

Jesus' resurrection - Jesus makes it able for us to be part of God's family



After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see

~ Matthew 28:1-10 ~

How do you prove you are the faster runner in the world?

You win a gold medal in the Olympics.

How do you prove you are the smartest person in your class?

You get the best marks in your tests.

How do you prove that people can trust you?

You do everything you say you will.

And that is exactly what Jesus did. Jesus said, at least three times, that he would be arrested, killed, buried and on the third day come back to life. And that is exactly what happened.

Just as he had promised, on the third day Jesus rose to life again!

The two Marys went down to the tomb where Jesus was buried, but when they got there the tomb was open, Jesus' body was missing, and an angel was there telling them Jesus was no longer dead, but alive!

It must have been a massive shock to them!

And then they saw Jesus. Alive!

Jesus really did come back to life again!

And because Jesus came back to life, we can be completely sure that his promises are all true. That means if we repent (turn back to God) and have believe that Jesus died in our place and rose to life again we can have our sins forgiven and be part of God's forever family!

Some questions to think about:

1. How would you have reacted if you were with the two Marys that Sunday morning?
2. How do you feel know Jesus came to life again?
3. Why is it good news that Jesus came to life again?

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you that Jesus didn't stay dead, but that he rose to life again. Thank you that it proves that everything Jesus said is true. Thank you that Jesus makes it possible for us to be part of your forever family.

Amen.