

GOOD NEWS AT EASTER

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

John 20:11-18

Memory Verse

¹⁹ Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.

Matthew 28:19-20



CASEY'S DAY

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Have you ever been in a crowded store and couldn't find your mom? You probably called, "Mooooom!" And chances are, she heard your voice and called your name. Your head immediately swung around to her because you recognized her voice. To anyone else, your mom's voice might sound like just another person calling. But to you, your mom's voice is like no one else; it's your mom!

The same thing happened to Mary Magdalene with Jesus on the first Easter, the Sunday that Jesus rose from the dead. Mary stood outside the tomb, crying. Two angels, who were sitting inside the tomb, asked her why she was crying. "Why?" She probably thought that was a ridiculous question. After all, she believed that Jesus was dead and that someone had stolen his body.

Then Mary turned around and met Jesus. At first, she didn't know it was him. Jesus asked Mary why she was crying. There was that same question again! Thinking he was the gardener, she asked him where Jesus' body was. Was the gardener the one who took it?

But when she heard Jesus say, "Mary," she realized it was *him*. Like you recognize your mom's voice when she calls your name, Mary suddenly recognized Jesus: her Savior, teacher, and friend. Jesus had turned her entire life around. Jesus had given her a relationship with God. Jesus wasn't dead; he was alive! It wasn't an ordinary gardener who knew her name; it was the risen Savior. Maybe Mary gave him the biggest hug. She probably cried tears of joy! Jesus told her to tell his disciples that he was going to be with God. Later, he appeared to the disciples and said he would send them out to share the good news. And that's something we can do too. We can tell others the good news: Jesus is alive and he loves us!

Prayer

Dear God, thank you that Jesus loves me so much that he died on the cross. Thank you for the hope we have because he rose again. Let me celebrate that Jesus is alive this Easter and every day. Amen.

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