



## Mary of Magdala sees Jesus

John 20:1-18

Mary of Magdala had been one of Jesus' friends.

Mary didn't run away when the rulers killed Jesus. She and some of the other women disciples stayed near Jesus all the time that he hung on the cross.

Mary wanted so much to help Jesus. But the soldiers wouldn't let her.

Now Jesus was dead. Mary felt as if she had died too.

Early on Sunday morning, on the third day after Jesus had been killed, Mary went to the place where they had put Jesus' dead body. But when she got there, she saw that Jesus' body was gone.

Mary was very upset. She ran to call some of Jesus' other disciples. They came running as fast as they could. They too saw that Jesus' dead body wasn't there any more.

Jesus' other friends didn't know what to do, so they went home. Mary stayed behind. She wanted to be by herself for a while. She wanted to have a good cry. Mary was very sad about all the things that had happened to Jesus.

While she was crying, she looked into the place where they had put Jesus' body. She saw two angels. The angels asked her,

"Why are you crying?"

"They have taken Jesus away," said Mary. "And I don't know where they have put him."

Then Mary turned around, and she saw somebody standing there. She was still crying, and the tears in her eyes made it hard for her to see who it was.

"Who are you looking for?" this person asked. "And why are you crying?"

Mary cried even harder. "If you have taken Jesus away, please tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him."

"Mary," he said.

As soon as she heard her name, she knew who it was.

"Teacher!" she shouted. She was so happy. Jesus had been dead but now he was alive again.

"Go and tell the other disciples," said Jesus. "Tell them that I am going to live with God."

So Mary of Magdala went running just as fast as she could—running and jumping and shouting because she was so happy.

Jesus was  
alive again!

