

Easter – Bible Story

A week that began with Jesus riding into Jerusalem as a king on Sunday, ended with Jesus dying and being buried in a tomb on Friday.

Saturday was the Sabbath and the Jews weren't allowed to do any work.

But early Sunday morning, a few women hurried to the tomb. They brought with them some fragrant spices to prepare Jesus' body for burial.

When the women reached the tomb, the stone was rolled away. They went in and didn't find Jesus' body.

Suddenly, two men were standing beside the women. They were wearing gleaming bright clothing. The women looked down at the ground because they were frightened.

The men said, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee? He would be tried and crucified, but on the third day, he would rise again."

The women remembered Jesus' words, and they ran back to tell the disciples what they had seen and heard.

The disciples thought the women were talking nonsense. They didn't believe what the women said.

But Peter ran to the tomb to see for himself. When he went inside the tomb, all he saw was the linen cloth, not Jesus' body. He returned home wondering—did someone move Jesus' body or had Jesus truly been resurrected from the dead?

(Based on Luke 24:1-12)




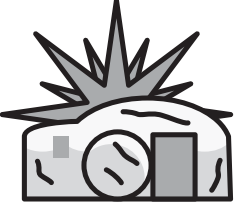

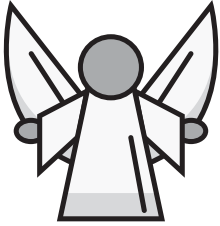
7b Color by Number – Puzzle (Preschool)

Use the color code to color the picture of the women when they found the tomb empty. Where was Jesus?



7d Easter Sudoku - Puzzle (Older Elementary)

Each section of squares, lines across, and lines down should have four different pictures. Start with the section with two pictures and work from there.



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Luke 24:1-12

The events of Holy Week caused a lot of confusion. The followers of Jesus didn't expect Jesus would die. He was supposed to be their king. When they buried Jesus in a tomb, even his closest friends thought it was over. One week after he rode into Jerusalem like a king, the women came to the tomb to prepare his body for burial. But the tomb was empty. Two angels appeared and asked them why they looked for the living among the dead. Jesus had risen just as he had told them he would. Slowly their mourning turned to praise, and they began to understand Jesus' words.

Verse of the Month

"Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11:9

What Do You Think?

What would you have thought if you had found the tomb empty?

How do you celebrate the Resurrection?

Family Activity

Talk about Jesus' resurrection as a family. Why is it important to you today?

Which character in this story would you have wanted to be? Why?

Who do you share good news with?

Prayer

Dear God, help us feel the same excitement the women felt at the empty tomb. Show us how to share with others that Jesus is alive; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.