

The Resurrection

On the third day, women find Jesus' tomb empty. Angels announce He has risen! Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene and later to His disciples.

Matthew 28:1-10 • John 20:1-18

CHARACTERS: Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Angels, Women, Peter, John

THEMES: Victory over death, New life, Hope, Good news

EARLY ON THE first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

She came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!'

Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. The other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head, folded up by itself.

Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been.

They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?'

'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.'

At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

'Woman,' he said, 'why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?'

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him.'

Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'

She turned toward him and cried out, 'Rabboni!' (which means 'Teacher').

Jesus said, 'Go to my brothers and tell them I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!'