

VISTORS TO AN EMPTY TOMB

HE IS NOT HERE! HE IS RISEN!

At the time of His Passion our Lord seemingly stood alone against the world. Judas betrayed Him. Peter denied even knowing Him. The other Apostles ran away and hid, fearing for their safety.

**Amidst this shameful display of faithlessness, the Gospel tells another tale – a story of unprecedented loyalty and devotion. This is the story of the
MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN.**

The Evangelists relate to us that throughout Christ's earthly ministry, He was accompanied by a small group of women, who cared for His needs and those of His small band of followers. They refused to desert their Master. Even when HE endured His terrible Crucifixion, they stood in the shadow of the Cross until the end.

The loyalty of the Myrrh-Bearing Women did not stop there. Risking an encounter with the Roman soldiers assigned to guard the tomb of Christ, they bravely set out to anoint the Body of Jesus. Their sense of obligation to carry out the prescribed customs of their faith was much stronger than their fears. Little did they know that the greatest of rewards awaited them in the early hours of dawn on that first Pascha. The tomb was empty! Christ has Risen, and they were the first to know this wonderful news! May the example of the Myrrh-Bearing Women inspire us to live similar lives of LOVE and SERVICE to our Saviour.