

Easteride 2011

1. Resurrection into the Earth; not out of it.

Maybe Jesus did not step out of the tomb and head for heaven. Maybe he went deeper into the broken reality of life, where death itself is so powerful, so as to redeem it from within. Having once become human in the body of his mother Mary, he now actually becomes the whole world in a more comprehensive way than he ever could when he walked its roads and climbed its hills.

The Resurrection was first into the universe, not out of it. Because of what happened on Holy Saturday, the Christ who was raised on Easter Sunday was a Christ who now personified a restored Creation. The world, too, had been raised to glory when the stone was rolled away. On Holy Saturday Jesus began transforming the world into his own body, so that when the one body was established in glory, the other one was too. . . .

Today we are free to imagine the Risen Christ, triumphantly bursting forth from the haunts of Hades, holding tightly the whole world to his breast with great and jealous love of a mother for her child, nursing, nourishing and restoring it to its original unity in the heart of God. Small wonder our glimpse of suns that spin and dance on homeland hills each Easter Sunday morning.

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