

Kids' Chronicle

Jesus is seen after his death

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"Jesus is dead," Mary of Magdala thought as she sat up in her bed. The sun had not yet climbed the Eastern sky and the chill of night clung to the darkness of the room. "I must go to his grave and pray for him."

Mary dressed and hurried off toward the tomb in which Jesus had been sealed. It had been a gift of Joseph of Arimathea, a member of the Sanhedrin who had asked Pilate to let the body of Jesus be buried there.

Mary reached the tomb while it was still dark, but it was not too dark for her to see what she did. The enormous stone, which had taken several soldiers to move to seal the entrance of the tomb, had been moved again.

And the tomb was empty.

Mary screamed and ran back into the town and banged on the door where Peter, a close friend of Jesus, was staying.

"Who is there?" Peter called from behind the door.

"Peter, it is Mary of Magdala. They have taken our Lord!"

Peter opened the door and Mary recounted what she had found. Peter immediately went with another disciple, John, to the site of the tomb. Peter and John went inside and found the tomb was empty. Only the burial cloths that had covered Jesus remained.

Mary could not bring herself to go in.

She stayed outside, sobbing into her robes.

"Woman, why are you crying?" a voice asked.

Mary looked up and saw a stranger.

"Someone has taken my Lord," she said.

"I am here, Mary," the stranger replied.

When Mary looked at him, she saw that he was Jesus. He was alive.

She went to the entrance of the tomb to call Peter and John. When they came out Jesus had gone.

Later that same night, Peter and John were with the disciples in a locked room. They were afraid the authorities would arrest them for being followers of Jesus.

Suddenly Jesus was in the room with them.

"Peace be upon each of you," he said. Jesus spent the evening with his friends, then left.

Thomas arrived after Jesus had gone. He did not believe that Jesus had been there.

"Unless I see him for myself and see his wounds," he said, "I just will not be



Illustration by Linda Jeanne Rivers able to believe it was Jesus."

A week later, Jesus appeared in the room again. This time, Thomas was there.

"Touch me, Thomas," Jesus said. "See the nail marks in my hands and feet, the stab mark from the spear."

"My Lord and my God," was all Thomas could say.

Q&A

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1. Why did the disciples lock the door to their room?
2. What did Thomas need to do in order to believe?

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The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are very much alike, telling the story of Jesus' life and ministry on earth in pretty much the same order. They contain stories Jesus told — called parables — and reports of many healings and miracles. Because they are so similar, they are called "synoptic," from a Greek word that means they can be viewed together.

The Gospel of John contains no parables, no exorcisms and fewer healing stories. John emphasizes the fact that Jesus is the word of God and that belief in him leads to eternal life in heaven. Jesus even says to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).

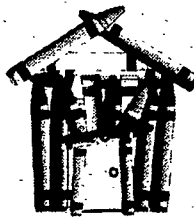
St. Vincent Ferrer

St. Vincent Ferrer was the son of a nobleman and he was taught to live by Christian principles from the time he was a very young boy. He became a Dominican deacon when he was only 17. He became a powerful writer on religious issues and his sermons were credited with winning many converts to the Catholic faith and with inspiring many Catholics to take more active roles as Christians.

During a time when the church was disunited, with several men all at the same time claiming to be pope, St. Vincent traveled as a missionary, preaching all over Europe. He eventually helped to reunite the church.

St. Vincent spent his last three years of life preaching in France. We remember him on April 5.

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The patron saint who I am named after is St. Joseph, the husband of Mary. The thing I admire about St. Joseph is he stayed with Mary no matter what happened. He stood by his family loving them, protecting them, and providing for them.

I was named after St. Joseph because my father's name is Joseph. When I grow up, I plan to stick with my family as Joseph did with Mary and Jesus.

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| 1. CANON | a. collection of the sacred books of Jews and Christians |
| 2. CATECHISM | b. the sacrament that makes one a priest or deacon |
| 3. MARTYR | c. a church law or rule |
| 4. COMMUNION | d. a method of teaching about our faith |
| 5. LENT | e. a person who died for his or her faith |
| 6. HOLY ORDERS | f. the body and blood of Christ |
| 7. BIBLE | g. the 40 days before Easter |

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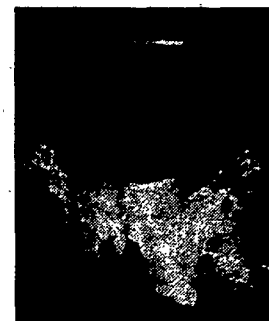
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