

Connecting New

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The story that applies to Jesus applies to us as well. He was fully human; we are divine at our core. All originates in love and moves towards love's more complete expression.

Christmas is a time to welcome new life, and for many of us, it is also a time when we remember the loved ones who have passed on. I wonder, didn't the apostles and the others who loved Jesus so deeply cry out in angst as he ascended into heaven? This is what I have tried to capture in the following painting.



It is my hope this Christmas that our connection with Christ and all those we love will deepen. May all of us receive what God is offering to us this moment, because if we do, it will change the world forever.

Peace and Blessings,
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