

## **THE RESURRECTION**

## The Risen Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene: St. John Ch. 20:11-14

Mary stood crying outside the tomb. While she was still crying, she bent over and looked into the tomb and saw two angels there, dressed in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and the other at the feet. "Woman, why are you crying?" they asked her. She answered, "They have taken my Lord away, and I do not know where they have put him!" Then, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there; but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her "Mary!"

## **UNDERSTAND IT**

When people die, we are sad because we will never see them on earth again. In this Bible story from St. John, we learn that Mary Magdalene loved Jesus very much. She was one of his closest followers. And so, she was very sad when Jesus died. She felt even worse when she went into the tomb. The stone across the entrance had been moved. Mary thought that someone had stolen Jesus' body.

While she was crying, the Risen Jesus came and spoke to her. At first, Mary didn't recognise Him. Maybe, she was too upset. Or maybe, Jesus looked different. But as soon as Jesus said her name, Mary knew it was Him. Mary became the first witness to Jesus being alive!



Can you imagine how happy Mary was? Jesus was alive. Mary rejoiced and ran to share her news with the other disciples.