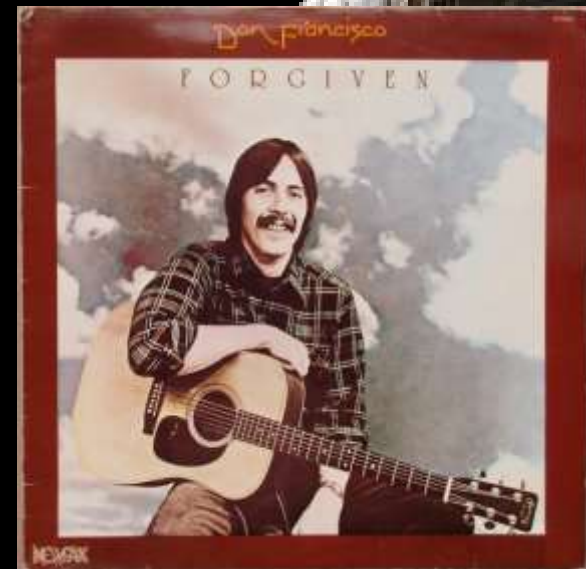
In 1977, Don Francisco captured the drama

#5 SONG on his 1977 Album *Forgiven*

SHOT to the top of the charts

He's Alive became the Easter Song

1980 won Dove Award **"Song of the Year"**



Don Francisco, "He's Alive" 1977

The gates and doors were barred
And all the windows
fastened DOWN

I spent the night in sleeplessness
And rose at every SOUND

Half in hopeless SORROW
And half in FEAR the DAY

Would find the soldiers
breakin' through
To drag us all AWAY



Matt. 28:5 Angel said to the **WOMEN**,

Do **NOT** be afraid,
for I know that you are
looking for Jesus,
who was crucified.

6 HE is **NOT** here; HE has **RISEN**,
just as HE said.

Come & see the place where HE lay

7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples:
'HE has **RISEN** from the **DEAD** and
is going ahead of you into Galilee.

There you will **SEE** Him.' Now I have told you."





Three Marys at the Tomb
c. 1600, by Annibale Carracci
at Hermitage, St Petersburg, Russia

