



Explore

Look up and read your memory verse, Matthew 28:6, in your Bible.

After Jesus died on the cross, His body was laid in a tomb (a place to bury a body). There was a giant stone placed to seal the tomb, and soldiers stood guarding it.

What happened next?

Look up and read Matthew 28:1-8 in your Bible.

Who went to visit the tomb? (Hint: Look at Matthew 28:1.)

Matthew 28:2 tells us there was a great earthquake. What caused the earthquake?

1. An angel came down from _____.
2. The angel rolled away the _____.

Where was the angel after he rolled away the stone? (Hint: Look at Matthew 28:2.)

The angel was sitting on the stone waiting for Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to show up. Matthew 28:4 tells us the guards were so shocked by the angel that they fainted.

Who did the angel say that the women were looking for? (Hint: Look at Matthew 28:5.)

Write out your memory verse, Matthew 28:6, to see what the angel told the women.

The angel told the women to look in the tomb to see for themselves. Then the angel told the women to go tell the disciples Jesus was alive. What did the women feel when they left the angel? Circle two words below. (Hint: Look at Matthew 28:8.)

FEAR **LOVE** **ANGER** **JOY**

Jesus died on the cross for your sins and has risen from the dead. If you trust Him as your Savior, you will be saved from the eternal punishment of sin.

God wants us to be filled with joy because Jesus is alive. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is more powerful than death and sin?

Jesus is God and is all-powerful. He is the only one who has the power to rise from the dead. Since Jesus is God, He has power over death!

DEFINITION

RESURRECTION — the act of coming back to life after death

Discussion Questions

These questions are just a few that your small group will talk about. Think about your responses to the following questions.

1. How would you explain that Jesus died and rose again?
2. Jesus proved He is God because He rose from the dead. Because of that, what can God do in your life?

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Look up and read your memory verse, 1 Peter 5:10, in your Bible.

Peter, the disciple who wrote that verse, was one of Jesus' 12 disciples. Peter loved Jesus deeply. He also learned that God uses the hard things we go through to make us more like Jesus.

Before Jesus was arrested and taken away to die on the cross, He talked with Peter.

Look up and read Matthew 26:33-35 in your Bible.

What did Jesus say that Peter would do? (Matthew 26:34)

What would happen after Peter denied Jesus? (Matthew 26:34)

Jesus said that Peter would deny Him before the rooster crowed three times. But verse 35 tells us that Peter said that he would rather die than say he didn't know Jesus.

So what happened after Jesus had been arrested?

Look up and read Matthew 26:69-75 in your Bible.

What did Peter tell the servant girl in verse 70? "I don't what you are talking about."

In verse 72 another girl said he was one of the disciples. Peter said,

"I do _____ know the Man!"

A third time someone said Peter knew Jesus and Peter said,

"I do not _____ the Man." (Verse 74)

Immediately, after Peter denied Jesus the third time, what happened? (Verse 74)

What Jesus had predicted came true! Peter felt horrible because Jesus saw it all happen.

How do you think you would feel if you could see Jesus look at you after you said that you didn't know Him? Circle the answers that match how you would feel.

UPSET

SAD

EMBARASSED

ASHAMED

God loved Peter just like God loves you. Remember that God is patient, and He won't give up on us.

John 21 tells the story of Peter spending time with Jesus, and Jesus restoring (making right) their relationship.

Look up and read John 21:15-19 in your Bible.

What question did Jesus ask Peter three times and how did Peter answer?

Jesus restored Peter, and it changed him forever. Peter learned what it meant to stand up and say that he knew Jesus when others might hate him for it. Peter reminds us that God will give us the strength that we need to do what He wants us to do, and He will be glorified.

Is there something in your relationship with Jesus that needs to be restored? Take a minute to pray and talk to Him about it!

DEFINITION

RESTORE — to make right or complete, to mend

Discussion Questions

These questions are just a few that your small group will talk about. Think about your responses to the following questions.

1. What is going on in your life that you need Jesus to restore (make right again)?
2. How does knowing that Jesus restores you after you fail give you confidence?