

loved our silent dead so much we do not wish any one to go to our family plot unless our dear ones are sacred in his eyes.

Now, Mary Magdalene loved the Lord Jesus Christ with her whole heart. He was to her the divine being who forgave her past sins. And as we see her going to the tomb of Christ on that Easter morning we find her taking along one of her dearest friends—Mary, the mother of James, who also loved the Lord. These two women are wending their way to Christ's sepulcher weighed down with a common sorrow. As they come near to the tomb an angel meets them and says: "Fear not ye, for I know that ye seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he is risen, as he said." Then the angel spake the eight words to which I wish to call your attention in our meditation on the events of that Easter day—"Come, see the place where the Lord lay." If a holy fascination drew Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the tomb of a dead Christ surely it is important for us to visit the rifled tomb of a risen Lord. Easter day should be the happiest day of all the year to us. It is the mighty day when the Lord's humiliations and services came to their glorious eternal consummation and Jesus became the first fruits of them that slept.

Let us find out, in the first place, in what kind of a grave Jesus was buried. Let us see how his body was laid in that crypt. The condition of his tomb and of his clothes ought to teach us just as many helpful gospel lessons as his cradle of Bethlehem and the swaddling clothes in which he was wrapped as a new-born child. I suppose the easiest way to find this grave is to have Mary Magdalene for our guide. Without some help we shall never find it at all. The cemeteries or graveyards of the far east are just like the graveyards of the west. They all need a guide to take the tourists through. Yes, and the amazing fact about the Jerusalem cemeteries is that you can distinguish the different graves there, just as you can pick out the different graves in Calvary cemetery of Long Island. As you go through them you can say, "Here is the tomb of a wealthy