

THE CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION



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Matthew 26–28

During Jesus' last week on earth, many things happened. Jesus told the disciples that He would be crucified, but they did not understand what Jesus meant. While Jesus ate at a man named Simon's house, a woman anointed Jesus with a very expensive perfume. One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, went to the religious leaders and agreed to betray Jesus in exchange for some silver.

Then, Jesus and His disciples gathered to celebrate the Passover. Jesus explained that He would be betrayed soon. After the meal and the Lord's Supper, Jesus and His disciples went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray. The disciples fell asleep instead of praying. While Jesus was speaking to the disciples, Judas appeared and betrayed Jesus. The leaders arrested Jesus and eventually they sent Him to Pilate, the governor.

Pilate asked Jesus, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus told him, "You have said it."

The religious leaders began telling lies about Jesus, but Jesus said nothing.

Pilate was amazed at Jesus. The religious leaders got all of the people to tell Pilate that they wanted Barabbas, a criminal, to be free. When Pilate asked the people about Jesus, the people said they wanted to crucify Him. Finally, Pilate agreed to free Barabbas and let the people crucify Jesus. Jesus died on the cross. One of the soldiers at the cross, a centurion, began to praise God after Jesus died. He understood that Jesus was innocent.

Jesus was buried in a tomb and Pilate sent soldiers to guard the tomb. Then the Jewish people observed the Sabbath. On the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene and another Mary took spices and perfumes to Jesus' tomb. Suddenly, there was an earthquake! An angel rolled the stone away and was sitting on it. The guards were so afraid that they fainted!

The angel spoke, "Don't be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus. He is not here. He has been resurrected just like He promised! Come and see the empty tomb, then go tell the disciples."

The women were afraid and happy at the same time. They ran to tell the disciples the good news when suddenly Jesus appeared to them. The women worshiped Jesus and He gave them a message for the disciples, "Go and tell them to go to Galilee, and I will see them there." Jesus was alive!

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JESUS DEFEATED SIN AND DEATH. HE IS ALIVE!

April 9



TABERNACLE OF CHERVES

You might know the tabernacle as the tent where God's presence dwelled in the Old Testament, but some people also use the word "tabernacle" to refer to a **SPECIAL BOX** used to hold the bread and cup for the **LORD'S SUPPER**.

This "tabernacle" was constructed in the **EARLY 1200S** in **LIMOGES, FRANCE**—a city about 230 miles southwest of Paris. Its engraved, gilded pictures show scenes of Jesus' crucifixion and the days following His resurrection including the women at the tomb, Jesus and Thomas in the upper room, and Jesus with the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

MESSAGE MIX UP

The **orange** words have letters that are mixed up. Unscramble the words to reveal a message from today's Bible story. Write the correct message in the space provided. Why is this message important?

Jessu defeated **his**
and **thdea** when He
iedd on the **cssor**.

WHAT HAPPENED DURING HOLY WEEK

Journey through Jesus' final days leading up to His death and resurrection.

THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE CRUCIFIXION

JESUS
RODE INTO
JERUSALEM ON
A DONKEY.

THE DAY BEFORE THE CRUCIFIXION

JESUS HAD THE LAST SUPPER WITH THE DISCIPLES.

JESUS WENT TO PRAY WITH SOME DISCIPLES
IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE.

JUDAS BETRAYED JESUS.

JESUS WAS ARRESTED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.

JESUS WAS TAKEN BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN.

THE DAY OF THE CRUCIFIXION

JESUS WAS TRIED BEFORE PONTIUS
PILATE.

JESUS WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH.

JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED AROUND 9 A.M.

