

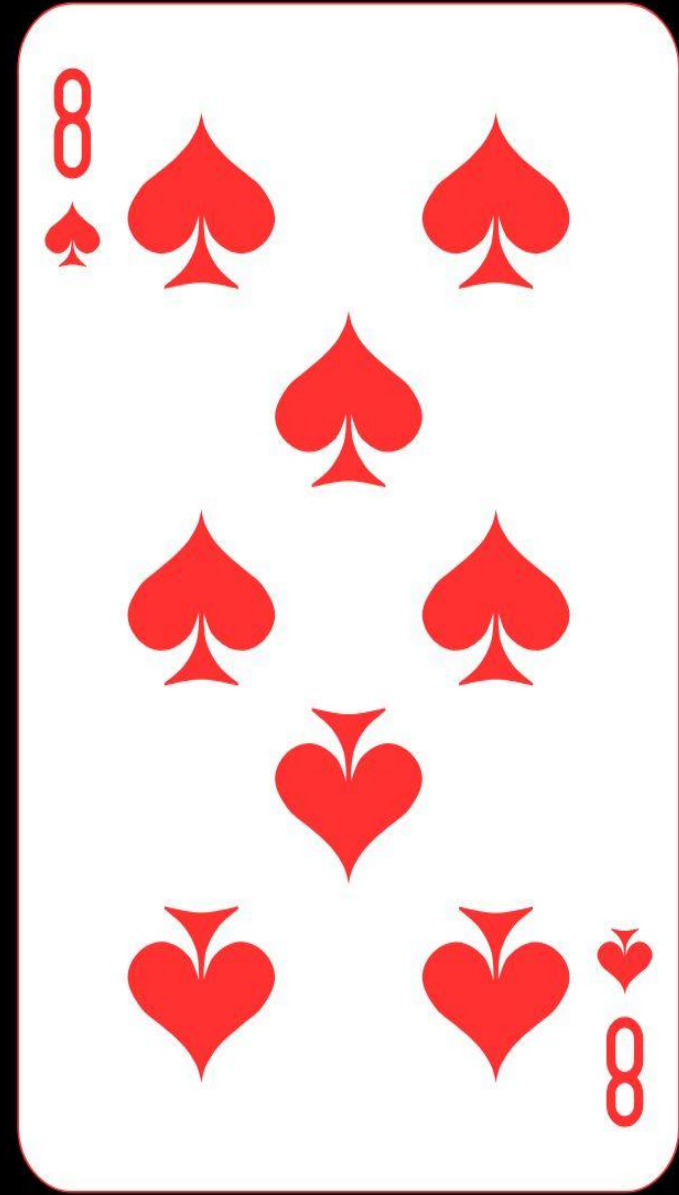
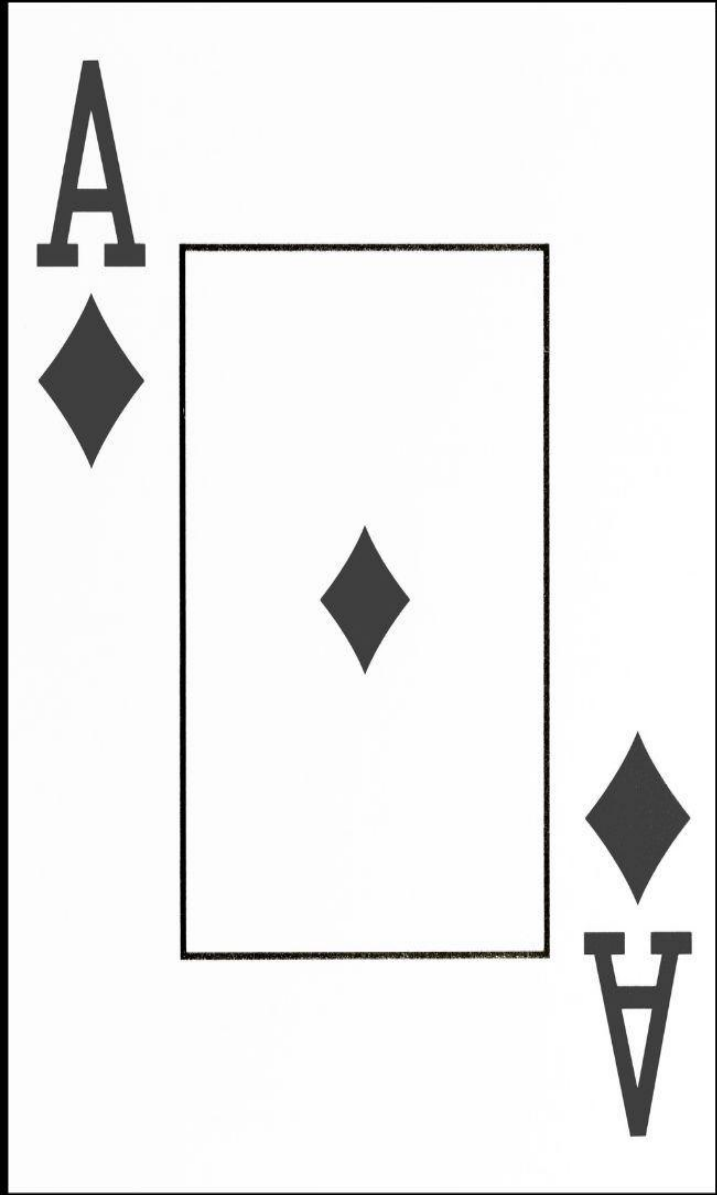
EASTER SUNDAY



ENCOUNTER THE EMPTY TOMB

MICHAEL CHRISTIE

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What one sees depends on where one sets up one's shop. Mine is at the entrance of the empty tomb.

- W. PAUL JONES

MARK 16:1-8

¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

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⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.”



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⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.



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Seek: Enter the Reality

Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

- MARK 16:2-3

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But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

- ISAIAH 59:2

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More Love Hours Than Can Ever Be Repaid and The Wages of Sin



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The fact of suffering undoubtedly constitutes the single greatest challenge to the Christian faith, and has been in every generation.

- JOHN STOTT

See: Embrace Relationship

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- MARK 16:4-6

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Then, the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you."

- JOSHUA 5:9



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Shame is the intensely painful feeling or experience of believing that we are flawed and therefore unworthy of love and belonging — something we've experienced, done, or failed to do makes us unworthy of connection. [It's] the source of destructive, hurtful behaviour... the fear of disconnection can make us dangerous.

- BRENE BROWN

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The reason the stone was rolled away on Jesus's tomb was not so that Jesus could get out, but so that we could get in.

- TIM KELLER



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Confucius' Tomb	Occupied
Buddha's Tomb	Occupied
Mohammed's Tomb	Occupied
Lenin's Tomb	Occupied
Jesus' Tomb	Empty

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For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- ROMANS 6:23

The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you

- ROMANS 8:11

Sent: Emerge in Resurrection

But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb.

- MARK 16:7-8

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Easter is a feast and is celebrated as the feast of freedom. For Easter is the beginning of the laughter of the redeemed and the dance of the liberated ... [it celebrates] the victory of life by laughing at death, by mocking at hell, and by making the lords of this world absurd.

- JURGEN MOLTSMANN
Experiences of God

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