



THE INNBETWEEN
STUDENT CHAPLAINCY

Welcome to the journey. The Stations of the Resurrection is an alternative way of celebrating Easter during a pandemic.

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In the name of The InnBetween, the University Chaplaincy of Maastricht, we wish you a beautiful journey and blessed Easter.

Station 1. Jesus is risen

From the darkness Light is born. When Jesus was born, there was Light spreading over the fields. When he died, darkness fell over Jerusalem. And then he has been raised. The Light reappeared. God is again and forever in us, above and below and all around us. The Light is stronger than any darkness, hope always triumphs over experience, laughter is the only cure for grief. And Love is stronger than death.

Mt 28, 1-6

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

Reflection:

What in you is in darkness?

What needs to be raised in you, around you?

What or who do you love enough to sacrifice something for them/it?

2. Women at the tomb

The last ones at the foot of the cross – the first ones at the tomb on the first day. Aren't they afraid? Sure they are. Aren't they mourning? Sure they are. But they love him so they are there. The women. Ready to say their goodbyes. Or be afraid, but still show up for the Change. The force of Maybe driving them.

Lukas 16, 1–8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.^a

Reflection:

Are you afraid?

Are you still doing it?

Do you love it enough to still do it?

3. Mary of Magdala

From weeping to running to the disciples and telling them: "I have seen the Lord" just within a short time. He is alive! He kept his promise.

She first sees what she wants to see, or what she *can* see. The gardener instead of his Rabbouni, death instead of Life.

And then, with him *calling her by her name*, she can see. Understand.

John 29, 11–18

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look^[a] into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Reflection:

What can you see and what is the reality?

Who calls you by your name that awakens you from that made-up reality?

Is your mentality the one of abundance or scarcity?

Do you believe Him?

4. Peter and the disciple Jesus loved comes to the empty tomb

Miracles. Un-understandable things happening. This makes no sense in the world we live in. One disciple runs. The one that wants to know if the world as we knew it is over? But Peter comes slowly. Trying to believe, but not really daring to trust.

Trust that movement. The New enfolding. Trust in something bigger than we are.

John 20, 1–10

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Reflection:

Which one are you? The one that runs? The one that walks slowly and does the research? How is your trust? Can you trust? In you, in another, in something bigger than human? Do you want to? Can you? How can you?

5. Jesus appears to Thomas

He wants proof. To touch the scars. The wounds. He wants to see if it’s real or fake. I can totally relate.

But he also wants to believe. His doubt is divine. His doubt makes him grow in his faith. He could suppress his doubts and pretend. But he wants proof.

And Jesus doesn't ridicule him, but gives him the proof. Here is my hand. Touch me. You are human. You need proof. Some don't, some do. It's okay. This is how you grow.

His doubt is Divine. And his need to know will be fulfilled.

John 20, 24–29

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Reflection:

Are you curious? Do you want proof? An explanation?

You grew out of beliefs you had much earlier? Blessed are you. Your need to know will be fulfilled.

6. Jesus makes fish for the disciples

Everyday reality now. After the whole turmoil of death and life and betrayal and gestures of love, they are together again.

And what does Jesus do?

Breakfast. He makes breakfast.

Sit down. Eat. It's a new reality. The universe has a new rule, now love reigns. But how can we comprehend the size of it? Sit. Breath. Have breakfast. It's all good.

John 21, 4–14

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Reflection:

Here. Now. Breath. Eat. Jesus gives you the tools to cope. One step, one breath, one bite of food at the time.

Life is already complex, watch it unfold, you don't need to complicate it even more.

7. Do you love me Peter?

Why is Jesus asking him 3 times? Is it emotional abuse? What is this? And then, we see.

There is a contrast when you look at the Greek words for "love". When Jesus asked Peter first 2 times, "Do you love me?" He used the Greek word *agape*, which refers to unconditional love. Both times, Peter responded with "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you," using the Greek word *phileo*, which refers more to a brotherly/friendship type of love.

The third time Jesus asks, "Do you love me?" He uses the word *phileo*, and Peter again responds with "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you," again using *phileo*.

He meets Peter where he is. Not where he could be, supposed to be, no expectations. The Living Lord meets Peter exactly where he can be at the moment

John 21, 15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you

know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Reflection:

Jesus loves you with no expectations. Meets you where you are NOW, love you no matter what. The love has no criteria, no exams, nothing.

Does that Love challenges you? Yes. Makes you want to change, grow, whatever? Yes. But is that a prerequisite to God’s love? NOPE.

8. The road to Emmaus

“Were not our hearts burning within us?” They ask. My heart recognised Him. My instinct was spot on. But everything in my upbringing taught me not to trust my gut. Or rather my heart. So I never learned my heart’s language, And it’s so easy to mix it up with the language of Want, Need or Fear.

Educating your heart, learning its language. Listening to the World whispering. Or the Word teaching or the Master breaking the bread.

Lukas 16, 13–34

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of

Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Reflection:

Do you cultivate your heart? Do you cultivate Joy within? Did you grow up with trusting your instincts? Do you know the difference between the language of your heart and the language of your fear?

9. The Ascension of Jesus

He leaves us with the responsibility to be Christ for each other. Because he IS with us. Part of us. Be God for and in each other!

But then, why are they so happy? He was just taken away from them – again. Why are they full of joy? Why are they not mourning?

What do they know? Do they feel the unity with Him? Like we do also today?

Luke 24, 50–53

Then he led them (the disciples) out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Reflection:

Do you celebrate the responsibility?

Do you enjoy the challenges for always more?

Are you full of great joy?

10. Spirit of flame

Not the fire of destruction. But the fire that makes space. That burns away the fear and makes space. For the new. For the transformation. For the re-writing of the story. For the unimaginably MORE.

From the locked room's fear and reminiscence into the service of Growth.

Acts 1,13–14 and 2,1–4

When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Reflection:

Is there space in you for the new?

Do you want the transformation of what is into what might be?

What is your language? What is your gift, specialty towards others?

11 Spirit for the World

After all this journey there are few questions left open. We walked with him after his resurrection. Meeting the women, the disciples, having breakfast, walking to Emmaus.

There is only one task left:

Go and be Love.

It's not about persuasion, not about making people doing something they are not, or believe in stuff they don't understand. It's all about being Love. Being community. Sharing vulnerability, joy, strength, and action.

But what is your way? There are people, who are love in silence, showing up whenever a friend is in need. There are people who organise protests to challenge the status quo. There are people who commit to raise children in love.

What is *your* path? How are *you* Love? How do *you* spread love? What is *your way* of showing love and freedom towards the world?

In the name of InnBetween, we wish you blessed journey through Easter, and beautiful journey of discovery.

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