

Kids' Chronicle

Followers ask, 'Where is Jesus?'

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The first rays of the morning sun were still an hour away. Mary of Magdala wiped a tear from her eye as she walked and thought, "Jesus is dead." And then she was at the tomb.

Mary screamed. The massive stone that had sealed the opening of the tomb had been moved. And the tomb was empty.

Mary ran back into the town as fast as she could. She pounded on Peter's door. "Peter! Peter!" she called. Peter opened the door and asked, "What is the matter?"

"Our Lord is gone!" she said. "Someone has taken his body and hidden it. Maybe the soldiers did it. We must find out what they did with Jesus."

Peter knocked on the door of John's home and told him what happened. John was a very fast runner, and he reached the tomb before Peter and Mary did. John stopped at the tomb entrance to pick up something on the ground. It was a cloth Jesus had been wrapped in before his burial.

"Look, Peter," was all he could say.

Peter stepped into the tomb. He saw the other cloths that had wrapped Jesus, and the cloth that had covered his head had been carefully and neatly rolled up. John went in and saw the other cloths as well. The two men looked at each other.

"There is nothing we can do here," Peter said. "Let's go home." So Peter and

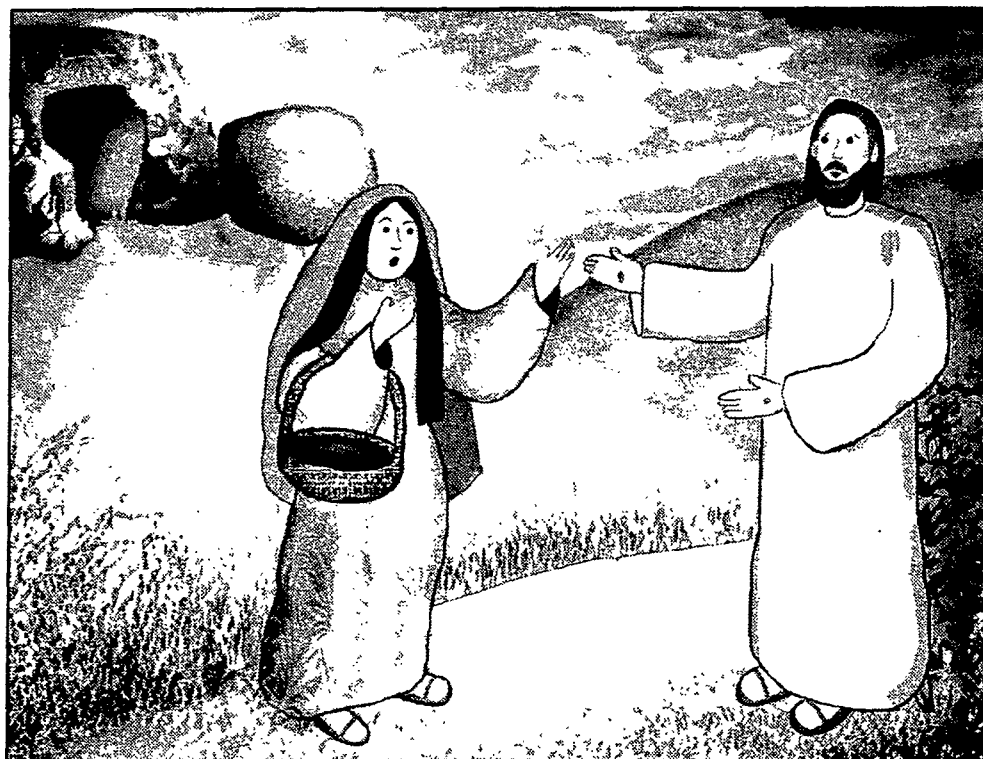


Illustration by Linda Jeanne Rivers

John went back to the town, but they did not speak a word to each other as they walked.

Mary did not go with Peter and John. She was too upset that someone had taken Jesus. She cried with her face in her hands.

"Woman, why do you cry?" a voice asked.

Mary looked up to see the tomb filled with a beautiful, white light. And two

angels were sitting on the spot where Jesus had been buried.

"Someone has taken my Lord away."

Then another voice from behind Mary spoke. "Who did you say you were looking for?"

A man Mary thought to be a gardener had appeared without Mary hearing him.

"If you have taken Jesus to another place, please take me to him."

"Mary," the man said, and then Mary knew it was not a gardener, but Jesus himself. He had changed his appearance, so she did not recognize him at first. She ran to him and hugged him tightly. "Rabbi, teacher," she said.

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Q&A

1. What did Mary think had happened to Jesus?
2. How did Mary address Jesus when she saw him?

Bible Accent

The clothing worn by the people of Bible times was made by hand, usually by weaving threads that had been made by spinning. Leather goods and sandals were made after the skins of animals had been tanned. Israelites knew how to make different color dyes out of available materials. The color purple was considered special and was most often found on the garments of kings and priests.

Linen was made in different thicknesses from the flax plant. Wool from sheep was the most common material for clothing. Sackcloth, a rough material made from goat fur, was used to make bags for wheat and other grains. Silk was a rare material that only the rich could afford to wear. Clothing used for special purposes such as religious ceremonies was sometimes embroidered with elaborate and colorful designs.

St. Bernadette

Marie Bernarde, who was known by her friends and family as Bernadette, was the oldest of six children. She was born in 1844 in Lourdes, in the mountains of south France. In February 1858, Bernadette began to have visions of a beautiful woman who appeared in a grotto, or small cave, near her home. As word of the visions spread, people came from everywhere, as many as 200,000 at one time, hoping they too would see the woman. The woman instructed Bernadette to build a chapel on the site, so people could wash in and drink from a spring there.

After a few months, the visions stopped. Bernadette eventually had to live in a hospice with nuns to hide from people who wanted to see the girl who had the visions. Bernadette had been in poor health for most of her life, suffering from tuberculosis and asthma, but she was able to serve as a sacristan. She died from complications caused by asthma when she was 35. We honor her on April 16.



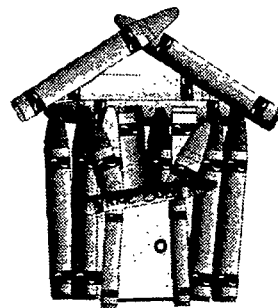
Puzzle

Find the Bible places hidden in the square. Words may run in any direction. Answers on Page 5.

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Last month's winner was Taylor Giarrizzo, a 10-year-old at St. John the Evangelist School, Rochester. Taylor answered the question **What are some of the ways we can show we have faith in God, even when we don't understand why God wants us to do something?** by writing:

Some ways we can show we have faith in God is that: a) We can believe him. Even though we don't want to, we still know that God knows best. b) We can do what God wants us to do. Sometimes, we think what God wants us to do is boring or we don't want to do it, but in the end, it might be fun. c) We can encourage others to do God's will. It doesn't have to be something really important, but just something nice for someone. Just to show that we care and love them.

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