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Jesus appears to his followers

Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb where Jesus had been buried before the Sunday morning sun had even risen. When she saw that the heavy stone that sealed the entrance had been moved out of the way, she immediately began crying and looked into the tomb. She was afraid the Roman soldiers had stolen the body of Jesus.

Two angels dressed in white were sitting where Jesus had been. One of them asked, "Woman what are you crying about?"

Mary answered, "Someone has taken the body of my Lord, and I don't know where he is."

A man's voice from behind Mary asked, "Who are you looking for?"

The man who spoke was Jesus, but Mary did not recognize him. She thought he was the gardener.

"Sir, if you have moved his body, please tell me what you have done with him."

Then Jesus said, "Mary."

At once Mary knew the man was Jesus. She knelt down and said, "Teacher."

Jesus said, "Go and tell the others that I am about to return to my father and my God, the God who is theirs as well."

Mary ran to find the disciples and told them everything that had happened.

Later that same evening, the disciples were in a room that was securely locked. They did not want to be arrested by the Jewish leaders for being followers of Jesus.

Suddenly, without opening or unlocking the door, Jesus appeared in front of them. "Peace, be still," he said.

The men were astonished. "Lord is it really you?"

Jesus held up his hands to show the marks made by the nails that had fastened him to the cross.



Illustration by Kathy Welsh

"Peace be with you. My father sent me into the world, and now I am sending you." Then Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the holy spirit."

Not long after Jesus had left his disciples, Thomas joined his friends in the locked room.

"Jesus was here with us tonight," they told him.

But Thomas would not believe them. Instead, he said, "I'm sorry, but unless I touch his wounds with my own hands, I cannot accept the fact that Jesus was here."

A week passed and the disciples were in the room once more, and this time Thomas was with them. Again Jesus appeared without opening the door.

"Peace, my friends."

Then he looked at Thomas and held out his hands.

"Here, Thomas, look at my hands and my side. Touch my wounds and stop doubting. Believe in me."

Thomas could only reply, "My Lord, my Lord."

Then Jesus said, "Thomas you believe because you see me here with you. Happiness will also be given to those who do not have to see me in order to believe in me."

Jesus appeared several more times to his disciples and performed miracles. Then he was taken up to heaven, as he said would happen.

Read more about it: John 20

Q&A

1. Who did Mary find in the tomb?
2. Why did Jesus show his hands to the disciples?

Kids' Club

You can win a \$50 savings bond by writing an essay (100 or fewer words) that answers this question:

If you were one of the people that saw Jesus after his resurrection, how would you have reacted?

Send your essay — including your name, home address, telephone number, school and grade — to Catholic Courier, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624. Deadline for entries is April 28, 1994. The winner will be notified by phone and receive the savings bond by mail. In addition, the winner's essay will be published in an upcoming issue of *Kids' Chronicle*.

Last month's winner was Christopher Fanning, a second-grade student at Geneva's St. Francis de Sales-St. Stephen's School. In response to the question "Why is it so important to honor your father and mother?" he wrote:

It is so important to honor your mother and father because they pay for you to have heat. They pay for you to have a home. They love you a lot. They teach you new things. They care for you. They bring you places you have never been before. They buy you food to eat.

Bible Accent

The Parts of the Mass

The church remembers the Last Supper and Jesus' actions then in the Sacrifice of the Mass. Over the centuries, the Mass has developed a number of parts.

The Introductory Rite — entrance song, greeting, and blessing or sprinkling.

The Penitential Rite — confession or "Lord, have mercy."

The Gloria

The Opening Prayer
The Liturgy of the Word — Bible readings, homily, profession of faith, and prayer of the faithful.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist — preparation of and prayer over the gifts, the Eucharistic prayer, "holy, holy," memorial acclamation, and the final doxology.

The Communion Rite — Lord's prayer and sign of peace.

The Fraction Rite — Lamb of God, communion, and the prayer after communion.

The Concluding Rite — final blessing and dismissal.

Saint Mark



Saint Mark is the author of one of the Gospels. It is believed that Mark wrote his version of the life of Christ about thirty years after Jesus' death. He is believed to have talked with many people who had actually known the Lord when he was doing the research for his book.

Mark's Gospel describes many of the things Jesus did and the reactions of the people and the disciples as they perceived the miracles and wonders.

Although not one of the original disciples of Jesus, he traveled extensively with Paul on his missionary journeys. Some of their adventures are recounted in the *The Acts of the Apostles*, which was written by Luke, who also wrote one of the Gospels.

Saint Mark's Day is April 25.

Word Scramble

Unscramble these letters to find the names of the seven sacraments. Answers can be found on page 12.

- atsbpim
- cnnooniftiarm
- tsirahcue
- rcniitoeclain
- ganniotin
- aariemg
- lhyo odrres

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