

Family Worship

He Is Risen !

11.4.2021

Opening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, thank you for our family.

And thank you for the privilege of coming together for worship.

Help us to understand Your Word and obey it with a joyful heart.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzy7jFNUc3w>

Catechism Time!

Bible truths for teaching children

Question 41

Q: What is the Lord's Prayer?

A: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory for ever.

Amen.

Thoughts
about God

Our own
needs

This is a model prayer
that Jesus taught us
(Matthew 6:9-13).

Notice how the prayer
begins with thoughts
about God, then moves
on to our own needs.

That's the way prayer
should be. When we
first focus on God, we
then know how to pray
for our own needs.

Since ancient times, humans have wanted to be immortal. ("Immortal" means "live forever")

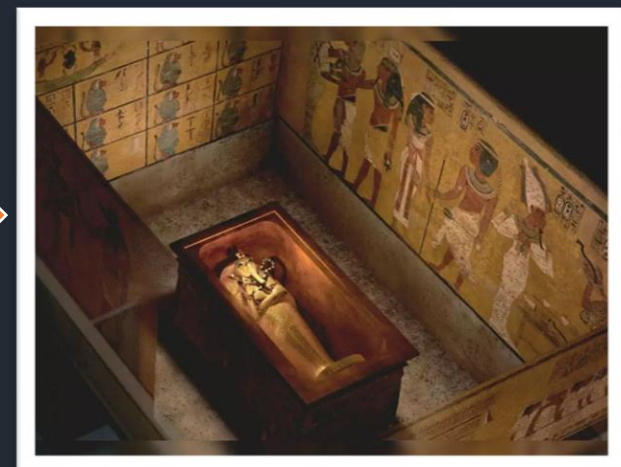


Ancient Egyptians believed that it was possible to live again after death, but this could only happen if the body was preserved...so they turned a dead body into a mummy.



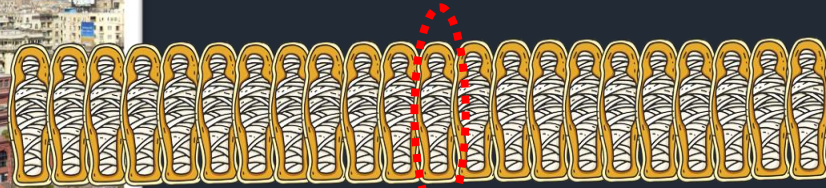
How to turn a dead body into a mummy

1. First the brain & internal organs of a dead person were removed.
2. The body was then preserved and wrapped in linen, and finally placed in wooden cases.



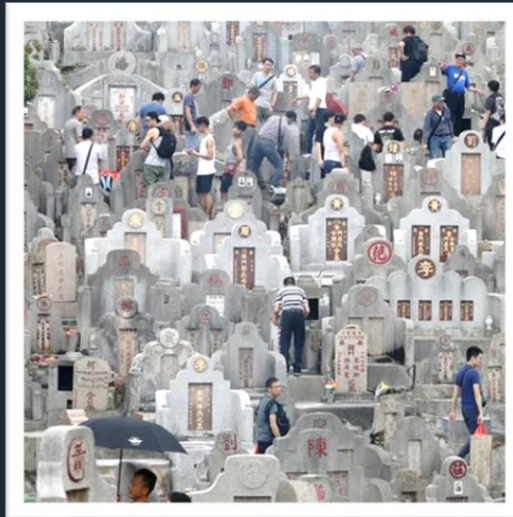
On 3 April 2021, 22 mummies were moved from an old museum in Cairo to a new museum. Watch this grand parade...

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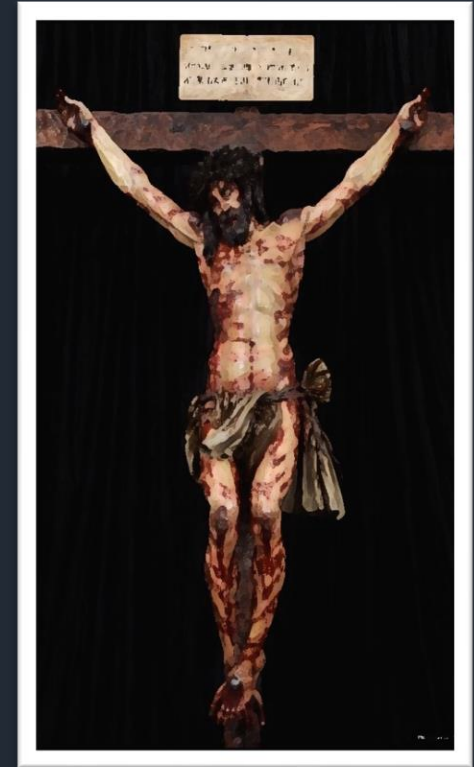


This is Ramses II. He ruled Egypt 3200 years ago. Many scholars believe he was the Pharaoh who opposed Moses in the Exodus story. He was one of the 22 mummies who made the trip last week.

