

Jesus' Sacrifice - April 4

Parents: Can you imagine what it must have been like for Mary Magdalene to see the magnificent angel of the Lord and Jesus' empty tomb. What an incredible scene! The angel shared the news, "He is not here; He has risen!" What glorious words to hear. We still rejoice about them today and forevermore!



Read: Matthew 28:1-10 Jesus Has Risen

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. 4 The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. 5 The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." 8 So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Discuss: What happened when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb of Jesus. *There was an earthquake. An angel of the Lord came down from heaven and rolled away the large stone that covered the entrance of the tomb.*

What was the angel's appearance like? *Like lightning and his clothes were as white as snow.* The angel told the women not to be afraid because Jesus, who died on the cross, had risen just as he said he would. The angel then showed them what? *The place where Jesus had been.*

Do you know why Jesus died on the cross? *He loves us so much. He lived a perfect life and covered our sins with his death so we can be with God in heaven.*

After the women saw the empty tomb, what did the angel tell the women to do? *Go and tell the disciples that Jesus has risen from the dead and is heading to Galilee.*

On the way the women were afraid yet filled with joy when they met Jesus. What did they do? *They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.*

Key Point: Jesus is Risen!

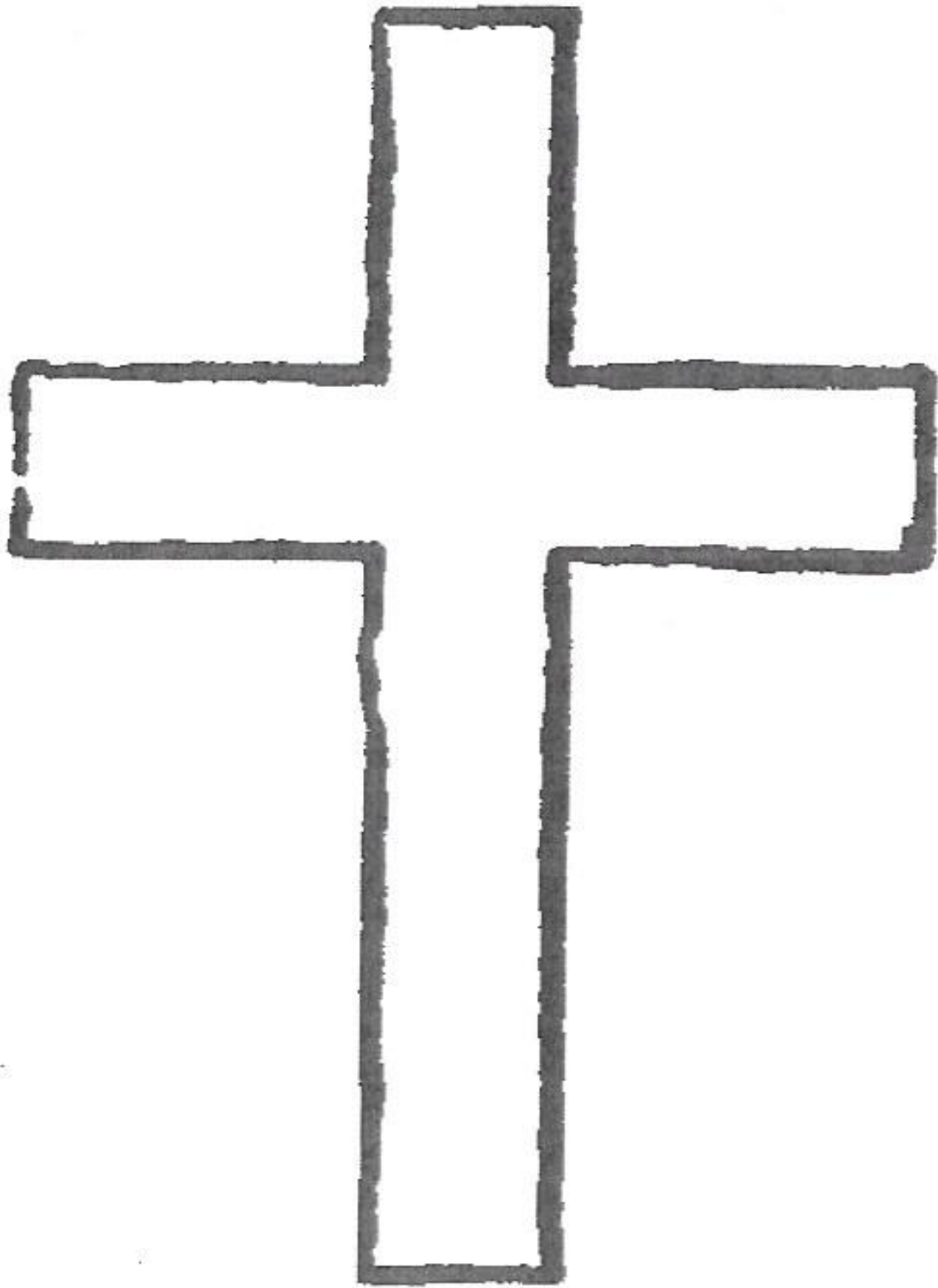
Jesus is (Tap one finger in the middle of the opposite palm)

Risen (Take hand and gently wave it while slowly lifting it up)

Family Activity: Print the template included in the lesson.. Cut tissue paper into small squares and glue them onto the cross. Make a mosaic pattern to cover the cross as a reminder that Jesus covers our sins by His death and we can rejoice that He has risen!

Prayer: Dear God, We praise You for sending Jesus to save us from our sins. Fill our hearts with joy and give us ways to share this wonderful message with others. We thank and love You. Amen.

Next Steps: Memorize Matthew 28:5-6a The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said."



Jesus Covers All Our Sins