

Jesus once spoke of a rich man who mistreated a poor man named Lazarus. When the 'rich' man died, and realized the eternal nature of things, he asked that Lazarus go back to the rich man's brothers and warn them so that they would believe.

What if, when Jesus was raised and returned to the world, he went back to those that killed him? Couldn't He have converted some of His enemies? What a hubbub that would have caused!

But, as William Barclay noted, after the resurrection Jesus never appeared to anyone except to those who loved Him. Now I can understand that. After all the loving self-sacrifice, He just wanted to be around His own people, to those He held precious. Christ played his hand, He had won the game, and now he just wanted to celebrate with his friends.

This communion is about love; it only means something to us and to Him if we truly love Him. These symbols only have power if we love Him.