

# The Resurrection

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**Narration** When Jesus died on the cross, His disciples and those that had followed Him fell into deep sadness. Meanwhile, the high priests of Rome and the leaders of the temple remembered what Jesus had said about rising from death in three days, and so they ordered the soldiers to block the tomb, in which Jesus was buried, with a large stone and to keep watch day and night.



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**Narration** Early in the morning on the third day after Jesus' death, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices to that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. They made their way to Jesus' tomb, but when they arrived, they saw that the stone had been rolled away and that the tomb was empty. Jesus' body was nowhere to be found. The women did not know what to do. But a young man (an angel) dressed in a white robe was sitting where Jesus' body had lain.

**A n g e l** Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He has risen!



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**Narration** The women hurried from the tomb to share the good news. But as they were running, they met someone. It was Jesus who had risen! The women bowed at Jesus' feet and greeted Him.

**J e s u s** Go tell the others that you have met me and tell them that Jesus is going ahead of them into Galilee to meet them.



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**Narration** That evening, the disciples gathered in a loft in Jerusalem. They locked the doors tight for they feared the Roman soldiers would come to arrest them. Right then, Jesus appeared before the disciples.

**J e s u s** Peace be with you!

**Narration** They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. Jesus spoke to them.

**J e s u s** Why are you troubled and why do doubts rise in your minds about my resurrection? Look at my hands and feet. Touch me and see.

**Narration** Finally the disciples believed that Jesus had risen from the dead. They were overjoyed to see Him and they knelt before Him and worshipped Him.

Jesus, the Son of God died on the cross to save the world from its sins but He didn't just die; He rose again in three days.

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**Narration** Jesus spoke to His disciples.

**J e s u s** Go and preach this good news to everyone. Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. I will be with you always to the very end of the age.

**Narration** Jesus promised that He would return on a cloud from heaven to judge the world.

