

THIS AND THAT

MATTHEW 28:1-10- ERIC SIMPSON - APRIL 16, 2017

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Matthew 28:1-6

¹ After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. ² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. ⁵ The 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 and see the place where he lay.

What difference does THAT make on THIS?

➤ **God keeps His promises.**

God is a God of His word; His promises are trustworthy.

➤ **Jesus understands the depth of human suffering and is actively present with us in it.**

Five essential truths about being a person...

Life is hard.

You are not that important.

Your life is not about you.

You are not in control.

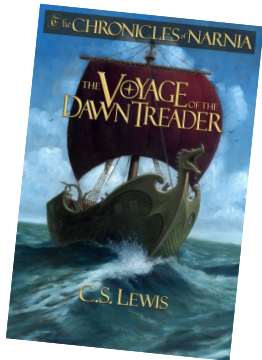
You are going to die.

– Richard Rohr

➤ **Endings are the doorway for new beginnings.**

"Transformation in the spiritual life involves death—death to self, death to the past, death to dreams we once dreamed apart from God. In the midst of the stink of our lives, we press on because we know that death is the step before resurrection."

– Stephen W. Smith



Eustace = becomes so enamored with power and wealth that he turns into a dragon

Aslan (Christ-figure) says to Eustace...

"You will have to let me undress you."

"I was afraid of his claws, I can tell you, but I was pretty nearly desperate now. So I just lay flat down on my back and let him do it. The very first tear he made was so deep that I thought it had gone right into my heart. And when he began pulling the skin off, it hurt worse than anything I've ever felt...Well, he peeled the beastly stuff right off...and there it was lying on the grass: only ever so much thicker, and darker than the others had been. And there was I as smooth and soft as a peeled switch and smaller than I had been...I'd turned into a boy again."