



Easter Session

Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

Matthew 26–28; John 20

Story Point: Jesus' resurrection gives true joy to believers.

Jesus had been arrested and taken to Pilate, the governor. The governor's soldiers put a scarlet robe on Jesus and made a crown of thorns and put it on His head. They beat Jesus and led Him away to be killed.

The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. Darkness covered the land. Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Jesus shouted again and then He died. Jesus was buried in a tomb.

On the third day, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb. An angel of the Lord rolled back the stone and sat on it.

The angel spoke to the women, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus. He is not here. He has risen, just like He said He would."

The women ran to tell the disciples the

good news. Just then Jesus greeted them. The women worshiped Him. "Don't be afraid," Jesus told them. "Tell My followers to go to Galilee. They will see Me there."

Jesus appeared to Peter and then to the other disciples. Many people witnessed that Jesus is alive!

Christ Connection: Jesus' death and resurrection is the center of the gospel. Jesus died to pay for our sins. Jesus is alive! God gives hope and true joy to everyone who trusts in Jesus.



APPLY the Story

- Why did the angel tell the women not to be afraid?
- How does Jesus' death and resurrection give believers hope?
- How can we share the good news that Jesus is alive?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- Find 1 Chronicles 16:31 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for the gift of eternal life we have in Jesus and the hope that gives us to persevere in this world.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 20:17-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 53:4-6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Peter 1:3-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Peter 1:3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 61:1 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 11:25 |