***Angel Announcing
Resurrection of Christ
to the Three Marys
by French engraver
Jean-Louis Rouillet (1645-1699)***

**Engraving of the by
Annibale Carracci
painting of 1600**



*Anibal Carracci pinxit. Hic Tradit del.
Jo. Lud. Rouillet Sculptor.*

*Exstat Neapoli in Aedibus Ex^{te} D. Arcan-
Philomaroni Turris Duce.*

Don Francisco, "He's Alive" 1977

DURING all this ... disciples wait

A f r a i d

Just before the sunrise

I heard something at the WALL

The gate began to rattle

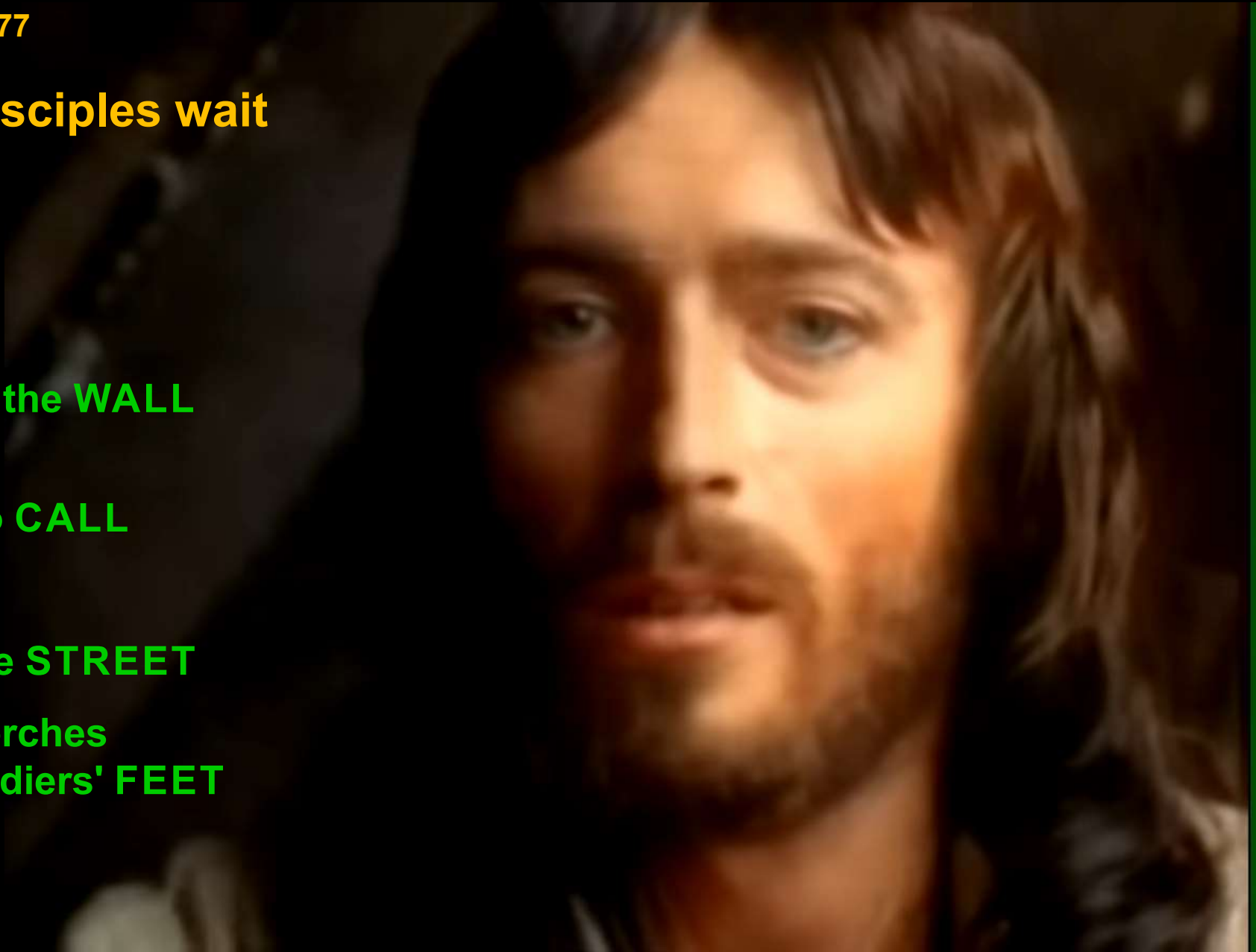
And a voice began to CALL

I hurried to the window

Looked down into the STREET

Expecting swords and torches

And the sound of soldiers' FEET



Matthew 28:8 So the women hurried away from the tomb—
afraid—yet filled with joy, and RAN to tell his disciples.

9 Suddenly Jesus met them,

“Greetings,” he said.

They came to him,
clasped his feet and worshiped him.

10 Jesus said, “DO NOT BE AFRAID.
Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee
there they will SEE ME.”

The *confluence* of emotions ...

The *stretching* of one's imaginations ...

The *tearing* of the heart strings ...



Pious Women at the Tomb
1604-1605, by Francesco Albani,
Annibale's pupil, Hermitage

