



*That's a Nice Little Story*

Easter

# **Palm Sunday: *The Illusion of Peace***



# Good Friday: *The Disruption of Peace*



# Today: *The Presence of Peace*



# **The Divine Conspiracy**

**v. 1-10**

# **The Divine Conspiracy**

**...the collaboration with God here and now, where He is at work renewing His creation.**

## Matthew 28:1-10

- 1 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.
- 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.
- 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.
- 4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

## Matthew 28:1-10

- 5 But the angel said to the women,  
*“Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus  
who was crucified.*
- 6 *He is not here, for He has risen”,* and he said,  
*“Come, see the place where He lay.*
- 7 *Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He  
has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going  
before you to Galilee; there you will see him.  
See, I have told you.”*



## Matthew 28:1-10

8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples.

9 And behold, Jesus met them and said,  
*“Greetings!”*

And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshipped Him.

10 Then Jesus said to them,  
*“Do not be afraid, go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”*

# **The Human Conspiracy**

**v. 11-15**

# **The Human Conspiracy**

**...the collaboration with man  
here and now, where we are  
at work destroying God's  
credibility**

## Matthew 28:11-15

- 11 While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place.
- 12 And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers,
- 13 and said, "Tell people, His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep."

## **Matthew 28:11-15**

- 14 “And if this comes to the governor’s ears we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.”
- 15 So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

# **The Great Commission**

**v. 16-20**

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**...our collaboration with God  
in renewing His creation  
in one life at a time.**

## **Matthew 28: 16-20**

- 16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.
- 17 And when they saw Him they worshipped Him, but some doubted.
- 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.



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***Because Christ has all  
authority in the  
universe...***



**So...therefore...what now?**

***therefore, in the  
'goings' of our lives...***

**So...therefore...what now?**

***and the fact that our  
identity has been  
fundamentally  
transformed...***

**So...therefore...what now?**

***we learn to obey His  
commands...***

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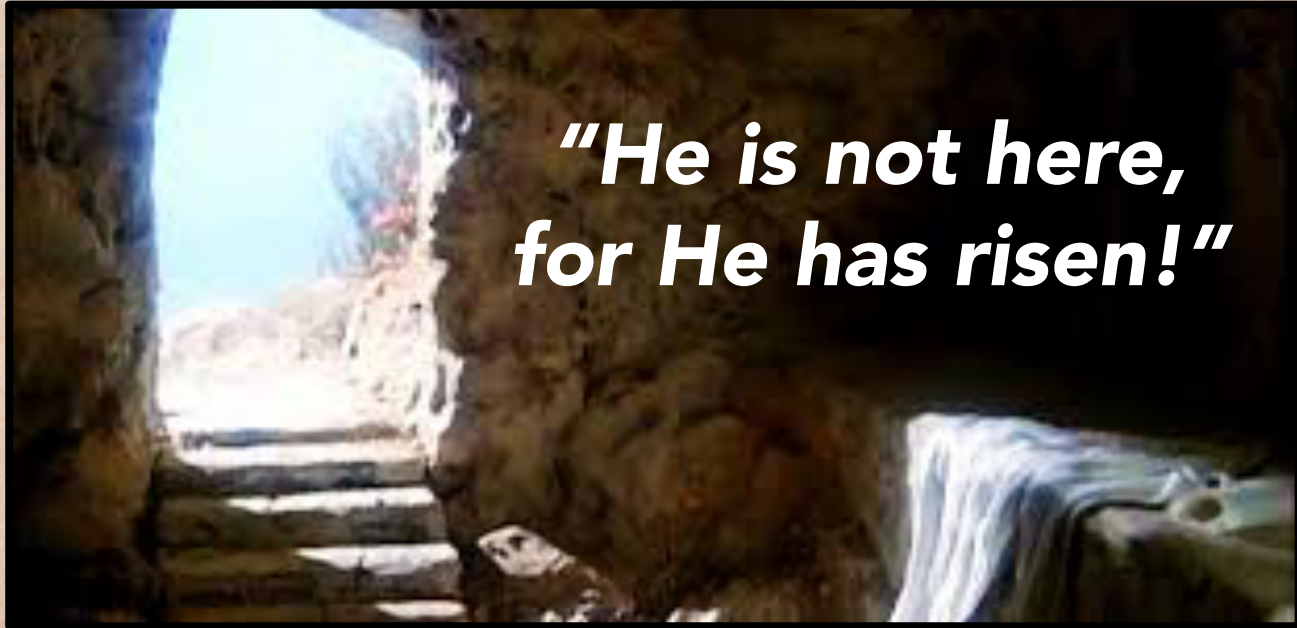
***and we can rely on His  
promise to be with us  
even to the end...***

