

There is a deep truth about the human heart: we are always searching. As Viktor Frankl famously observed, the most powerful drive within us is not pleasure or power but meaning. We want to know why we are here, what our lives are for, and whether anything ultimately satisfies the restless longing within us. Having meaning in our lives strengthens us when facing adversities and keeps us going when life seems impossible to bear.[1]

But as Fr. Simeon Lieva-Merikakis reminds us, this search for meaning is really a search for God. We have been created with an unquenchable thirst that only He can satisfy. And yet, the Gospel reveals something even more profound: more important than our search for God is His search for us. From the beginning, God has been seeking us out—not to give us something, but to give us Himself.[2]

That is exactly what we see in today's Gospel.

The women go to the tomb. They are actively seeking Jesus. They are willing to spend time with Him, even if it is only with His dead body. And because they seek Him, they find Him. The other disciples do not go; they remain behind, and they must be told. But the women go—and they encounter the Risen Lord personally.

And how does Jesus reveal Himself?

Not with overwhelming power. Not with spectacle. There is an earthquake—the shaking of the old world as God brings about a new creation—but when Jesus appears, it is simple, intimate, almost ordinary. He meets them like an old friend. He speaks to them. He allows them to take hold of His feet. It is a moment of tenderness, of love.

What is revealed here is the very heart of God. Jesus does not prove His divinity by dazzling the senses, but by loving with fidelity: He keeps His promises, He seeks out His friends, He

desires to be with them, and He gives Himself completely. The Resurrection is not just power—it is love fulfilled.

And notice this: the women experience both fear and great joy—but the Gospel tells us it is fear and great joy, with joy taking the lead. Because when we encounter the living God, awe gives way to joy, and sorrow gives way to hope.

This is how God works in our lives as well. He is always closer than we expect. He is always preparing the way before us. His grace goes ahead of us, quietly, often hidden, working beneath the surface of our lives. As Fr. Simeon puts it, if we could fully understand how God acts, it would not be God we are dealing with. He comes in ways that are often unseen, but deeply real.[3] Which brings us to a simple but profound question:

Where is God leading you?

The Resurrection means that God's own life has entered into our world. It means that Christ is alive, seeking you, drawing near to you, desiring to meet you—not in dramatic displays, but in the quiet, faithful, personal ways that speak to the heart.

So today, do not be afraid to seek Him. Do not be afraid to follow where He leads. Because even more than you are searching for Him, He is searching for you—so that He may give you the only thing that will ever satisfy your deepest longing: His own life, His own love.

And that is the joy of Easter.