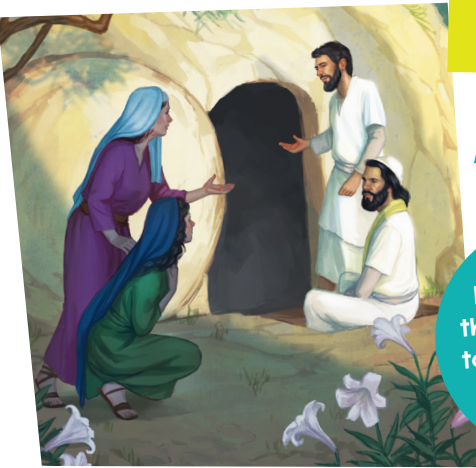
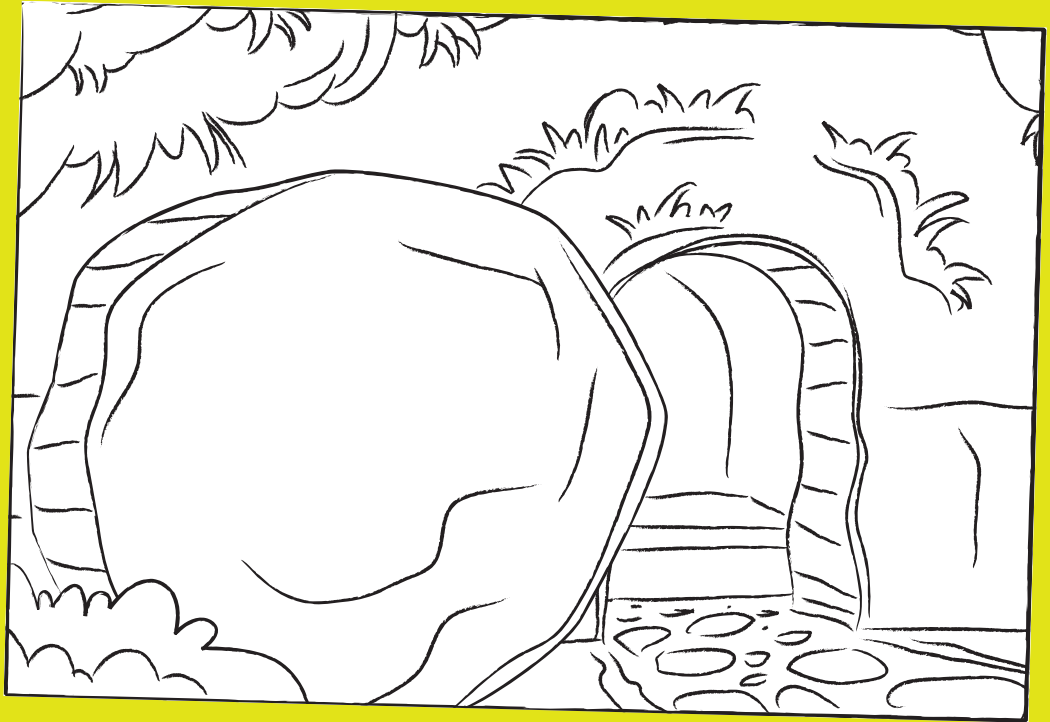
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OVER THE LAND.

BIBLE PASSAGE:
MATTHEW 26-28

MEMORY VERSE:
ROMANS 5:1

REFLECTION

Color the image of the empty tomb. As you color, tell a friend why it's important that the tomb is empty.



LADIES FIRST

Did you know?

Women were the first people to discover the empty tomb.

Women were the first people to see Jesus after his resurrection.

Women were the first people to share the good news that Jesus was alive.

This was unexpected for the time period. Jewish customs did not even consider women to be valid witnesses in court!

But God didn't need to rely on customs and courts to prove that Jesus had defeated sin and death.

THE GOSPEL IS FOR EVERYONE, AND THAT IS VERY GOOD NEWS!

The 3 days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

DAY 1

JESUS DIED AROUND 3 P.M., AND THERE WAS AN EARTHQUAKE.

THE TEMPLE VEIL TORE IN TWO.

JESUS WAS BURIED IN A TOMB.

THE SABBATH BEGAN AT SUNSET.

DAY 2

THE DAY AFTER THE CRUCIFIXION

THE SABBATH WAS OBSERVED.

RESURRECTION DAY

MARY MAGDALENE AND THE OTHER MARY WENT TO THE TOMB TO PREPARE JESUS' BODY.

THE STONE HAD BEEN ROLLED AWAY.

JESUS IS ALIVE!

THE WOMEN RAN TO TELL THE DISCIPLES, AND THEY ALL WORSHIPED JESUS.

DAY 3