

JESUS APPEARS TO MARY

New Testament Lesson #198

It was a very confusing and scary time for the apostles and the rest of Jesus' faithful disciples. They had witnessed the crucifixion of their beloved Lord. What was going to happen now? What were they to do? At this point, they did not understand how Jesus had to die, and as John indicates in this chapter: "They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead" (John 20:9).

On Sunday, Mary Magdalene went early to the tomb and discovered that the stone had been removed from covering Jesus' tomb. She ran and told Peter and John what she had discovered. She thought someone had taken the body out of the tomb, and she was concerned they wouldn't know where to find it.

This caused both Peter and John to run to tomb to investigate it first-hand. John was faster than Peter and got there first, but he did not go in. When Peter got there he went right in to the tomb. Lying there in the tomb were the strips of linen in which Jesus had been buried. The cloth that wrapped his head was placed by itself to the side. John then went in to see as well.

The two apostles were not sure what to make of what happened. They ended up going back to their homes. Mary had made her way back to the tomb and now was outside of it crying. When she looked in she saw two angels in the tomb. They asked her why she was crying. She tells them, "They have taken my Lord away and I don't know where they have put him" (John 20:13).

Her grief caused her to turn around and there was Jesus, but she didn't recognize him. Jesus asks her, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for" (John 20:15)? Mary thinks Jesus is the gardener and asks him that if he had moved the body to tell her so she can go get it. This comment caused Jesus to say one word: "Mary". Mary instantly recognized him, and she turned around and "cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means Teacher)" (John 20:16).

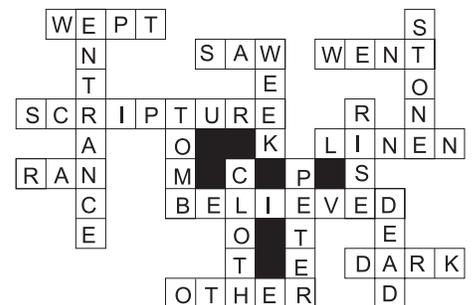
Mary's sadness turned to great joy! Jesus told Mary to go back and tell of his resurrection. Mary rushes back to the apostles to tell them of the good news. She said, "I have seen the Lord! And she told them that he had said these things to her" (John 20:18).

For all of them, their sorrow and confusion was now turning into great joy! There was nothing left for them to fear, for Jesus had risen from the dead!

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- In Luke's Gospel, Mary Magdalene is shown to also come to the tomb with Joanna and Mary the mother of James, and other women as well. They had brought some spices for the body. They also encountered the angels. They told the women that Jesus had risen. The women returned to the 11 apostles and told them and the others what they had heard (See Luke 24:1-12). The apostles thought "their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not" (Luke 24:11). It wasn't until after Peter and John ran to the tomb and saw for themselves that they believed.
- In John's Gospel, he often refers to himself as "the other disciple, the one Jesus loved" (John 20:2). See also: John 13:23; John 18:16; John 19:26; and John 21:7,20.
- In the opening verses of Acts, it describes how Jesus appeared to the apostles for a period of forty (40) days. Specifically it says: "After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3). And though Jesus wasn't going to establish the Kingdom of God at that point in time, he did give his apostles specific instructions of what they needed to do as they waited. He said, "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

ANSWER KEY:



Two angels in white.

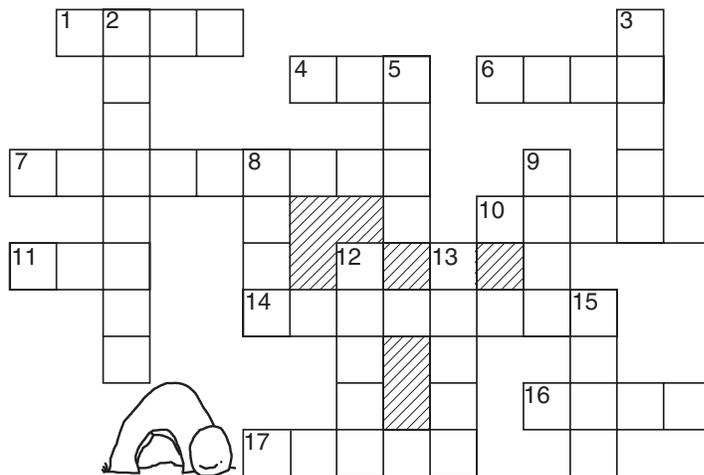
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employ, sprout, entree, eludes

I have seen the Lord!

