



THE NIGHT GARDEN

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Before going to bed, one of my stranger quirks is to stroll for a while outside in the quiet darkness of my night garden. I listen and look for the flying foxes that have flown in from their roosts and there's also an occasional visit by a tawny owl that sits on our guttering surveying his domain. This week I noticed a huge spider silhouetted against the lights of the window.

My garden at night is sometimes magical, and I appreciate the quiet reflectiveness it elicits. Because of it, I find it no wonder that Jesus took time to move away to pray, often going into the wilderness, and eventually to the garden of Gethsemane. Even in the darkness of my night garden, the gracious love of God shines.

Reflection:

"They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day."

Genesis 3: 8a

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