

## **Major Event: His Resurrection**

### **Lesson 1: Resurrection of Jesus Christ**

#### **Scriptures: Matthew 28:1-10**

#### **Central Text: Matthew 28:5-6**

5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. 6 He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He **was** lying.

#### **Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:**

Matthew says that Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" went to the tomb early Sunday morning.

- Mark and Luke identify the other Mary as the mother of James.
- Mark also mentions a woman named Salome, and Luke mentions a woman named Joanna.
- Luke also says that there were "other women with them." So we know that several women went to the tomb in the garden.

What did the women see when they got there?

- The stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb.
- An angel sitting on top of the stone.
- The guards passed out on the ground from fear of the angel.

Why was the stone rolled away?

- To show that He wasn't there. Jesus had already risen before the angel met with the group of women.
- NOTE: The stone was like a solid stone wheel that rolled in a gutter. The gospel of Mark says that it was "extremely large."

What did the angel say to the women?

- "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. 6 He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said.
- The simple statement, "He has risen," is the basis for the Christian faith. If Christ had not risen, then we would have no hope. But because Jesus arose, victorious over death, He will live forever. And everyone who believes in Him will live forever too.
- NOTE: Christianity is the only religion that worships a risen Savior!

What else did the angel tell the women?

- To go quickly and tell His disciples that He had risen from the dead.
- That they would see Jesus in Galilee.

As the women ran to report it to His disciples, Jesus Himself met them and greeted them. What was their response?

- And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him.

What did Jesus say to the women?

- "Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me."
- Again, the women were assured that there was no need to be afraid. Jesus refers to the women as "My brethren" (the first time in the Bible He called them this) and to say that they would see Him.

**This was the most important day in human history, and it's the reason Christians celebrate Easter.**

#### **Suggested Attributes for Teacher to Cover:**

1. Of God: Love, Justice
2. Of Man; Total Depravity, Lack of Righteousness, Total Dependence on God's Grace.

#### **Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home: John 20:1-18; Luke 24:1-12**

**Notes:** The resurrection had such importance that the disciples started worshiping on Sunday instead of Saturday (the Sabbath) as they had always done.

The gospel of John also tells about Peter and John running to the tomb after the women told them that Jesus was alive. John 20:1-18