

An Easter Reflection

**'Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here; he has risen! (Luke 24:5-6)**

If you seek a lifeless Jesus,
Then he is not here.

If you seek a Jesus whose demise you can mourn,
Consumed by death and contained in a tomb,
Then he is not here.

If you need a Jesus, just to lovingly remember
Whose name can be scribed on memorial stone,
Then he is not here.

He is not here,
For that Jesus is no more.
He is alive;
He is everywhere;
And in so being,
Becomes present again.

He is here, not because we seek Him
But that he seeks us.

He is here,
Not because of his attachment to the tomb, but ours
Loitering amidst our sepulchres,
That those who seek the living among the dead might still find him.

Yet he is found,
Only when the dawning reality is embraced,
Affections for the tomb are relinquished,
And disciples rush to fulfil their new-found commission.

Lord, show us where you are not,
That we might leave those places behind,
Then run to find you
In the fear and joy of a new day's calling.