**Talk about your
SURREAL
Twilight Zone
Experience!**

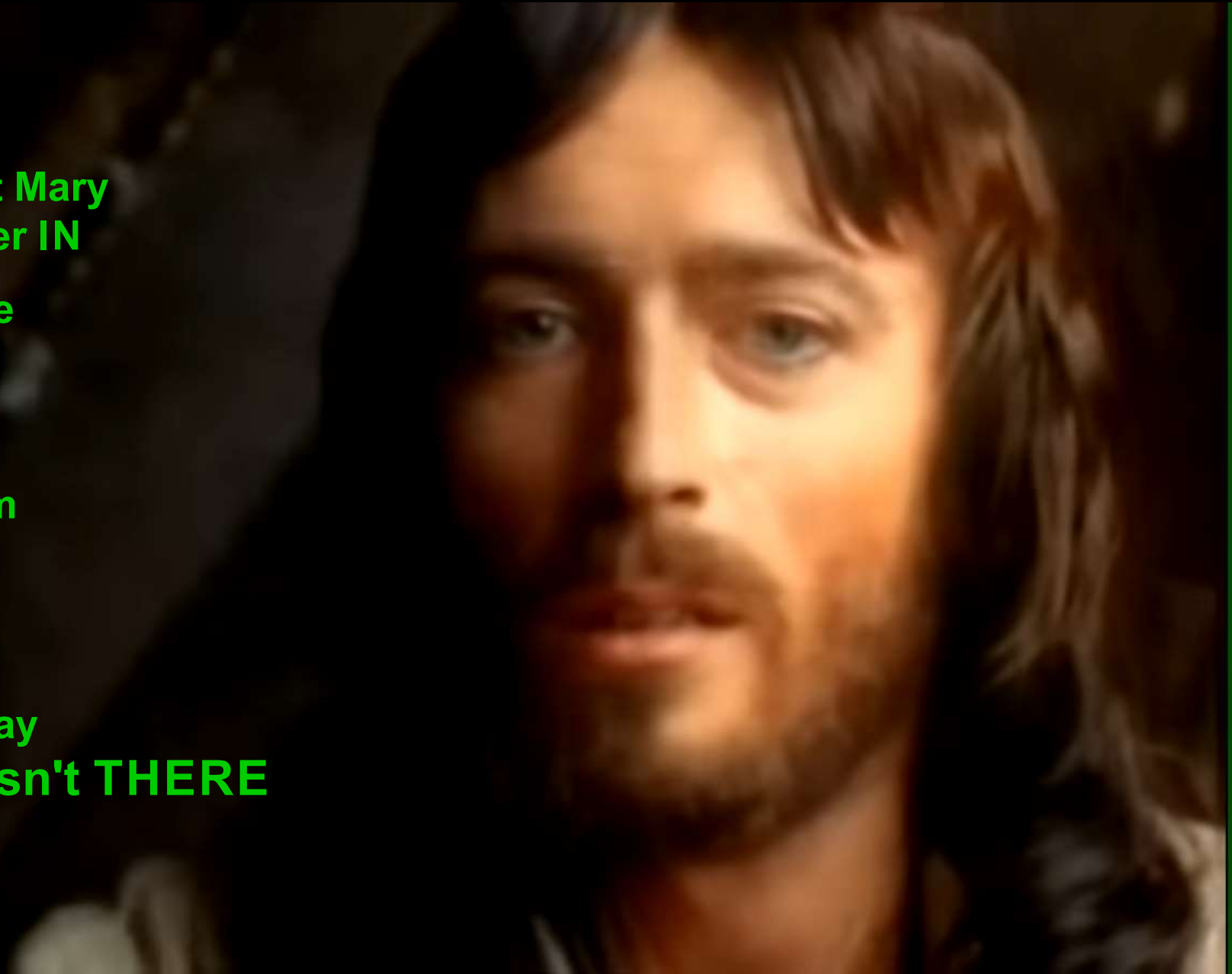
Don Francisco, "He's Alive" 1977

There was no one there but Mary
So I went down to let her IN

John stood there beside me
As she told me
where she'd BEEN

She said they've moved him
in the NIGHT
And none of us
knows WHERE

The stone's been rolled away
And now his body isn't THERE



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Matt 28:11-15 Guards tell the Chief Priests ...
Priests give Big Money to Guards,
“Say disciples stole Jesus”

28:15 story has been widely circulated ...
to this very day.

Matthew 28:8 & Mark 16: 8 note two unique pieces

Matthew 28: So, the women hurried away from the tomb,
afraid yet filled with joy,
and RAN to tell his disciples.

Mark 16:8 Trembling and bewildered, the
women went out & fled from the tomb.
They said NOTHING to ANYONE,
because they were *AFRAID*



Did Mary Magdalene go to the tomb TWICE

Once *before* dark, by herself, *then* with “other Mary”

As Mark said, the women said NOTHING to ANYONE

Possible Mark meant “Anyone” *OTHER* than the Disciples



Three Marys at the Tomb
c. 1600, by Annibale Carracci
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Don Francisco, "He's Alive" 1977

WE both ran towards the garden
Then John ran on AHEAD

We found the stone and
Empty Tomb
Just the way
that Mary SAID

But the winding sheet,
they wrapped him in
Was just an empty SHELL

How or where
they'd taken him
Was more than I could TELL



John 20:3 So Peter & the other disciple started for tomb.

4 Both were running ... other outran Peter ... first

5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb.

He saw the strips of linen lying there ...

7 Cloth that had wrapped around Jesus' head.

Cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.



John 20:8 So Peter & the other disciple started for tomb.
Finally other disciple ... went in ... and believed.

9 They **STILL** did not understand Scripture ...

Jesus had to Rise from the Dead

10 disciples went back to where they were staying

Vs 11: Strangely again, John does not appear to write
chronologically ... Mary sees Angel & Jesus **AFTER** Peter?

John 20:11 ... **AFTER** Peter & Other Disciple **RUN**
THEN Mary sees the Angel & Jesus

Mark said Mary was **FIRST** to see Jesus

Yet ... for Peter & **ALL** ... this **NEWS** ...

From the inside **OUT** ... their **HEARTS** Warmed

Good **NEWS**



Now John's twist in chronology ... AFTER Peter 20:8-10

John 20:11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying.

As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb

12 and saw two angels in white, seated
where Jesus' body had been,
one at the head & other at the foot

13 The angels asked her,

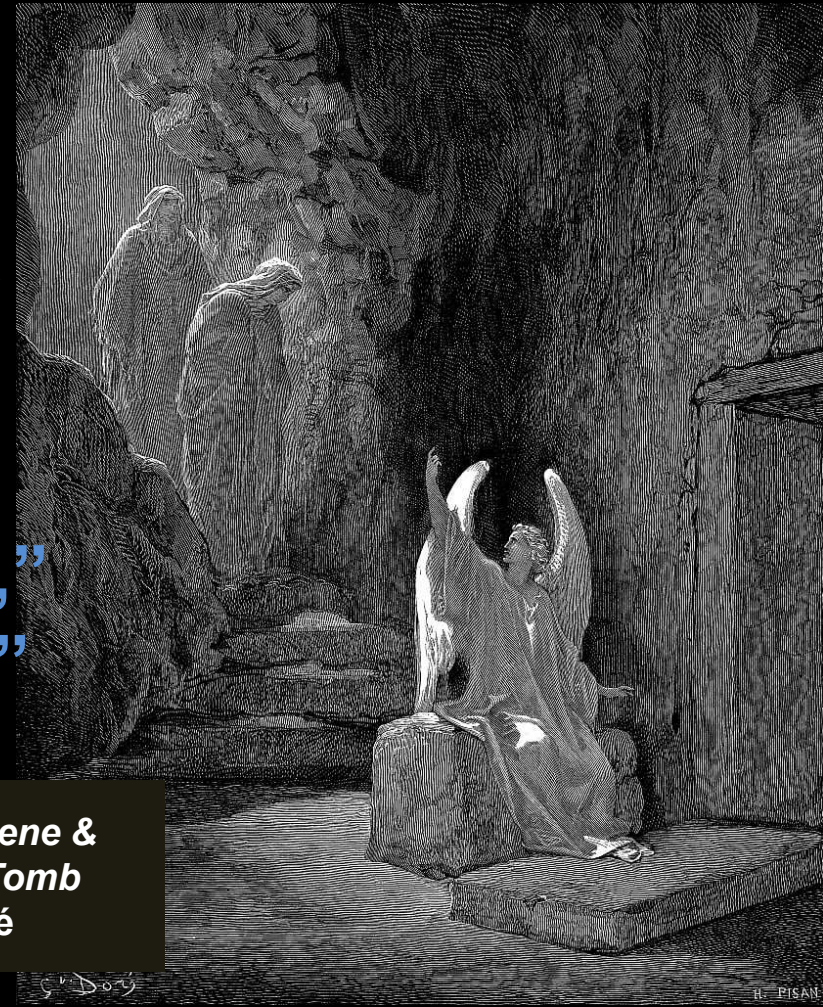
“Woman, why are you crying?”

