# Bible Story 58: JESUS IS RESURRECTED

JESUS APPEARS TO MARY MAGDALENE; JESUS APPEARS TO TWO MEN GOING TO EMMAUS

Scripture: Resurrection: Matthew 28:1-15; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-9

Mary: John 20:10-18 Road to Emmaus: Luke 24:13-35

Memory Verse: Acts 2:24, 1 Corinthians 6:14, John 3:16 or Romans 10:9

#### **BIBLE STORY:**

#### JESUS IS RESURRECTED

On early Sunday morning, there was a violent earthquake. An angel of the Lord rolled back the stone at the entrance to Jesus' tomb. Some women arrived with spices to properly care for the body of Jesus. They saw that the tomb was empty. The angel told them, "Jesus has risen! Tell His disciples that Jesus has risen! Jesus is alive!"

The women ran and told the disciples what happened. Peter and John ran to the tomb. They saw the burial cloth folded inside the tomb. They wondered, "Where was Jesus?"

Meanwhile, the soldiers who were guarding the tomb were terrified. They ran and told the chief priests about everything. The chief priests gave money to the soldiers. Why? So they would tell everyone that Jesus' disciples stole His body.

### JESUS APPEARS TO MARY MAGDALENE

Mary Magdalene was crying by the tomb. She could not understand why the tomb was empty. Where was Jesus? Two angels at the tomb asked, "Why are you crying?" She replied, "Someone has taken my Lord Jesus away."

Then Mary saw a man, who she thought was a gardener. She said, "Tell me where Jesus' body was taken."

He was not the gardener. He was Jesus! He replied, "Mary." Mary looked up and cried out, "Teacher!" She saw that it was Jesus! Jesus said, "Mary, go tell My disciples that I have risen! I am alive!" Mary went and told the disciples what happened.

#### JESUS APPEARS TO TWO MEN GOING TO EMMAUS

On Sunday afternoon, Cleopas and another follower of Jesus were going to a village called Emmaus. It was about seven miles from Jerusalem. Jesus appeared to them as they were walking, but they did not recognize Him.

Jesus asked, "What are you talking about to each other?"

Cleopas replied, "We were talking about what happened to Jesus. He was powerful in word and deed. He was crucified. We were hoping that He was the one who was going to set Israel free. Now it is the third day since He died. Some women said the tomb was empty. No one knows where He is."

Jesus explained how it was necessary for Christ to suffer these things and only then enter His glory.

They arrived at the village. The men invited Him to stay with them. At the table, Jesus took the bread, gave thanks and broke it, giving it to them. The two men realized that it was Jesus! Then Jesus disappeared. The men quickly returned to Jerusalem. They told the disciples, "It is true! Jesus has risen! Jesus was alive!"

#### **PART 1: Personal Questions**

- 1. What did you learn from the story?
- 2. How can you apply this story to your life?

#### **PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS**

- 1. What do you like about the story?
- 2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
- 3. Who are the main people in the story?
- 4. What problems did the people face?
- 5. How did the people face their problems?
- 6. How have you faced similar problems?
- 7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
- 8. What does the story tell about God?

## PART 3: Specific Questions

- 1. What happened early Sunday morning when there was an earthquake?
- What happened when the women arrived at Jesus' tomb?
- 3. What did the soldiers, who were guarding the tomb, do?
- 4. What happened to Mary Magdalene when she was crying by Jesus' tomb?
- 5. What happened to the two men as they were going to the village of Emmaus?
- 6. What does it mean that Jesus resurrected?
- 7. Who resurrected Jesus, giving Him life after death?
- 8. How do we know Jesus arose, that Jesus is alive?
- 9. What hope do we have because Jesus arose? (Read Romans 10:9.)
- 10. What is eternal life? Who can have eternal life? (Read John 3:16.)