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The Resurrection of Jesus

Introduction

After Jesus' death, He was buried in a tomb late on Friday. The disciples spent the next day, the Sabbath, in hiding, fearful of the Romans and the Jewish authorities. However, early on Sunday morning, some of the woman went to the tomb to care for Jesus' body. They were surprised by what they found there.

Read Mark 8:31; 9:31 and 10:33-34

- 1 What does Jesus predict will happen to Him? How does He say He will die? What does He say will happen after His death?
- 2 Does it surprise you that Jesus knew what was going to happen? If you were one of the disciples, what would you have thought of Jesus' prediction?

Read Matthew 27:57-66

- 3 What happened to Jesus' body after He died?
- 4 Were the chief priests and Pharisees worried at all? What did they want Pilate to do? What did Pilate order to be done so that the disciples could not steal His body?

Read Matthew 28:1-15

- 5 Did any of the people that you read about in this section believe that Jesus' body was still in the tomb?
- 6 The angel, the women, the guards and the Jewish leaders all realized that Jesus body was not in the tomb. What did they think had happened to it? What rumor did the soldiers spread? Do you think that people believed them?

Read Mark 16:9-14

- 7 Who did Jesus appear to first? Why do you think He chose a woman? Why do you think that the disciples not believe her at first?
- 8 Who else met Jesus? Did the disciples believe their story?
- 9 Why do you think the disciples didn't believe until they saw Jesus?

Read John 20:24-31

10 What did Peter and John find in the tomb? Why would there be clothes and no body?

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Read John 20:19-20

11 Why do you think Jesus showed the disciples His hands and His side?

Read John 20:24-31

- 12 What did Thomas say would make him believe in Jesus' resurrection? Who did Thomas think Jesus was after he saw Him?
- 13 Who are blessed if they believe without seeing?
- 14 Why did John write this gospel?

For Further Discussion:

Discuss: Why do you think the resurrection of Jesus is so important? How can Jesus' resurrection give you hope today? How? What have you learned about Jesus today?

For Further Reading:

Is the Resurrection of Jesus true?