She said, “They have taken my Lord away,”

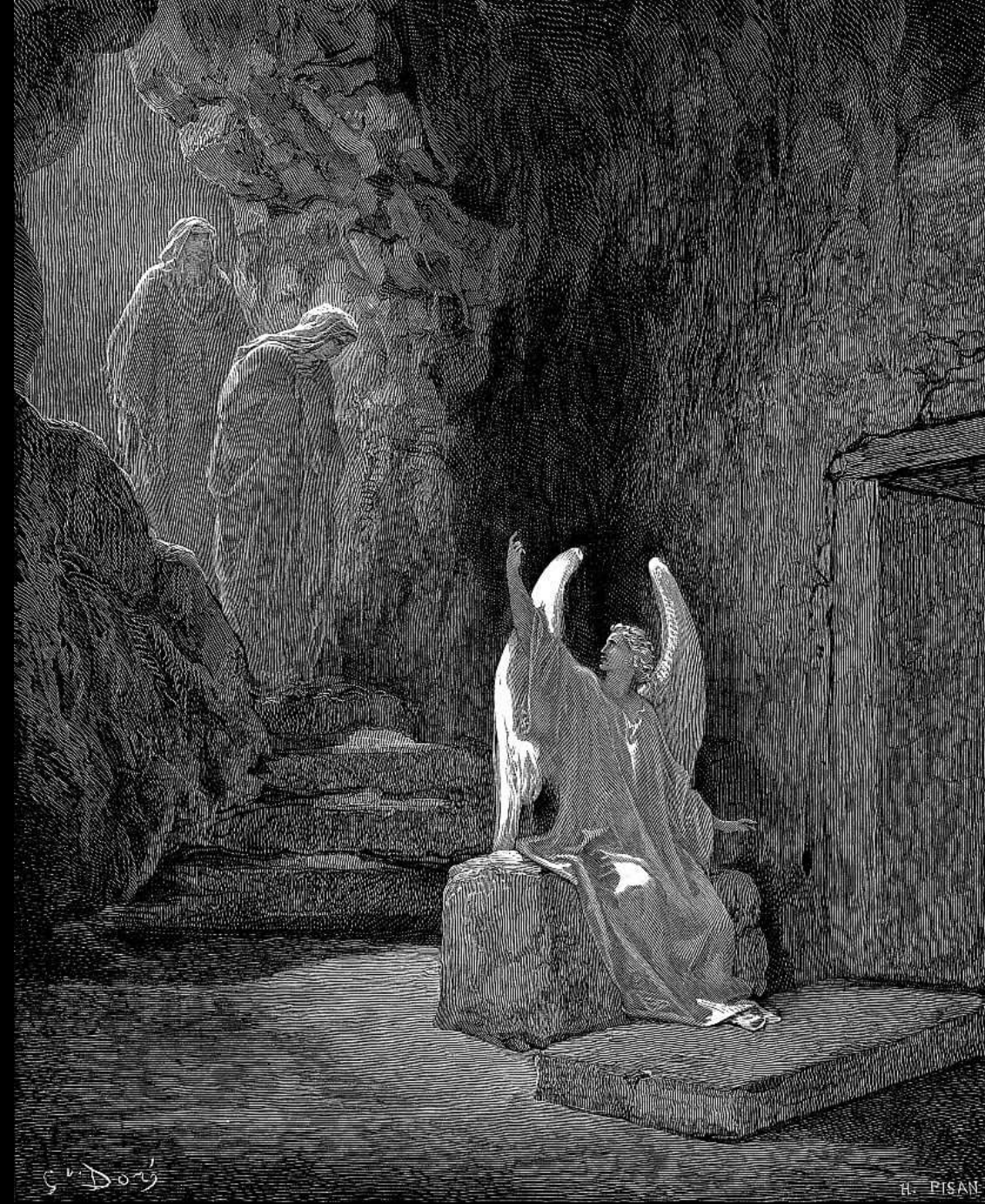
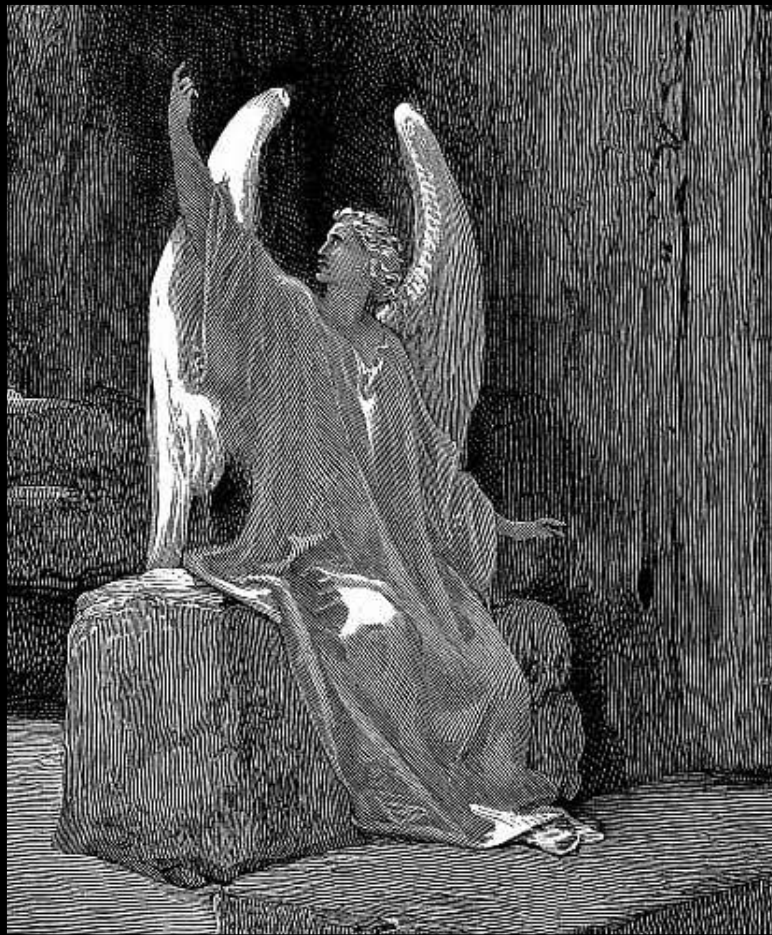
“I don't know where they have put him.”

