

TITLE AND NUMBER: 22. Jesus is risen



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Mark 16: 1-7

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.

LOOKING FURTHER: Luke 24

What does this Bible passage tell us?

Jesus was crucified and on the third day He rose from the dead.

The three women had witnessed Jesus' death on the cross and two of them had seen Joseph of Arimathea lay Jesus in the tomb and roll a large stone across to seal it. They came at sunrise to anoint Jesus' body. What a shock awaited them. The stone had been rolled away. Inside, a young man in white greeted them with a message from God. **Jesus is Risen.**

The young man told the women to go and tell Jesus' disciples and especially Peter that Jesus was going ahead of them to Galilee and that they would see him there. When Jesus was arrested, all the disciples had fled and Peter had denied three times that he knew Jesus. Jesus offered them forgiveness, restoration and new life.

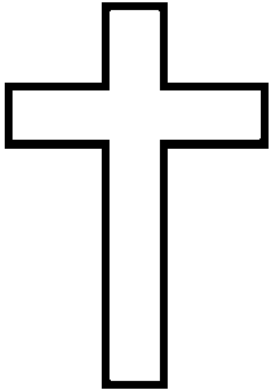
Forgiveness, restoration and new life are offered to us today, this joyful Easter Day. The amazing power of God has raised Jesus from the dead. Death and sin are defeated. Jesus goes ahead of us and leads us on into freedom, deeper faith, joy and relationship with him.

Alleluia, Jesus is Risen. He is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

Reflections:

- Spend a few moments reading the Bible passage slowly out loud, let it speak to you.
- Read it again: are there any words or phrases which stand out? Write them on the back page and use them in your prayers this week.
- God's power brings forgiveness, restoration and new life. Are there any areas of life where you long for God to help you? Bring them to God in prayer.
- Where do you think Jesus is leading us as we recover from the pandemic?

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

