

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

Matthew 28: 1-10

1. And it came to pass, in the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, and thankfully it raineth not, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary in order to confuse the readers, (if they understand,) to see the sepulchre. And they carried with them oils and unguents and spices of clove and cinnamon and paprika for to anoint the body.
2. And, behold, there was an super earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven with an enormous thump, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. (exhausted, for verily it was an big stone,) And Mary Magdalene questioned her companion and asked, "Did the earth move for you?" but the other Mary made no comment and did hide her blushes beneath her cloak. And the Magdalene did look upon the angel.
3. His countenance was like lightning, his arms brawny and strong, his thighs like unto the oaks of Mamre, his raiment white as snow, his teeth like a flock of shorn ewes that have come up from the washing, and his locks wet with the dew of the night. He was like a gazelle or a young stag ready to bound over the hills. And Mary (the other one) did gaze and sigh deeply as an old song came upon her breast:
4. And for fear of him the keepers did shake and loose their bowels, and became as dead men, and there was a reek in the air.
5. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye but clench thy cheeks: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. And the women did wonder whence came the angel's knowledge of their intent until they realised that in their hands was a map of the burial ground. And the angel lifteth his arms in a very Matthean way and proclaimed:
6. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And he indicated that they should enter the cave but they durst not go in for it was exceeding dark and clammy and there were lots of spiders. Big ones. So the angel did continue his announcement thus:
7. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; yes, that way. There shall ye see him: lo, I have told you, so get thee hence whilst I return unto whence I came and have breakfast for I am famished.
8. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy and some trembling of the limbs, and other movements; and did run to bring his disciples word, and did not stop at the market stalls for refreshment for they were amazed.
9. And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they shrieked and did drop their pots of salve. But gesturing that they should approach him they came and held him by the feet, and did cleave unto his ankles and worshipped him as he nearly tripped.
10. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: release me and go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, yes that way, and there shall they see me. And behold, he did vanish from their sight. And there was no flash of light nor smoke or vapour, but there remaineth a faint scent of frankincense upon the air. And it was no longer dark.