

CHRIST APPEARS TO MARY.

Is not this Je-sus a-gain? Yes, it is Je-sus, and he has ris-en from the grave. Three days he lay in the tomb, while his dis-ci-ples were scat-tered and hope-less, and the wom-en that fol-lowed him wept. Then an-gels came from heav-en, sent by God, and walked past the guard of sol-diers, who dared not stop them, nor could have done it had they dared, and rolled the great stone a-way. And Je-sus breathed a-gain. They laid the grave-clothes from him, in or-der, in the tomb, and Je-sus walked out a-live as be-fore, on-ly that the nail-prints were in his hands and feet, and the spear-wound in his side. The an-gels staid with-in the grave, and sat where the bod-y of Je-sus had been. Now, Ma-ry was one of those wom-en who went dai-ly to the grave to weep. And ear-ly on this third day she was there; but found the grave emp-tied, and the an-gels with-in. One of the an-gels said to her: "Wom-an, why weep-est thou? He is not here, but ris-en." Then she turned a-round, a-mazed, and Je-sus him-self stood at her side. Oh, what hap-pi-ness this was for Ma-ry! She fell at his feet and wept for joy, and would have kissed his feet, but Je-sus said to her: "Touch me not." So sim-ply and yet so grand-ly did Je-sus rise from the dead.