

TELL THE BIBLE STORY: CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION

Jesus had been arrested and was taken to Pilate, the Roman governor. Pilate did not want Jesus to be put to death. But angry Jewish crowds pressured him, shouting, “Crucify Him!” Finally Pilate gave Jesus over to be crucified.

When they got to Golgotha, Jesus was nailed to the cross. There were two criminals on either side of Him. Jesus could see His mother, Mary, standing near the disciple, John, whom Jesus loved. Jesus told the disciple to take care of His mother. Soon Jesus said, “It is finished.” Then He bowed His head and died. *(Point to the kids.)*

Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for Jesus’ body. He and Nicodemus took the body of Jesus and wrapped it in linen cloth with fragrant spices. They placed His body in a new tomb in a nearby garden. It was Friday.

Early Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb. Mary Magdalene had been there when Jesus died on the cross. When she got to the tomb, she could see that the stone sealing the tomb had been removed. She ran to find Simon Peter and John. “They’ve taken the Lord and we don’t know where they’ve put Him!” she cried. *(Point to the kids.)*

The two disciples raced to the tomb. When they got there, Simon Peter went inside the tomb first. He saw the tomb was empty! The linen cloths and head wrapping were folded in their place. Then John, the disciple Jesus loved, went into the tomb and saw it, too. The disciples returned to the place where they were staying. *(Point to the kids.)*

Mary was crying as she stood outside the tomb. *(Point to the kids.)* She looked in and saw two angels in white where Jesus’ body had been. *(Point to the kids.)* “Why are you crying?” they asked her. Mary told the angels that she thought someone had taken Jesus’ body. When Mary turned around, she saw Jesus, but she didn’t recognize Him. Jesus spoke to her, “Why are you crying? Who are you looking for?” Mary thought He was the gardener. “Sir, if you’ve carried Him away, tell me where you’ve put Him,” she said. Then Jesus spoke her name, “Mary.” At that moment Mary recognized Jesus. “Teacher!” she cried. *(Point to the kids.)* Jesus instructed Mary to go tell the disciples that soon He would be going to see His

Father in heaven. Mary Magdalene went and found the disciples. “I have seen the Lord!” she exclaimed. Then she told them what Jesus had said to her. (*Point to the kids.*)

—BASED ON JOHN 19:1-42;20:1-8

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- Why did Pilate give Jesus over to be crucified?
(*The crowds pressured him and shouted “Crucify Him!”*)
- What did Joseph of Arimathea do with Jesus’ body? (*wrapped it in linen cloth with fragrant spices, placed it in a tomb*)
- What did Mary Magdalene see when she got to the tomb early Sunday morning? (*The stone that sealed the tomb had been removed.*)
- What did the 2 disciples see at the tomb? (*They saw an empty tomb with only linen cloths and a head wrapping folded in place.*)
- What did Mary see when she looked in the tomb? (*2 angels in white sitting where Jesus’ body had been*)
- When did Mary recognize Jesus? (*when He spoke her name*)
- What did Jesus tell Mary to do? (*go and tell the disciples that soon He would go to heaven to see His Father*)
- What is the definition of *sin*? (*actions, attitudes, words, or thoughts that do not please God.*)