

Esther and Emmett – Easter Sunday

Emmett: Where could they be? Where could they be?

Esther: Happy Easter, Emmett!

Emmett: Hi Esther. Happy Easter!
(looks around) Where could they be?
Come out, come out, wherever you are?

Esther: What are you doing Emmett?

Emmett: I'm searching for chocolate Easter eggs. I know that there are some hidden around here somewhere. Would you like to help?

Esther: Of course! What do we do?

Emmett: Well, so far I've just been looking around...

Esther: Let me guess: this is the time when we say, "Where could they be?"

Emmett: Hey, you're a natural at this!

Esther: You know what, Emmett, this reminds me of the story of Mary, Mary and Salome on that first Easter morning.

Emmett: Is that a story from the Bible?

Esther: Yes it is!

Emmett: Then it's probably not about chocolate eggs?

Esther: No, it's about three women who went to the place where the body of Jesus had been placed in a tomb.

Emmett: They wanted to see his body?

Esther: Yes, and they brought some spices that they would use to prepare the body for burial.

Emmett: That sounds kind of sad. Did they see his body?

Esther: No, because the body wasn't there!

Emmett: Where was it?

Esther: That's what they wondered – Where could it be?

Emmett: Where could it be – that sounds familiar...

Esther: It's what you have been wondering about the chocolate eggs!

Emmett: No wonder it sounded familiar!

Esther: So maybe as we look for the chocolate eggs, we can wonder, "Where is Jesus? Where could Jesus be?"

Emmett: Where could Jesus be? Where could Jesus be? ...but, if I can't find the chocolate eggs, how am I going to find Jesus?

Esther: What Mary, Mary and Salome discovered was that they didn't find Jesus where they expected to find Jesus.

Emmett: They didn't find him in the tomb...where did they find him?

Esther: Welllllll...they didn't really find him...

Emmett: They didn't find Jesus! What kind of Easter story is that?

Esther: They didn't find Jesus...Jesus found them.

Emmett: Wow! I didn't see that coming! What happened?

Esther: The Bible tells stories of Jesus 'appearing' to people– talking to Mary in a garden, visiting his friends in a room, sharing breakfast with them on the lakeshore, breaking a loaf of bread and sharing it with two disciples ...Jesus appeared and then he was gone again!

Emmett: That's weird!

Esther: Then his friends remembered that Jesus had once told them that whenever they fed someone who was hungry, they would be feeding Jesus; and whenever they gave a drink to someone who was thirsty, they would be giving a drink to Jesus; and whenever they visited someone who was lonely, they were visiting Jesus.

Emmett: Wait a minute! You mean, Jesus is all over the place? Jesus is all sorts of people?

Esther: Well, God is all over the place. God is everywhere.

Emmett: Yeah, I know that. God probably knows where all the chocolate eggs are hidden.

Esther: God knows that Jesus is with us whenever we love people as God loves them.

Emmett: So...where is Jesus?

Esther: Jesus is wherever God's love is shown, wherever food is shared with those who are hungry, and wherever people are treated with kindness and respect.

Emmett: So Jesus meets us wherever we share God's love!

Esther: That's where Jesus is!

Emmett: Now if we can only figure out where some of those chocolate eggs are!

Esther: I'll still help you look! Happy Easter Emmett!

Emmett: Happy Easter Esther! ...isn't this where we usually say "amen"?

Esther: Amen!