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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, & by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives & reigns with you & the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever. Amen.

SERMON TEXT- Matthew 28:1-10

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EACH OTHER- *Sharing & growing with our brothers & sisters in Christ*

- How is the corona virus epidemic impacting or affecting your Easter joy this year? What's different for you this year? How does Jesus' victory over sin, death, & the devil allow you to be content in these trying & unwanted circumstances? See *Romans 8:26-39; 2 Corinthians 12:10*
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You Are Here

They aren't going to see Jesus until they realize that they can't see him.

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KEY VERSE: 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. (*vv5b-6*)

-NEXT STEPS MEMORY VERSE-

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