Mary Magdalene told the disciples,
"I have seen the Lord!"

Supply words to complete the story. Place them in the crossword.

On the first day of the (5-down), while it was still (16-across), Mary (6-across) to Jesus' (8-down) and found the (3-down) had been removed from the (2-down). She ran to tell (13-down) and the (17-across) disciple, John. They (11-across) to the tomb and found strips of (10-across) and the burial (12-down) folded neatly. They had not understood from (7-across) how Jesus was to (9-down) from the (15-down). John went inside the tomb, (4-across) and (14-across). Mary stood outside the tomb and (1-across).



Number the words from 1 to 16 alphabetically, then place the LAST letter of each word in order in the blanks to find out what Mary saw when she looked into the tomb.

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| ___ heels | ___ down | ___ lemon | ___ match |
| ___ olive | ___ about | ___ growl | ___ below |
| ___ mini | ___ Khaki | ___ cobra | ___ frame |



1	2	3			
4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17				

In the boxes, write the word from the list that you think matches the meaning.
Write the letters from column 1 and column 4 in order in the blanks to find what Mary told the disciples.

WORD LIST

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entree
sprout
halter
eludes
asthma
vener



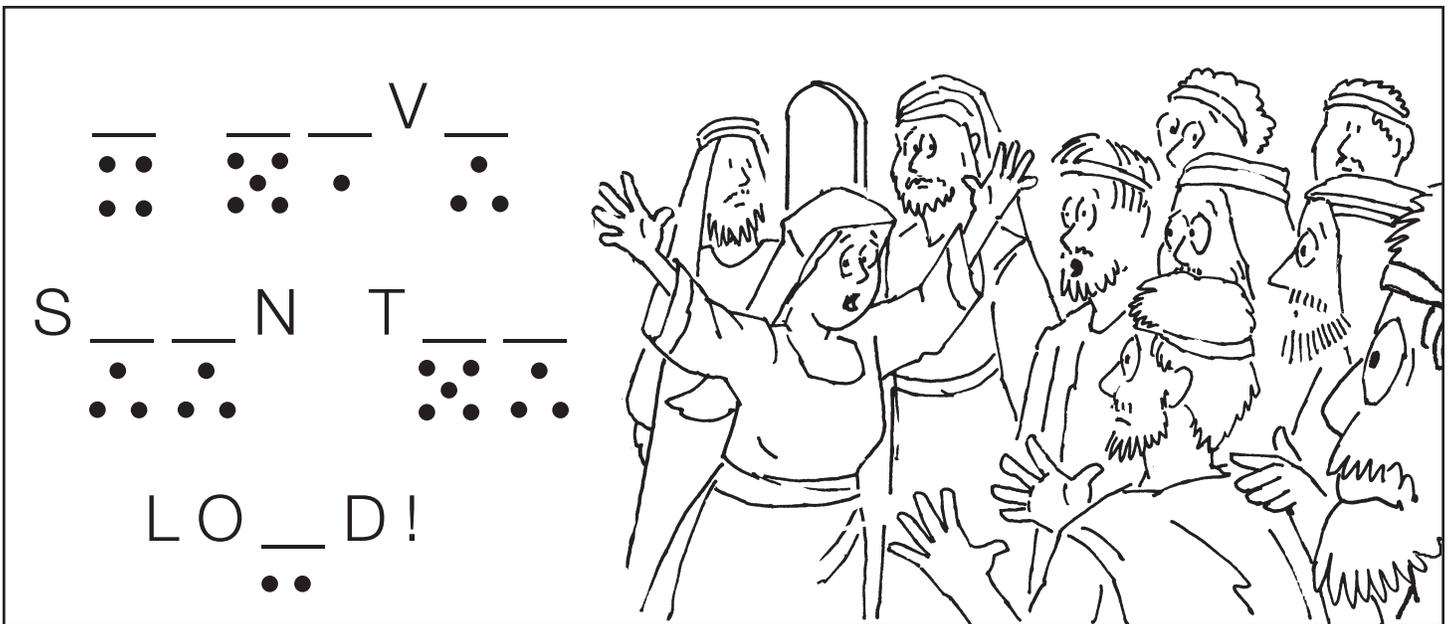
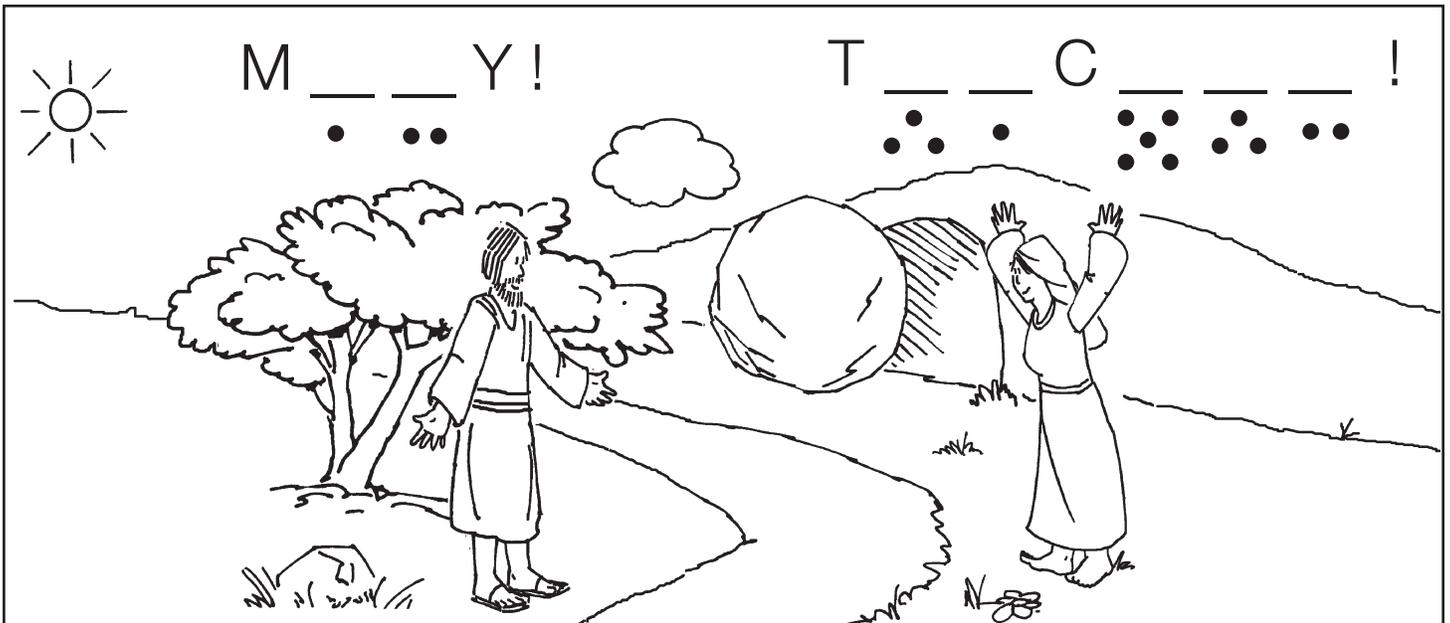
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Can you imagine how Mary felt when she saw Jesus?

Use the code to find out what was said. Color the pictures.

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