

THE EASTER IMAGINATION

Anxious Chaos — Genesis 1:2

Now the earth was formless and empty, **darkness** covered the surface of the watery depths, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

Peaceful Order — Genesis 1:3

Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Anxious Chaos — Isaiah 9:2a

The people walking in **darkness**...

Peaceful Order — Isaiah 9:2b

...have seen a great light; a light has dawned on those living in the land of **darkness**.

Anxious Chaos — John 20:1a

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still **dark**.

Peaceful Order — John 20:16

Jesus said, "Mary". Turning around, she said to Him in Hebrew, "*Rabbouni!*"—which means "Teacher."

The reason for the peaceful order? — Isaiah 9:4a, 6a

4a For You have shattered their oppressive yoke and the rod on their shoulders, the staff of their oppressor...

6a For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, **and the government will be on His shoulders**.

The result of the peaceful order? — Isaiah 26:3

You will keep the mind that is dependent on You in perfect peace, for it is trusting in You.