**Two Angels from
HEAVEN**

*Angel Showing Mary Magdalene &
other Mary Christ's Empty Tomb
1865-1866, Gustave Doré*



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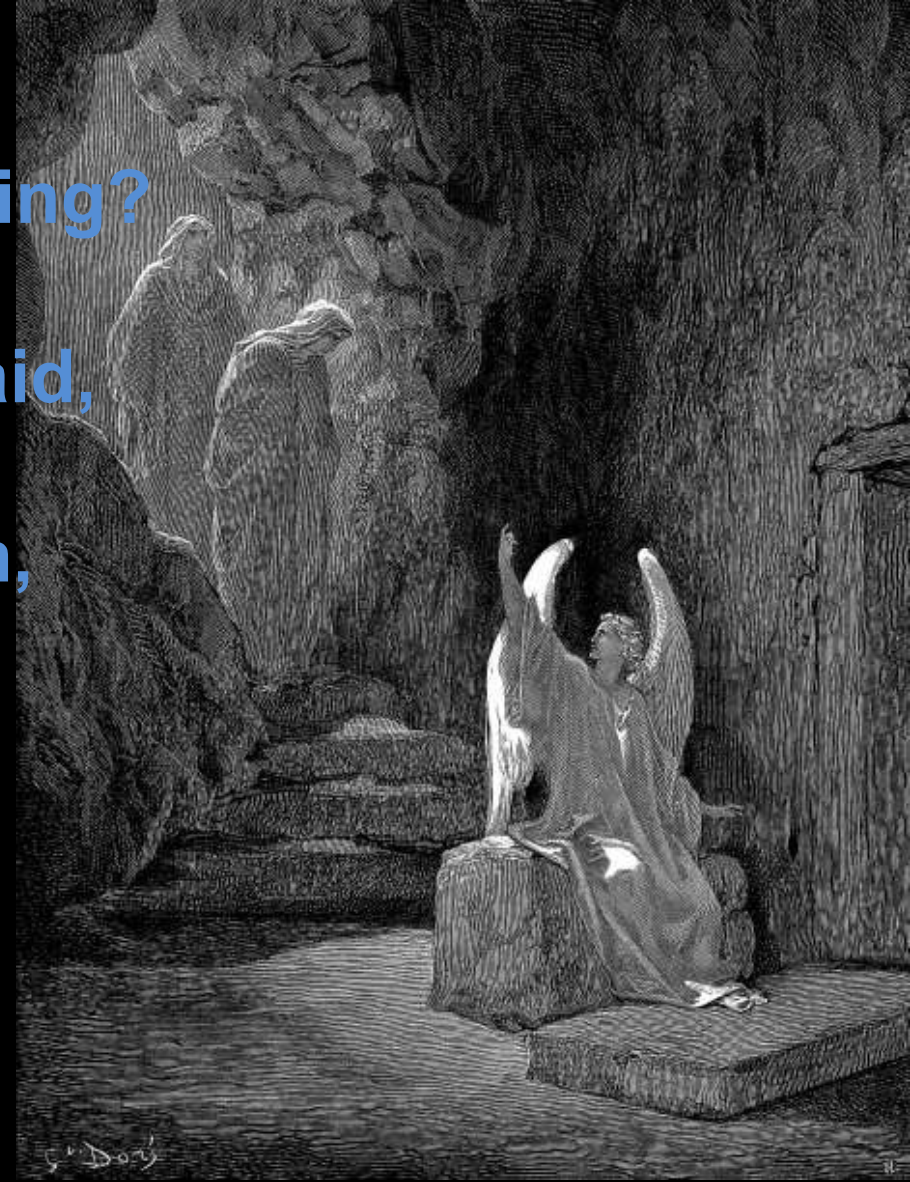


