



# Sunday Surprise

**Theme Verse: Mark 16:2-7**

**Narrated Story adapted from a variety of events found in:**

Mark Chapter 16 & John Chapter 20

Further knowledge and understanding can be gained by reading these passages.

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Today's story is titled Sunday Surprise.

Jesus was dead. His body had been placed in a borrowed tomb. Saturday passed in sad silence.

Then Mary Magdalene and two other women bought spices to prepare their Lord's body for burial.

And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another... "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

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When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man (an angel), dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them: "Do not be afraid! You are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here! Look He has been raised! Look! There is the place they laid him! Tell his disciples... And Peter.....that he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him!"

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So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them...And they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid.

Mary couldn't breathe. She was running and crying, filled with terror and joy! Was this only a dream? Did she actually see what she thought she saw? Could it be true? Was Jesus really alive? She ran to the house where the disciples had been hiding since Friday night calling "Peter! John! Wake up! The Lord is risen!" She told them all that she had seen.

No one believed her, but Peter and John raced to the tomb to see for themselves.

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John ran faster than Peter and arrived first. He looked in and saw the grave clothes lying on a stone bed, but there was no body in sight. Peter panted up next. He immediately noticed that the cloth which had covered Jesus' head was rolled up and set neatly aside.

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The two men left in amazement. Mary stayed behind, weeping. Suddenly Jesus stood beside her, but she was crying so hard she didn't recognise him.

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Jesus spoke to her "Woman, why are you weeping?" Sobbing Mary replied "Someone took my Lord's body! Tell me where they laid him! Please tell me!" Jesus only had to say one word "Mary" and Mary knew immediately who he was. "Teacher!" But Jesus continued "Don't hold onto me. Go, tell our friends that I'm alive." Mary returned and shouted to everyone she met "I have seen the Lord!"

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