- ❑ The next day (4 April) happened to be the annual Qingming Festival. On this day many Chinese swept the graves of their ancestors.
- ❑ Look at some of the graves or tombs - don't they look like houses?
- ❑ You see - people want to live forever, so they build tombs for themselves to "live in" after they die.



- ❑ Throughout human history, people have always wanted to defeat death and live forever.
- ❑ When people die they are often buried in graves or tombs. Yet no one had ever risen and come out of a tomb - except Lazarus and Jesus.
- ❑ Lazarus died and was miraculously raised to life by Jesus. But he still had to die a second time.
- ❑ What about Jesus? Last week we saw Jesus died on the cross for our sins. Then a strange thing happened. Many people claimed that they saw him alive afterwards !



Meet two eyewitnesses of
the risen Jesus -

Mary and Thomas



Mary's Story

John 20:1-18

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Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?'



'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.'

At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.

He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?'

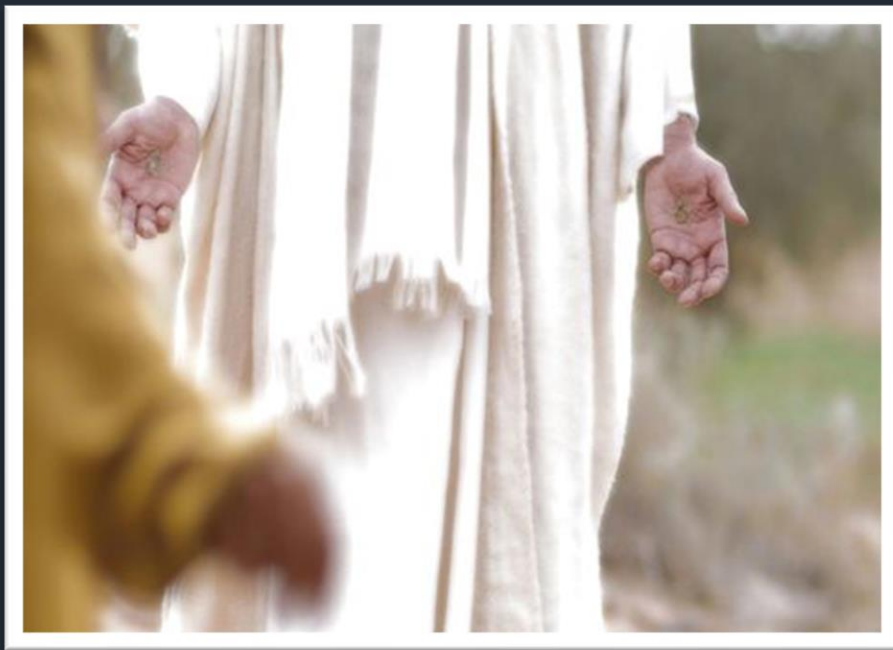
Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.'



A gardener?

Rabboni !

Mary



Jesus said to her, 'Mary.'

She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (means 'Teacher').

Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' "

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Thomas' Story

John 20:24-29



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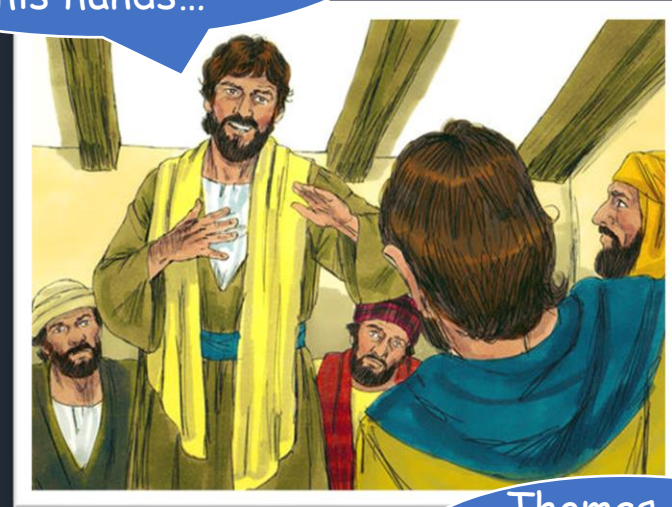
Thomas was not with the other disciples when Jesus came. They told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