John 20:14 At this, Mary turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did NOT realize that it was Jesus

15 He asked, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me WHERE you have put him, and I will get him.”

16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” means “Teacher”



John 20:17 Jesus said, “Do NOT hold on to me,
for I have not yet ascended to the Father.
Go instead to my brothers & tell them

I am ascending to my Father &
your Father,
to my God & your God

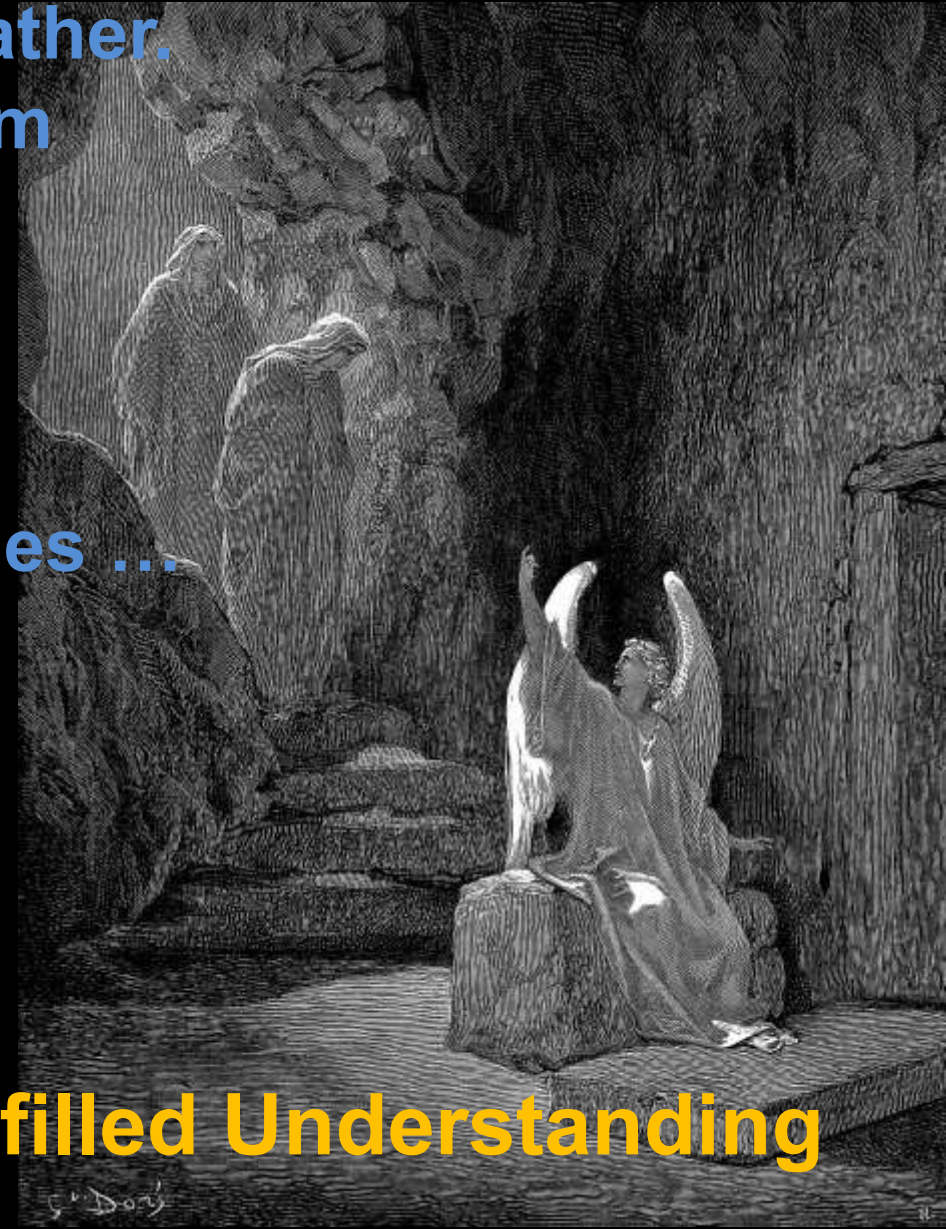
18 Mary Magdalene went to the disciples ...

“I have **SEEN** the Lord!”

And she told them that

Jesus had said these things to her

**New Day & Era has dawned on the
Disciples’ Fragile Delicate Fear-filled Understanding**



Don Francisco, "He's Alive" 1977

Oh, something strange
had happened there
Just what I did not KNOW

John believed a miracle
But I just turned to GO

Circumstance and speculation
Couldn't lift me very HIGH
'Cause I'd seen them crucify him
Then I saw him DIE

Back inside the house again
The guilt and anguish CAME
Everything I'd promised him
Just added to my SHAME



