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Before the tomb, something
completely new and unexpected happens,
they draw near and
they do not find the Lord's body,

Jesus no longer belongs to the past,
but lives in the present
and is projected towards the future;
Jesus is the everlasting "today" of God.

What was a simple act,
done surely out of love
-going to the tomb -
has now turned into an event,
a truly life-changing event.

This is how the newness of God appears
to the women, the disciples and all of us:
as victory over sin, evil and death,
over everything that crushes life
and makes it seem less human.

Nothing remains as it was before,
not only in the lives of those women,
but also in our own lives
and in the history of mankind.

How often does Love have to tell us:
Why do you look for the living
among the dead?

Jesus is not dead,
he has risen,
he is alive!

Our daily problems and worries
can wrap us up in ourselves,
in sadness and bitterness...
and that is where death is.

He does not simply return to life;
rather, he is life itself,
because he is the Son of God,
the living God!

That is not the place to look
for the One who is alive!