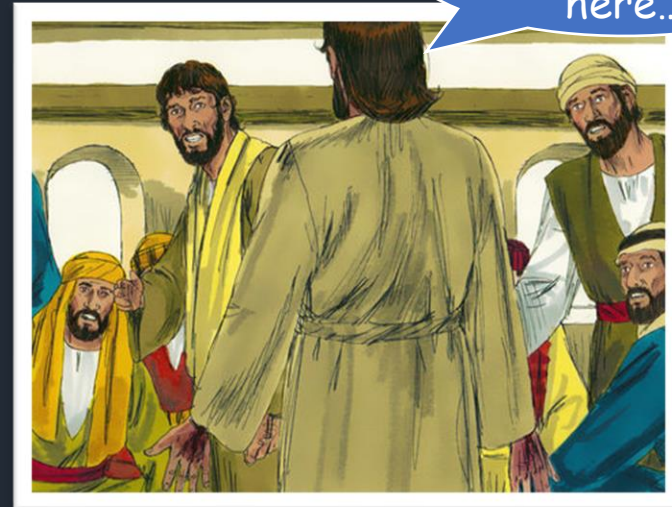
A week later they were in the house again. Thomas was there. Though the doors were locked, Jesus appeared and said, 'Peace be with you!'

Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

Nah...Unless I see the nail marks in his hands...



Thomas, Put your finger here...

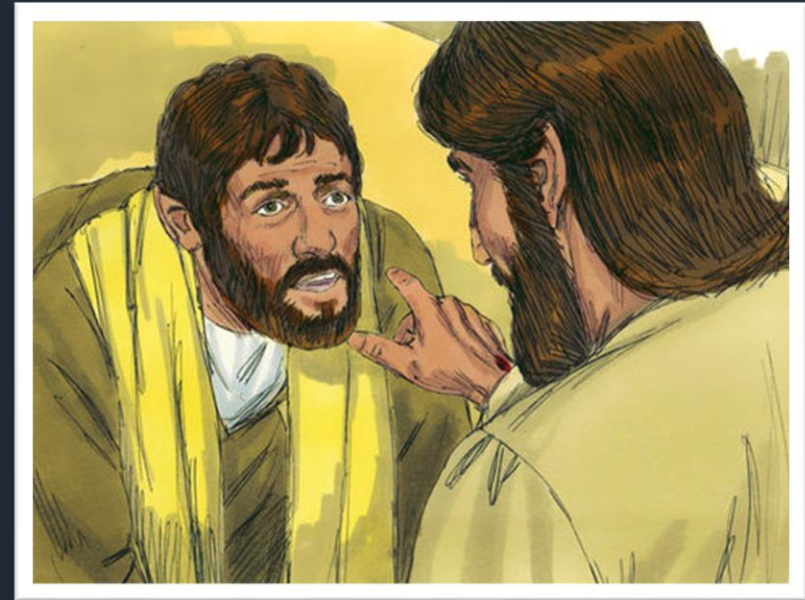




Thomas said to him,
'My Lord and my God!'

Then Jesus told him, 'Because you
have seen me, you have believed;

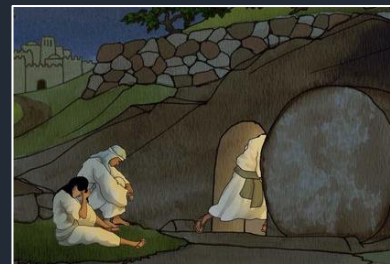
**blessed are those who have not
seen and yet have believed.'**



Let's learn something about
these two eyewitnesses...

1. *Mary Magdalene*

The pictures below describe Mary Magdalene. Can you guess what each one means? (Answers on next page)



Mary Magdalene

She saw Jesus' crucifixion and death (Mark 15:40)



Jesus cured her of 7 demons (Luke 8:2)



She was one of the women disciples of Jesus (Mk 15:41)



She and some women took spices to the tomb early Sunday morning (Luke 24:1-10)



She was one of the women who provided for Jesus' needs (Mark 15:40,41)

She was the first to see the risen Jesus (Jn 20)



She saw the tomb where Jesus was laid (Mt 27:61)

Mary Magdalene

From what we've just learnt about Mary Magdalene, can you tell if the following is true of her? Why?