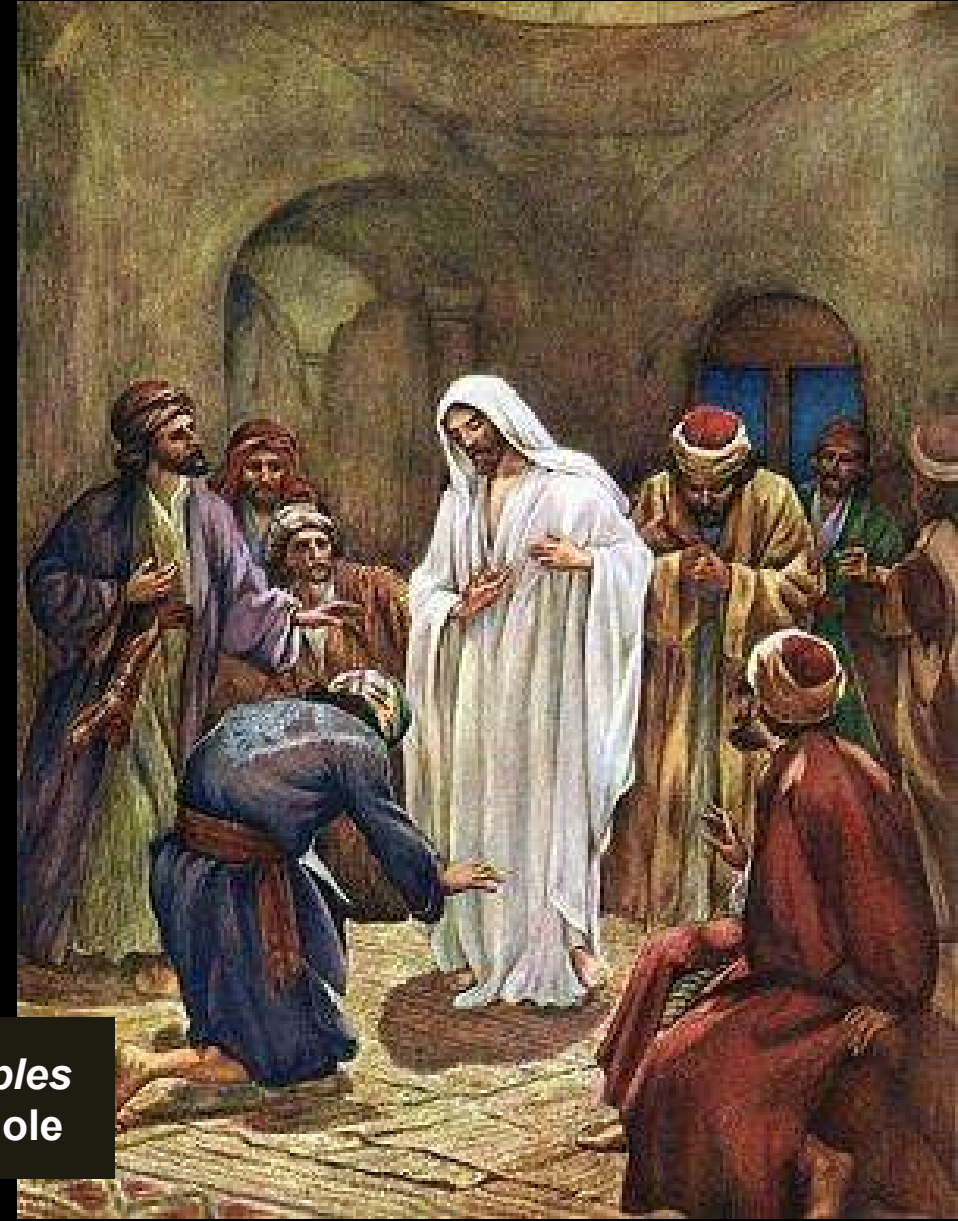
John 20:19 On the evening of that first day of the week,
when the disciples were together,
with the doors locked for
Fear of the Jewish Leaders

Jesus came and stood among them
and said,

“Peace be with you!”

20 After Jesus said this, He showed
them **His Hands & His Side**

Disciples were overjoyed when
they SAW the Lord



*Jesus Appears to the Disciples
1906, by William Brassey Hole*

Don Francisco, "He's Alive" 1977

When at last it came to choices
I denied I knew his NAME

And even if he was alive
It wouldn't be the SAME

But suddenly the air was filled
With a strange and sweet PERFUME

Light that came from everywhere
Drove shadows from the ROOM

And Jesus stood before me
With his arms held open WIDE

I fell down on my knees
And I just clung to
and *CRIED*



John 20:21 Again Jesus said,

“Peace be with you!

As the Father has sent me,

I am sending you

22 ... He breathed on them and said,

Receive the Holy Spirit

23 If you forgive anyone’s sins,

their sins are forgiven;

if you do not forgive them,

they are not forgiven.”

At that ... most likely ...

Peter then knew ... he *KNEW*



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HE raised me to my feet
As I looked into his **EYES**
LOVE was shining out from him
Like sunlight from the **SKIES**

Guilt in my confusion
Disappeared in
sweet **RELEASE**

And every fear I'd ever had
Just melted into **PEACE**

HE's alive, HE's ALIVE
Yes, HE's alive and I'm FORGIVEN
Heaven's gates
are open WIDE



John 20:24 Now Thomas, also known as Didymus,
one of the Twelve, who was
NOT with the disciples
when Jesus came.

Jesus is ALIVE

HOW? ... Faith?

