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Jesus sends the Holy Spirit

On the third day after Jesus died on the cross, his mother and Mary Magdalene visited his tomb at the first light of morning.

"Look!" said Mary Magdalene. "The stone sealing the tomb has been moved."

They hurried inside to see if the tomb had been robbed.

Jesus' mother said, "My son's body has been stolen. Who would have done such a thing?"

As the two women embraced and began to cry, the tomb was flooded with light.

"Do not look for the living among the dead," a voice said.

Mary and Mary Magdalene turned and saw an angel in glowing white robes standing in the doorway. They were terrified and knelt down at his feet.

The angel raised his hand and said, "Rise, dear ladies, and rejoice! Jesus has risen from the dead. No grave can hold him." The light went out and the angel disappeared.

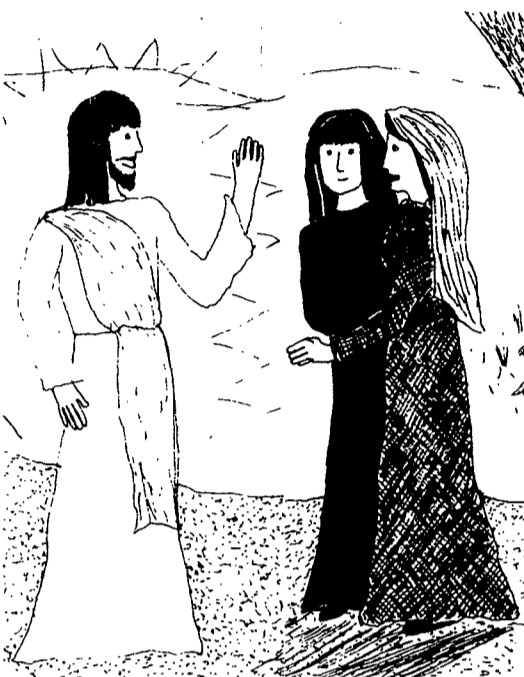
"We have seen a vision," Mary Magdalene said. "We must tell the disciples."

She grabbed Mary's hand and hurried toward Jerusalem, rejoicing that Jesus was alive. Along the way, Jesus appeared on the road in front of them.

"My son," Mary said as she hugged him.

Mary Magdalene bowed and said, "My Lord."

"Tell my friends and followers that I will meet them in Galilee," Jesus said. He smiled and vanished



Illustrations by Kathy Welsh

before their eyes.

The disciples and many friends of Jesus were together when the women found them. "We have seen the Lord!" they told the men. But the disciples would not believe them.

Thomas, one of the disciples, laughed and said, "Do you expect us to believe in ghosts?"

At that moment, Jesus appeared and spoke to them. "Does a ghost have flesh and blood, as I have?" He held out his hands to show the nail wounds.

"You are witnesses of the things I have done," Jesus continued. "But remain in Jerusalem until I send you the Holy Spirit who will baptize you with fire, as I have baptized you with water. Then go into every nation of the world and preach the gospel."

Then, in sight of everyone present, Jesus ascended into heaven on a

cloud.

Several week later, on the day of Pentecost — a holiday honoring the day Moses received the law from God on Mt. Sinai — many of Jesus' followers were in a large room praying. Suddenly a noise like a powerful wind filled the house. Tongues of fire appeared over the heads of every person in the room, and they all began to praise God together.

Outside the meeting room there soon gathered a crowd including men and women from all over the world who were in Jerusalem for Pentecost. One man asked, "Are not all these Christians from Galilee? How is it I hear these men speak Arabic, while another person hears them in Greek? In fact, we all hear them in our own languages. What miracle is this?"

Some who doubted said, "These men are drunk."

Peter stood up and spoke. "We are not drunk. God has poured out his spirit on us. This same God has raised Jesus from the dead."

Many people felt guilty about the death of Jesus. A man asked, "Brother, what can we do now?"

"Repent and be baptized," Peter answered, "and your sins will be forgiven. Then you will receive the Holy Spirit, as we have."

More than three thousand people believed in God because of what happened that day.

Read more about it: Luke 24, Acts 1 & 2

Q & A

Why did the people of Jerusalem celebrate Pentecost?

Why do we celebrate Pentecost?

What instructions did Jesus give his disciples before he went to heaven?

Bible Trivia

Before the day of Pentecost, the disciples chose someone to take the place of Judas. Who was chosen?

Send answers to: Catholic Courier Bible Trivia, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624. Please include your name and address with your entry.

All entries must be received by June 17, 1993. A winner will be selected at random from all the correct entries submitted. The winner will be notified by mail and receive a gift.

Last month's winner was Brienne Briggs, a second-grade student at St. Joseph School in Penfield, who correctly identified Daniel as the person who suggested that Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be appointed governors.

Word Fill-in

Using the words from the list, fill in the skeleton puzzle. Some letters have been given to help you. Answers on page 13.

FAITH
GOSPEL
PENTECOST
ANGEL
ACTS
APOSTLE
PEACE
LAW

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The Bible Times

Jerusalem 33 BC

Eyewitnesses claim that on Pentecost they heard a loud wind and saw flames above the heads of followers of Jesus, a preacher who had recently died.

Men and women from as far away as Rome, Egypt, and Galatia also reported that they heard singing and praying in the languages of their home countries, all at the same time.

Peter, a follower of Jesus, told the crowd that he had seen Jesus rise into heaven on a cloud. He also said that the wind, the flames and the ability to speak in many languages had been caused by a Holy Spirit that had been promised by Jesus.

Authorities report that three days after Jesus' death, his body had been discovered missing from the tomb in which it had been buried.

Some people say the body had been taken and hidden by his disciples, while others say he came back to life.

There are also individuals who claim to have seen him after his death.

Doubters of the event in the meeting house say the disciples had drunk too much wine.

However, as many as three thousand people were convinced and became followers of Jesus. A huge baptism ceremony took place later that evening.

Talking to God

Dear God:
When I feel like I'm all alone, remind me that even the disciples felt that way sometimes, and that's why you sent the Holy Spirit to comfort us.

"Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears, for your work will be rewarded, declares the Lord."

Jeremiah 31:16

King Solomon's Wisdom



"Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge. Listen, my son, and be wise, and keep your heart on the right path."

Proverbs 23:12, 19

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