**So...therefore...what now?**

***because...***



# ***The Presence of His Peace***



***“He is not here,  
for He has risen!”***



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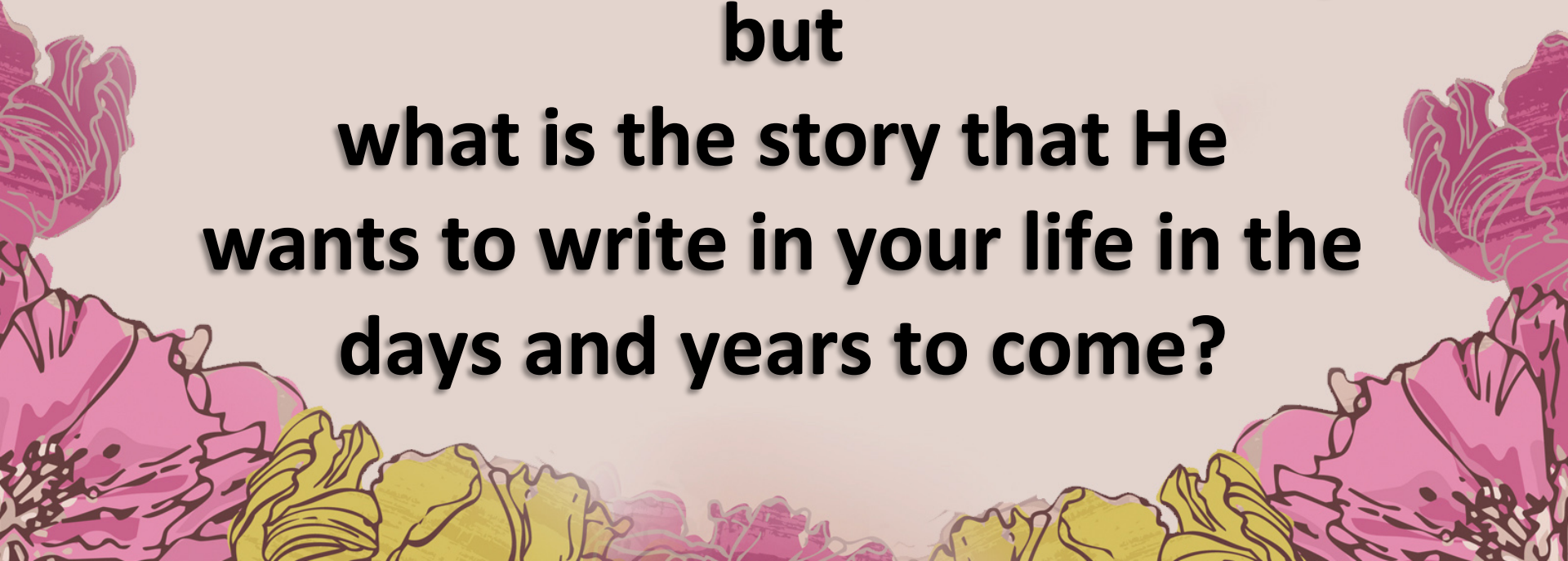


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...it may not be a “*Nice Little Story*”,

**but**

**what is the story that He  
wants to write in your life in the  
days and years to come?**



# The Divine Conspiracy



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**In your life!**