What? ... *ALIVE?*

How?

UNBELIEVABLE



Incredulity of Saint Thomas, c. 1602
by Caravaggio (1571–1610)

John 20:25 So the other disciples
told Thomas,

“We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them,

“Unless I see the nail marks
in his hands & put my finger
where the nails were, &
put my hand into his side,

I will NOT believe!

There are a **LOT** of *reasons* for **DOUBT**

Reasonable REASONS ...

Perhaps ... for Thomas ... IT WAS TOO GOOD to be TRUE



John 20:26 WEEK later his disciples
were in the house again,
and Thomas with them.

Though the doors were locked,
Jesus came & stood
among them and said,

“Peace be with you!”

27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here;
see my hands. Reach out your hand and
put it into my side.

Stop Doubting & Believe

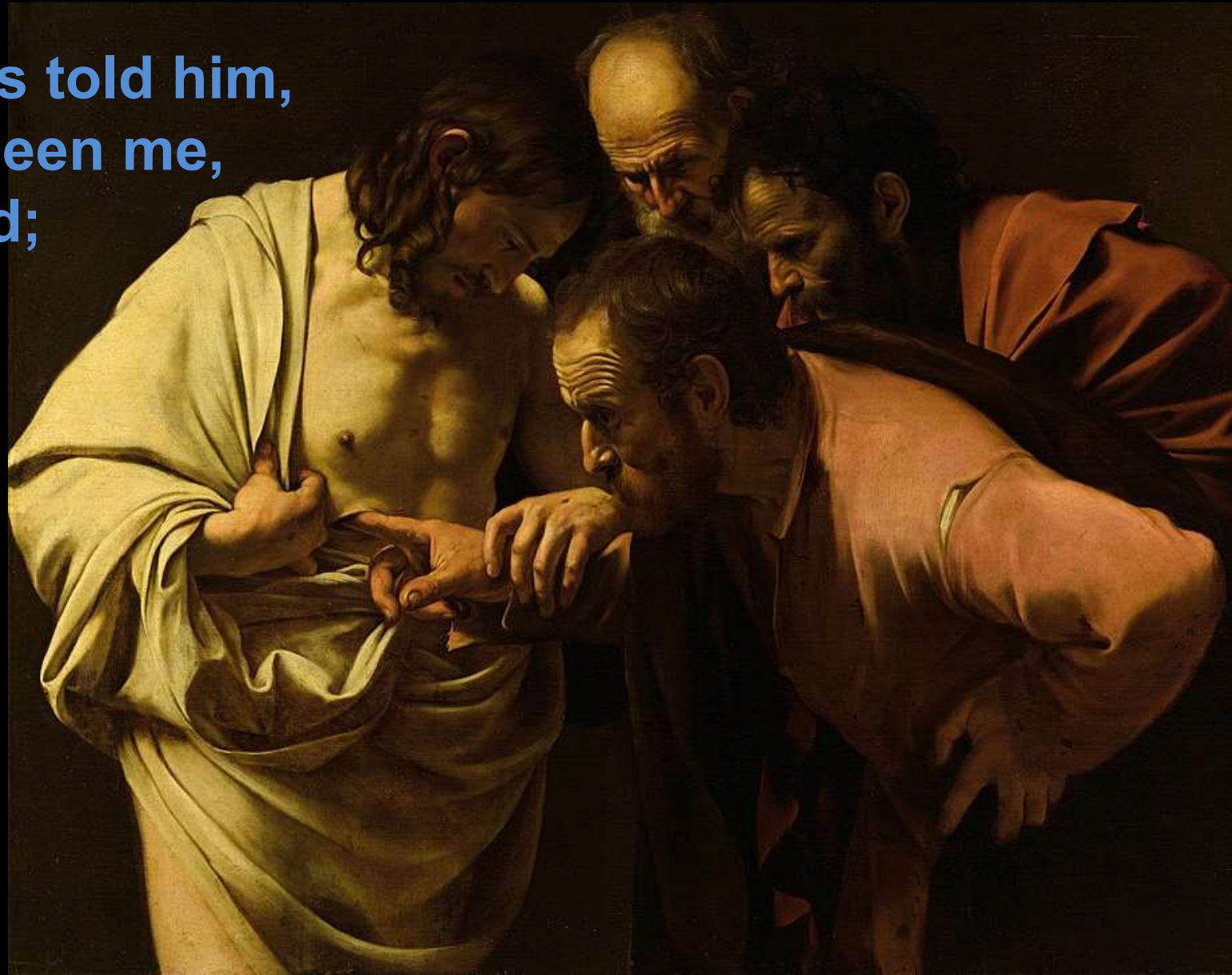
28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”



John 20:29 Then Jesus told him,
Because you have seen me,
you have believed;

Blessed are those who
have not seen and
yet have believed

30 Jesus performed
MANY other signs
in the presence of
HIS disciples,
NOT recorded
in this **BOOK.**



now for Thomas too ... Jesus is Alive

John 20:31 But these are written that you may BELIEVE
that Jesus is the Messiah,
the Son of God, and
that by believing you may have
LIFE in HIS NAME

HE's ALIVE ...

HE's ALIVE

**HE's ALIVE and
I'm Forgiven**

**Heaven's Gates are
OPEN WIDE**

