



Easter, Session 2

Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

Matthew 26–28

Story Point: Jesus died on the cross to pay for sin and rose again to defeat death.

Jesus was arrested and led to the high priest. The high priest asked, “Are You the Messiah, the Son of God?” Jesus replied, “Yes, that’s right.” The high priest said, “He has spoken against God! He deserves to die!”

In the morning, the religious leaders led Jesus to Pilate, the governor. “Are You the King of the Jews?” Pilate asked. Yes, that’s right,” Jesus replied. “What should I do with Jesus?” Pilate asked the crowd. “Crucify Him!” they answered.

The governor’s soldiers beat Jesus and led Him away to be killed. The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. Two criminals were crucified next to Him. Jesus died.

Jesus was buried in a tomb. A stone was sealed in front of the tomb. On the third day, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb. Suddenly an angel of the Lord

rolled back the stone and sat on it. The angel spoke to the women, “Don’t be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus. He is not here. He has risen, just like He said He would.”

The women ran to tell the disciples the good news. Just then Jesus greeted them. “Don’t be afraid,” Jesus told them. “Tell My followers to go to Galilee. They will see Me there.”

Christ Connection: The death and resurrection of Jesus is the center of the gospel. We deserve to die because of our sin, but Jesus died in our place. Because Jesus is alive, we do not need to fear anything. Those who trust in Jesus have forgiveness and eternal life, and we can joyfully obey Him.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Number the events in the order they happened:
 - ____: Soldiers nailed to Jesus to a cross. He died.
 - ____: A crowd grabbed Jesus and arrested Him.
 - ____: On the third day, Jesus rose form the dead.
 - ____: Pilate handed over Jesus to the crowd to be crucified.

- What does this story teach us about God?

- Why is it important that Jesus is alive?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- Find Deuteronomy 31:8 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Him that Jesus is alive and active in our lives today.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 2:5-8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 5:8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 9:28 | <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 12:4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John 15:13 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 10:11 |