

# The Junior Observer

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## Q&A

Who buried Jesus?

Whom did Mary mistake Jesus for?

Read more about it in John 19 and 20

### A Good News Story

# Mary Finds the Tomb Empty

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**J**esus had been arrested, condemned to death and died on the cross at Golgotha on what Christians now call Good Friday.

On that day, Joseph of Arimathea, a secret follower of Jesus, took Jesus' body from the cross for burial.

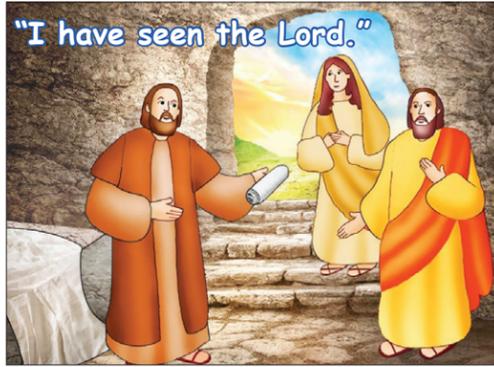
Joseph and another man, Nicodemus, covered Jesus' body with spices and burial cloths. They placed Jesus' body in a new, unused tomb in a garden that was near Golgotha.

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala, a follower of Jesus, visited the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark.

When Mary noticed that the stone covering the tomb had been removed, she quickly ran to tell the Apostles.

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put Him," she told Simon Peter and the other Apostle whom Jesus loved.

The two Apostles raced to the tomb. The other Apostle ran faster than Simon Peter and arrived first but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths and the cloth that had covered Jesus' head.



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### Think about it

Describe how you would feel if you had encountered the empty tomb and the resurrected Jesus.

The other Apostle joined Simon Peter, and they both believed that Jesus' body was gone. The two men returned home, because they did not yet understand that, according to Scripture, Jesus had to rise from the dead.

Mary, however, stayed at the tomb and wept.

As she was crying, Mary bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white.

"Woman, why are you weeping?" they asked.

"They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid Him," she replied.

Just then, Mary turned around and saw a man whom she thought was the gardener.

"Sir, if you carried Him away, tell me where you laid Him, and I will take Him," she said.

"Mary!" the man exclaimed.

Mary suddenly realized that the man was Jesus.

"Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father," he told Mary. "But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary rushed back to the Apostles.

"I have seen the Lord," she said, and gave them the message from Jesus.



(Photos provided)

### West Dundee Students Celebrate Community

"Celebrate your Community" was one of the daily themes for Catholic Schools Week in late January. At St. Catherine of Siena School in West Dundee, students worked as a school to make Birthday

Boxes for the F.I.S.H. Food Pantry. This service project looked a bit different this year as classes weren't able to gather as a school in the gym, but the end result was the same. The school donated 50 birthday boxes to the food pantry. In addition, St. Catherine's was also able to present Mary Graziano from F.I.S.H. with a check (above right) made possible by students who donated money to earn a "dress down day" when they could skip their uniforms.



### Sterling Students Welcome Police Officer



(Photos provided)

Students in Lauren Holmes' prekindergarten-4 class at St. Mary School in Sterling recently sent thank you messages and posters (below) to the Sterling Police Department. Sgt. Ryan Potthoff (above right) wanted to say thank you right back. With COVID-19 restrictions prohibiting him from entering the building, he brought his police vehicle to the school for the students to explore.

