



## Zoom & In Person Community Group Lessons – April 13 - 17, 2022

### Easter Sunday

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#### Main Point

- Jesus died and rose again for us.

#### Scripture

- John 20:1-18
  - Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"
  - So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.
  - Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

## Prayer Time

- Spend a couple of minutes in praise and prayer to God.

## Praise and Worship

- Matt Maher – Because He Lives

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBvU7arNhQs>

- Phil Wickham – This is Amazing Grace

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgsbaBlaoVc&list=PLFZzzgm\\_Vg7hmLo4W-G6t6YjhN5nudGEQ&index=2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgsbaBlaoVc&list=PLFZzzgm_Vg7hmLo4W-G6t6YjhN5nudGEQ&index=2)

## Memory Verse

- John 3:16
  - *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*

## Review of Last Week

- Last week we learned that we can praise Jesus and that He is the King of our hearts. I hope that you had opportunity to share this information with someone.
- This week, how did you praise Jesus and thank Him for being OUR King, the King of our hearts?

## Lesson

- You are going to help me tell a story. This is a story about what happened after Jesus died on the cross. Jesus died on a Friday. It was a very sad day. It was sad because Jesus’ friends didn’t know what was going to happen. They didn’t understand why Jesus had to die.



- Late on that Friday afternoon, Jesus' body was taken down from the cross. It was wrapped in long strips of cloth. And it was buried in a rich man's tomb.



- A large stone was rolled over the entrance to the tomb, and soldiers were standing outside to make sure that nothing happened to Jesus' body. Jesus was dead.



- Then early on Sunday morning when it was still dark, Jesus' friend, Mary Magdalene, went to the tomb and saw that the large stone that was rolled over the mouth of the empty tomb was gone! So, she ran away.
- Why do you think Mary ran away? (*Was she afraid? What could have happened? Jesus' body was not there. The stone had been moved.*)



- Mary ran to two more of Jesus' friends, Simon Peter and another friend that Jesus loved very much. So, Peter and the other friend that Jesus loved ran very fast to the tomb. The second friend ran so fast that he beat Peter there.

- Why do you think the friends ran? (*Were they shocked? Was it hard to believe what Mary had told them?*)
- The friend and Peter looked inside the tomb. They saw the strips of cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' body. They saw the cloth that had been put on Jesus face. It was neatly folded in a corner of the room. The second friend saw and he believed. What did he believe? (*Jesus was dead, but God raised him to life.*)
- Do you believe that Jesus is alive?



- Mary didn't believe at first. She was sad. She thought Jesus was missing. The friends went back to their homes, but Mary stayed at the tomb, and she cried. Why do you think that Mary cried? (*She thought that Jesus was dead, and now his body was missing too!*)
- A man came to Mary. He said, "Why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Mary said, "If you took him away, please tell me where he is. I'll go and get him." He said her name, "Mary." It was Jesus! He had been dead. But now he was alive! Now Mary believed! She wanted to touch him and hug him! Jesus said, "Not yet. I'm going to the Father. And he is your Father too!" Then, Mary ran away.
- Why do you think Mary ran this time? (*Excitement; to tell her friends*).
- Mary had good news! She was going to tell her friends, "I have seen Jesus! He was dead! But now He is alive! He is risen! And he is giving us life, so that we can live with the Father again!"
- When I say, "Jesus has Risen!", I want you to respond with "He has risen indeed!"

## Application

- Did Jesus suffer and die on the cross? *(yes, it was very painful and He died on the cross for our sins)*
- Did Jesus rise again? *(yes, Jesus rose again on the third day – the tomb was empty)*
- Did Mary see that Jesus was alive again? *(yes, she was the first to see Jesus but didn't recognize Him at first)*
- What did Mary do after she saw Jesus? *(she ran to tell her friends that Jesus was alive!)*
- Do you believe that Jesus is alive?

## Live It Out Challenge

- This week, tell someone around you, how it makes you feel that Jesus is alive.

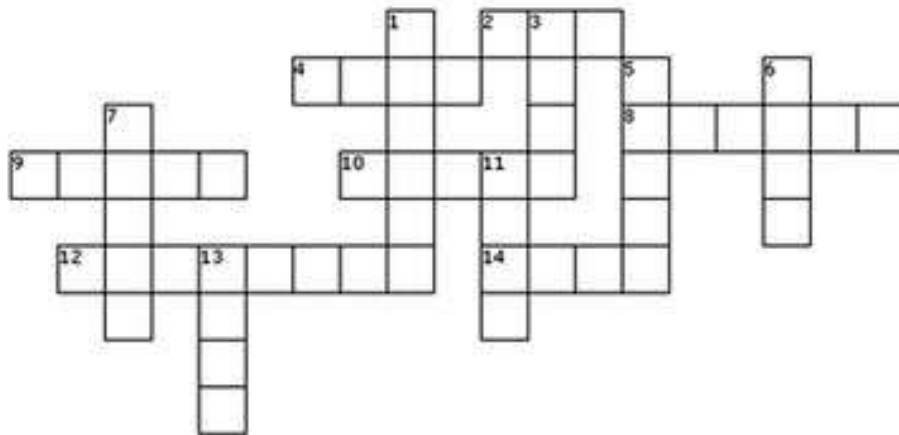
## Additional Learning

- Below is a crossword puzzle and a colouring page. Enjoy as you reflect on what you just read and learned about Jesus rising from the dead so we can live with God again!



