

A top-down photograph of several pink carnations on a light-colored, textured surface. The flowers are arranged in two main clusters: one in the upper right and one in the lower left. The stems are green and feature several buds. The lighting is soft, creating gentle shadows. A thin, light-colored rectangular border is superimposed over the image, framing the central text.

EASTER

SOMA MIDTOWN

Why couldn't the disciples see Jesus?

The disciples couldn't see Jesus because their deep disappointment
crucified their hope.

There's something particularly sad about it, something that doesn't have very much to do with physical circumstances, or the economy, or any of the stuff that gets talked about in the news. It's more like a stomach-level sadness. I see it in myself and my friends in different ways. It manifests itself as a kind of lostness. Whether it's unique to our generation I really don't know. I was white, upper-middle-class, obscenely well-educated, had had way more career success than I could have legitimately hoped for and was sort of adrift. A lot of my friends were the same way. Some of them were deeply into drugs, others were unbelievable workaholics. Some were going to singles bars every night. You could see it played out in 20 different ways, but it's the same thing.

David Foster Wallace

SEEING JESUS

Presence + Truth

They had been seeing it as the long story of how God would redeem Israel from suffering, but it was instead the story of how God would redeem Israel through suffering, through, in particular, the suffering which would be taken on himself by Israel's representative, the Messiah.

NT Wright

Faith means believing in advance what will only make sense in reverse.

Philip Yancey

INVITATION