1. She was thankful to JESUS
2. She loved JESUS
3. She followed JESUS
4. She made sacrifices for JESUS
5. She was faithful to JESUS
6. She was the "Apostle to the Apostles"

(i.e. she brought the good news of the risen JESUS to the Apostles)



2. Thomas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLqX5VQTCbg>



Thomas

(Please open your bible to John 20:24-29 so you can answer the questions)

1. Why didn't Thomas believe his friends when they told him they saw the risen Jesus?
2. What proof did Thomas demand?
3. When Jesus appeared to Thomas, what did Jesus invite Thomas to do?
4. What was Thomas' response to Jesus' invitation? Did he examine Jesus by touching His wounds? If not, why not?
5. Thomas was now convinced that Jesus rose from the dead. But how could he conclude Jesus is God?

Thomas

This is probably what Thomas was thinking...

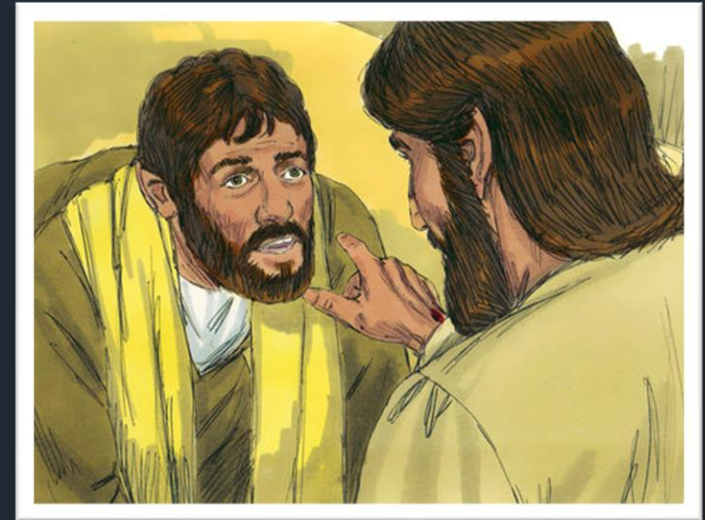
"I am now convinced that Jesus, who died on the cross, is now alive before my eyes.

But dead people stay dead.

So who is this Jesus?

I have no choice but have to admit that Jesus is who he claims to be...

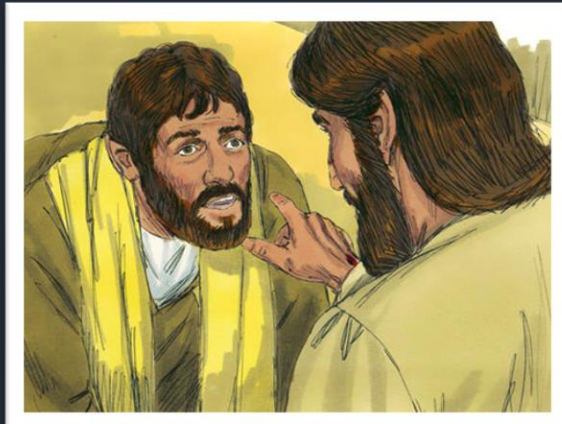
...Jesus is Lord and God !"



Do you believe Jesus is alive? Is He your Lord and God?

Jesus Meets Us Where We Are !

- ❑ **Mary loved Jesus.** She was there when he died. She went to the tomb early morning to bury him properly.
- ❑ Jesus treasured her love and faithfulness. He appeared to her first.



- ❑ **Thomas doubted.** He wanted evidence before he would believe.
- ❑ Jesus didn't mind his doubts and invited him to investigate. The Christian faith can stand up to questioning because it is true.

Are you more like Mary or Thomas? Or a bit of both?

Summary

- ❑ As Jesus' followers, we don't need to fear death. This is because Jesus overcame death. His resurrection proves that He is God. One day Jesus' followers will be raised to life and be with Him forever.
- ❑ There is a bit of Mary and Thomas in each of us. We love Jesus and want to trust him...but have doubts at times. It is ok to ask questions. Jesus will assure you that He is real. Remember what He said, 'blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Family Prayer Time

1. Thank God for His Word and help so we may learn from Jesus.
2. Ask your children to pray for what they have learned just now.
3. Ask your family how you can pray for them specifically.

Because He Lives

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oPW9xYEyijQ>

