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# EASTER

Celebrate the Resurrection



**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

# THE FRESH START EFFECT

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# THE FRESH START EFFECT

- NEW YEAR
- BIG BIRTHDAY
- NEW JOB
- NEW BABY
- NEW COMMUNITY

The background is a solid purple color with a repeating pattern of small, light purple flowers. The flowers are stylized and appear to be a type of orchid or similar delicate flower. They are scattered across the entire background, creating a subtle, textured effect.

When I meet the *risen* Christ,  
dead-ends turn to fresh starts:

The background of the image is a dense field of purple flowers, likely lavender, with a soft, out-of-focus effect. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some showing their centers. The overall color palette is a range of purple tones, from deep violet to a lighter, almost white-purple.

**1. FOR MY GRIEF**  
**HE GIVES HIS LOVE**

“Early on the first day of the week,  
while it was still dark, Mary  
Magdalene went to the tomb...”

*(John 20:1, NLT)*

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“Mary stood outside the tomb  
crying.”

*(John 20:11, NLT)*

“Woman,” Jesus said, “Why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

*(John 20:15, NIV)*

“Thinking he was the gardener, she said, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.’”

*(John 20:15, NIV)*

Jesus said to her, **“Mary.”**

*(John 20:16, NIV)*

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**2. FOR MY FEARS  
HE GIVES HIS PEACE**

“It was late that Sunday evening,  
and the disciples were gathered  
together behind locked doors,  
because they were afraid of the  
Judean authorities.”

*(John 20:19, GNB)*

Then Jesus came and stood  
among them and said, “Peace be  
with you!”

*(John 20:19, NIV)*

“As he spoke, he held out his hands for them to see and showed them his side. They were filled with joy when they saw their Lord!”

*(John 20:20, NLT)*



**JESUS' RESURRECTION  
IS HIS VALIDATION**

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“As the Father sent me, I now  
send you.”

*(John 20:21, NIV)*

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**3. FOR MY DOUBT  
HE GIVES HIS ASSURANCE**

Now Thomas... was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

*(John 20:24, ESV)*

But Thomas said, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand in his side, I will not believe it...”

*(John 20:25, NIV)*

“A week later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them.”

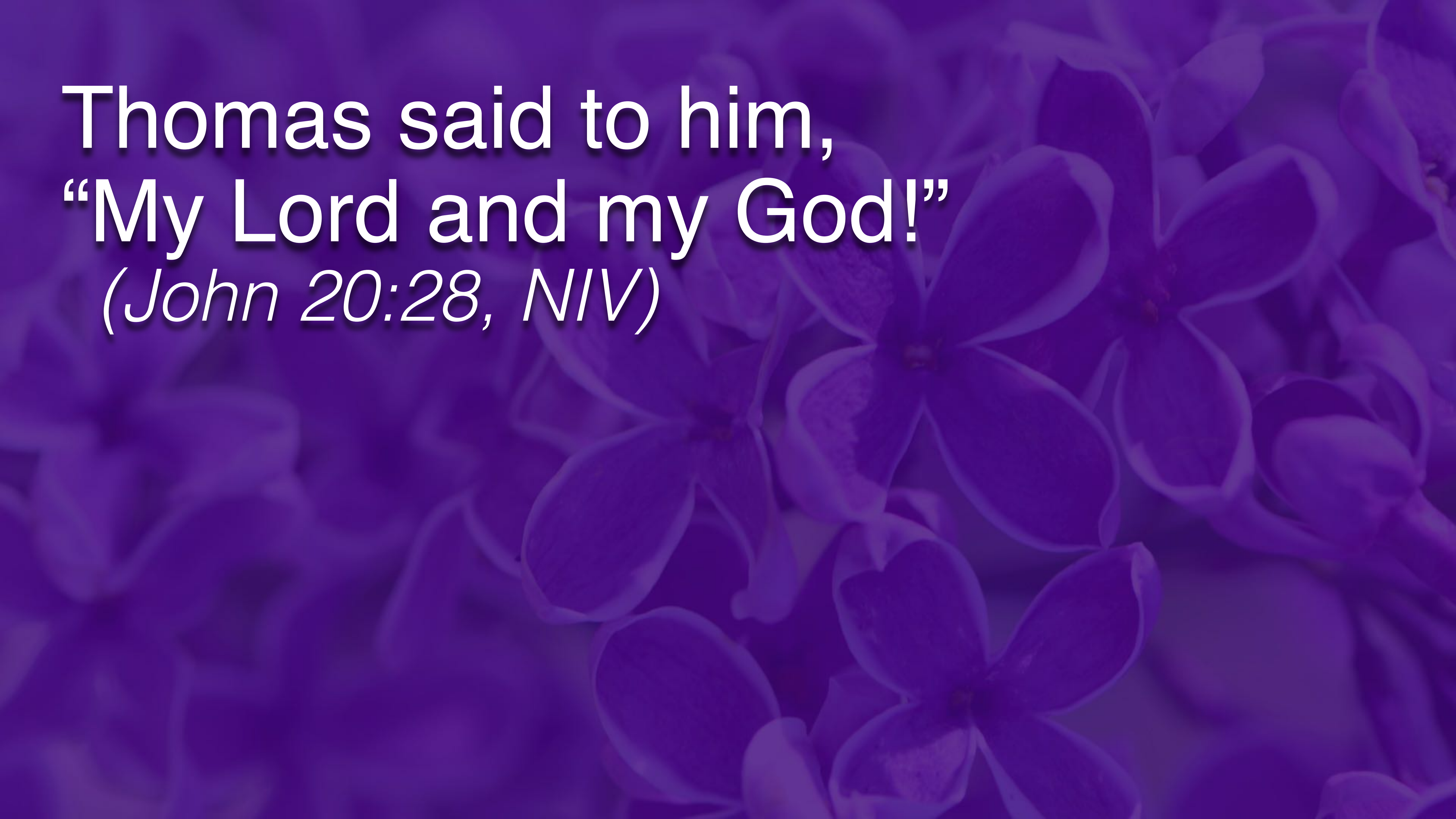
*(John 20:26, NIV)*

Though the doors were locked,  
Jesus came and stood among  
them and said, “Peace be  
with you!”

*(John 20:26, NIV)*

“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop doubting and believe.’”

*(John 20:27, NIV)*

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Thomas said to him,  
“My Lord and my God!”  
*(John 20:28, NIV)*

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*(1 Corinthians 15:20, GNB)*

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THE RESURRECTION MEANS  
THE WORST THING  
IS NEVER THE LAST THING

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