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Jesus and Peter and Mary Magdalene are investing their lives in people - but this is not a treasure to hold on to. The paradox perhaps at the centre of Christianity, and all life, is that we're not here to hold on to anything and yet we are called to possess one another, to hold on to one another in love. This is where we all become mystery to one another. All passes and yet through love all remains, indeed the story of John's gospel is about the importance of remaining, of being with others, of being fully incarnate, fully enfleshed in order to become fully divine. Jesus takes us into this mystery step by step and now we see it in this most marvellous post-resurrection stage, where Jesus teaches us that our journey into God is not complete until he has ascended to the Father and, perhaps implicitly, not yet returned to take us with him. His meeting later with the disciples in Galilee is a metaphor too for that incomplete journey which we still have to undergo until we too meet him face to face, one with the Father and one with us. Until then the mystery of our passing remains the mystery of our passing lives, so short, so precious, only possessed by being given away, only possessed by letting Jesus go.

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