



Episcopus Esboensis

LIGHT SHINING THROUGH SHADOWS

*"The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces..."
Isaiah 25:8*

The Friday afternoon and night on Golgotha had been horrific. From then on the world of Jesus' followers was full of darkness. Joy and hope seemed to have been disappeared. All, those great things they had encountered in Jesus' company were now only a remote memory. They had no more their Master with them, the Master who had given hope and a touch of God's love to so many lonely, wounded, despised and tortured human beings.

The Easter morning changed everything. In front of the empty tomb the disciples could only feel embarrassed. The joy did not return back in a minute because in their minds they had a strange feeling of something unimaginable. Only little by little the followers of Jesus became convinced that their Lord is alive and that death has been conquered. Joy and hope gradually increased in their minds.

In spite of this great joy the Easter did not mean, that Jesus' followers never again needed to experience the darker side of life. There were plenty of difficulties for everyone. Even death had not vanished in spite of their firm belief in resurrection: Jesus' followers had to weep by each other's graves.

The message of the Easter does not tell us that belief in Jesus and his resurrection would move away all difficult things from our lives. Instead, this message convinces us that because of Jesus' resurrection our lives rest on a wholly new foundation, a basis that will not be shaken by difficulties and hardships we have to face in our lives.

Accordingly, the Easter does not prevent us from experiencing sorrows caused death. But what the Easter tells us is that death cannot express any final word – it is proclaimed by our Lord Jesus Christ who promises us his presence and eternal life. Because of the Easter, the basic colour of life is bright.

With greetings for a joyful Easter,

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