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Love Comes Softly is a wonderful book series written by Janette Oles. Millions have loved the 1900's western setting, and the tender story line of a man and women who meet out of need and mutual pain, and end up developing an enduring love for each other. It was even made into a series of movies a couple decades ago (*a topic tailor-made for Hallmark*).

However, the event we celebrated a few weeks ago, the real-life resurrection of Jesus Christ, didn't develop over days or months. No, this life-changing event happened in a moment...Jesus was raised from the dead and the stone was rolled away so that all could see the miracle of New Life rising from a profound death. Jesus' resurrection wasn't hidden from view, a spiritual event with only subjective benefits. No, the resurrection of Jesus happened in plain view, for all to see, and for all to experience its transforming power.

Matt 28:1 Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first {day} of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. 2 And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it.

Now, I don't know if your journey to Jesus "came softly," like the sunrise slowly lighting up the sky...or if it came like a light-switch, bringing light to your life instantly. But I do know that the power of Jesus' resurrection can bring new life to your dead soul as quickly as Jesus was raised from the dead. Your life can be transformed in a moment – in fact, at this moment. You can be made New from this instant on.

Resurrection power doesn't come softly, but in a moment of personal transformation. Jesus is Risen...Indeed - and if you put your faith in Him, your life will never be the same again.