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A package arrived at my doorstep this week. I'm sure that statement standing alone is unimpressive since packages and deliveries have been a lifeline for many households during the pandemic; supplying everything from toilet paper and groceries to ring lights that enhance our appearance on those many Zoom meetings.

This package held none of those items. It was a "care" package from Michigan; a collection of items more sentimental than essential. There was a long-forgotten set of wind chimes purchased in North Carolina, a photograph; and a box containing a few Christmas ornaments from my grandparents' set of decorations. The package wasn't a surprise. I had been alerted that it was being shipped, still its arrival sparked a bit of surprise or excitement.

I wonder if those feelings are similar to those of the disciples on that first Easter day? I wonder if Thomas, who at first doubts but then believes, declaring, "My Lord and my God" felt the same?

I know that, even now, the story of Easter evokes those feelings of surprise and wonder in me. What feelings does this season evoke in you?

Blessings,
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