# *He is not here. He has risen!*

Words taken from John 20:1-18 (NIV)



## ACROSS

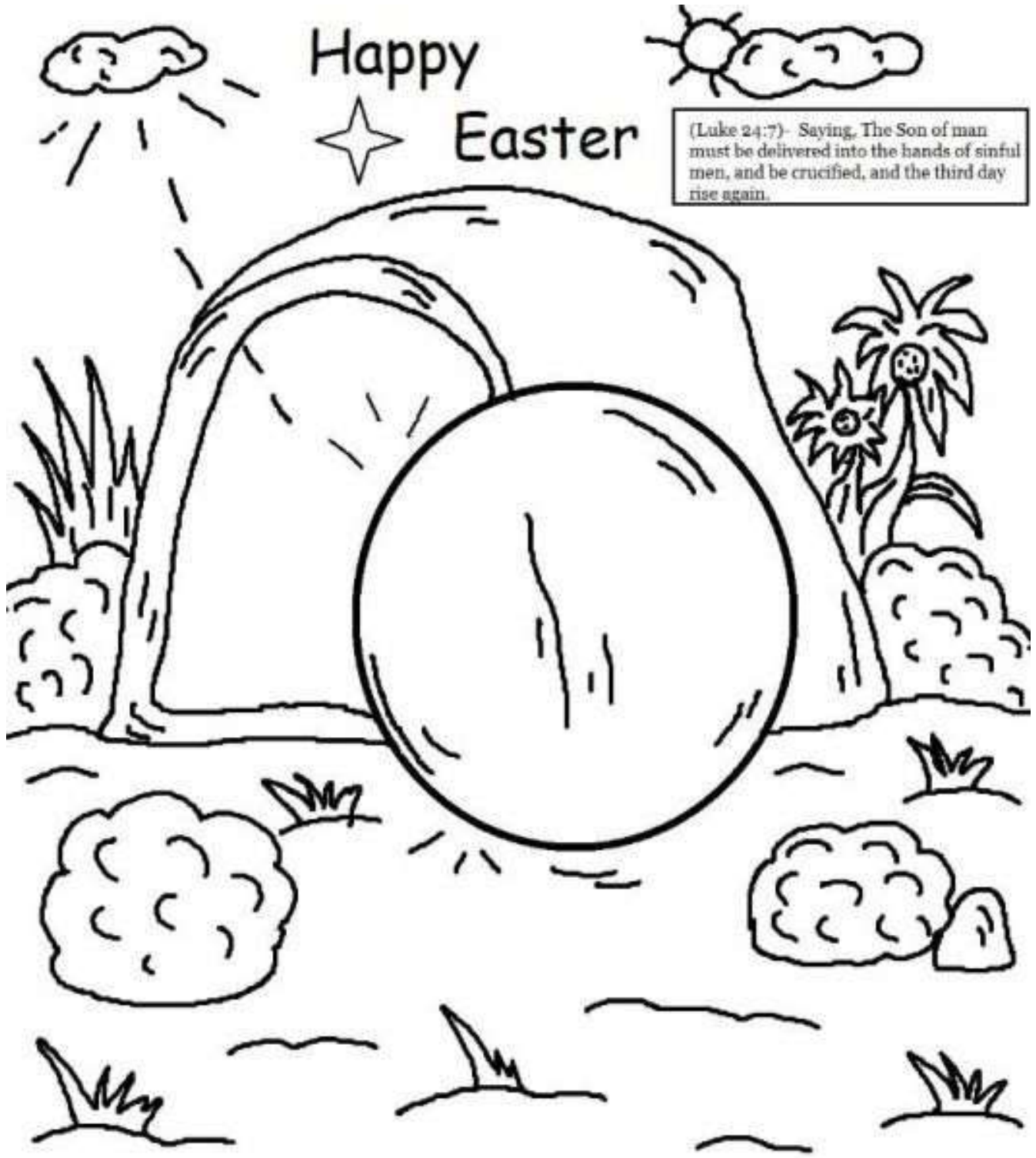
2. To shed tears
4. The opposite of alive
8. A heavenly being
9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus'tomb
10. The color that is the opposite of black
12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

## DOWN

1. The male parent
3. Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
5. The opposite of late
6. A period of seven days
7. An adult female person
11. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
13. The opposite of light

## Words Used

early	angels	gardener	rise
week	white	Mary	dead
dark	woman	tomb	
stone	cry	father	



(Luke 24:7)- Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

Jesus died on a cross for your sins. He was layed in a tomb and on the third day he rose again.