







somewhere is reaching out to you? Jesus came to his friends in many different ways and often it was some time before they even recognised that it was he. The last pages of the Gospel will be written in very different words by totally different people but it will all be good news and truth for those who write it.

Toward the end of a play called "Out of this World," by Edmund Banyard, a player enters hesitantly, confused and uncertain. She speaks her doubts and she is then answered by unseen voices:

*The Messenger is gone*

It is the way of all, to live and to die, to die and to live, whether we die the death of a martyr or peacefully in our bed.

*But Messenger is gone and the play is not ended*

It is the way of the world that we must leave our work half done. Our tale half told. No one's life is complete in itself. At best we are but links in a chain.

*But the audience is waiting. How do we end the play with no Messenger?*

You make his work your own. Become Messenger in his place. You end the play proclaiming that there is no end. Cry out that Christ is risen and wait for a response. Proclaim the end that is no ending.

*Christ is risen*

He is risen indeed

Now let it ring that all the world may hear

Through doubt and disillusion, through greed and cynicism, through suffering, through pain, through evil and through death, let the cry ring

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Amen.