

Thought for the day – Friday 13th May 2022

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Dance then wherever you may be...

I love the depiction of the resurrection in the TV series Rev, or at least I think it was a depiction of the resurrection, in any case I will interpret it as such!

Rev Adam Smallbone, played by Tom Hollander is going through a very difficult time. The walls are closing in on him. He has been physically assaulted, his church is getting closed down, he has been suspended, a neighbouring church have asked for a cross, and he is carrying it through the streets, when this happens.

Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Yo-UYCoZ9o>

For those who cannot get the clip, once Adam is at the top of the hill, he sees the beautiful early morning sun rise and the view and breaks out into song, singing "the Lord of the dance" hesitantly at first and then singing and dancing.

He is joined by a stranger, played by Liam Neeson) who sings and dances with him.

When they stop, the stranger says he likes Adam's singing. He asks if Adam is in a good mood, and Adam says "not really". When the stranger asks why is that, Adam says "I am trying to keep something alive, but I don't think I can"

The stranger then shares some wisdom he has learnt through the years, which are mainly cliches. And then he says "Adam, Adam. We all have our crosses to bear. I understand Adam. I will always be here"

It's a moment of Revelation for Adam, an encounter, which fills him with light and hope, and the stranger is gone.

This echoes the encounter the two sad disciples had with a mysterious stranger on the road to Emmaus, and when the stranger is revealed to be the risen Lord Jesus, he disappears.

We all go through very hard times sometimes, and we may not have the energy to feel positive. May we hear the words of the Risen Lord Jesus, calling our name – and saying "We all have our crosses to bear. I understand. I will always be here"