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A Good News Story

The Risen Jesus Appears to Mary

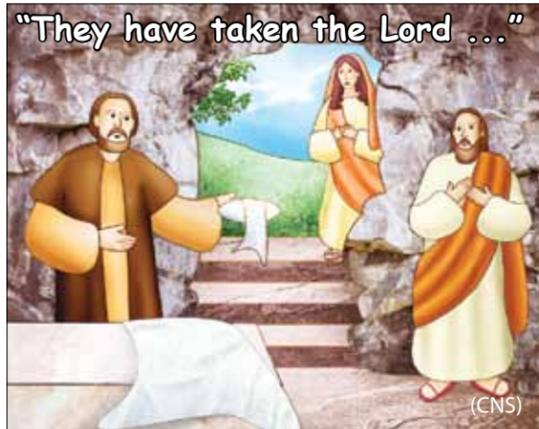
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After Jesus' crucifixion and death, Joseph of Arimathea, a secret follower of Jesus, asked Pontius Pilate for the Lord's body so he could bury Him according to Jewish customs.

Pilate said yes. It was Friday, the day the Jews were preparing for Passover and the Saturday Sabbath. So Joseph and a man named Nicodemus quickly put spices on Jesus' body, wrapped Him in burial cloths and laid Him in a nearby tomb.

On Sunday morning, Mary of Magdala visited the tomb while it was still dark. She saw that the large, heavy stone in front of the tomb had been removed. She immediately ran to find the Apostles.

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know



where they put Him," she cried when she found Simon Peter and the Apostle whom Jesus loved.

Both men ran to the tomb as fast as they could. The Apostle whom Jesus loved arrived first and saw Jesus' burial cloths inside the tomb but did not go in.

Simon Peter arrived moments later and went inside. He, too, saw the burial cloths, and the cloth that had covered the Lord's head. This

cloth was rolled up and placed in another part of the tomb.

The Apostles realized what Mary had said was true, but they did not understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. So they went home.

Mary, however, stayed and wept, because she thought Jesus' body had been stolen.

As she cried, she looked inside the tomb and saw two angels.

Q&A

What did Simon Peter see inside the tomb?

Who was the person Mary thought was the gardener?

Read more about it in John 20.

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

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

As she spoke, she turned and saw a man whom she thought was the gardener. She begged him to return

Jesus' body, not realizing that she was talking to Jesus Himself.

"Mary!" the Lord said. Her heart filled with joy as she recognized Him.

"Go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God,'" the Lord told her.

She found the Apostles and announced, "I have seen the Lord," and told them what He had said.



(Photo provided)

St. Thomas More Student Illustrates Rosary with Legos

St. Thomas More second graders began preparing for their first Communion this month. Their first family activity was to "dig deeper" into the season of Lent. Reed Mihelich took his love for Legos and used it to develop the Sorrowful Mysteries. As each decade was developed, his family discussed what happened to Jesus and prayed together. "As we worked together as a family to recreate these moments, we talked through what Jesus was feeling and experiencing and it was really powerful," said his mother Erin Mihelich.



(Photo provided)

Vet Visits St. Margaret Mary in Algonquin

Dr. Kathryn Golden, DVM, recently visited kindergarten classes at St. Margaret Mary School in Algonquin to talk about her job as a veterinarian and her love of animals. Dr. Golden uses her stethoscope to help kindergartner Jack Malone listen to his heart.



(Photos provided)

St. James Students in Rockford Honor Classmate

Fourth-grader Audrey Winters at St James School Rockford made her first confession Feb. 24. Her classmates surprised her with a small reception, a giant card which they all signed, and flowers and a congratulations banner. She will be making her first Communion if all goes as planned before Easter vacation. Her class will be with her.