MM Momentous Holy Week Trials
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WHAT A TIME FOR HOLY WEEK...

I want to put out my occasional page in time for Easter...
it's not happening...

I've been stuck in a tomb with a stone blocking the way out...
that's *metaphor talk*...a kind of truth-telling...
where an empty tomb means more than a missing body.

News of the coming trial in New York City
connected with a trial in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago
pushing news all over the world to the side.

Today's story shows the defendant cheered into town
riding in a limousine...
like Jesus was cheered into Jerusalem
riding on a donkey.

Both events are blurred by conspiracy theories...
one gets news from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John...
today's versions appear on ABC, NBC, CNN and Fox.

We will never really know the whole Jesus story...
only later stories and interpretations
offering variations but no eye-witnesses.

Does anyone think the story of that Jerusalem trial
can compete with the coming trial in New York City?

Will he be found guilty or not guilty...
be freed or face prison...
or what?

Do I send this off now and move on...
leave it on the pile of other unsent pages..?
do I stay in the tomb or do I roll the stone away?

As I wrote those words Jean slipped into my office
and laid a banana in front of me...
Yikes! 11;10 a.m. *"Send it!"*
The stone was rolled away.
Time for me to rise again! (and have breakfast)

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Note: For deeper study of contemporary scholarship two of many I use are "The Acts of Jesus – What Did Jesus Do?" from the Jesus Seminar "Search for the Authentic Deeds of Jesus."
Another interesting and readable source is John Shelby Spong's "Biblical Literalism: A Gentile Heresy."