



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson for Sunday, 8 April 2007 (Easter)  
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**"Jesus Lives!"**

**Revelation 1:12a, 17, 18**

12a And I turned to see the voice that spake with me.

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**17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:**

18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

**John 20:11-16, 30, 31**

**11 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,**

12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

**13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.**

14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

**15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.**

16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

**GOLDEN TEXT (Memory Verse):**

"I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore" (Revelation 1:17-18).

**LESSON OBJECTIVE:**

The lesson objective is to teach the happy news that Jesus, who died for us, lives today and will live forever. The following teacher's notes should help direct the lesson discussion for the children.

### **TRUTHS TO STRESS:**

1. Jesus died on the cross so that God can forgive us.
2. God the Father raised Him from the dead.
3. Jesus is alive today and wants to be your Savior.

### **PLANNING VISUAL AIDS:**

For "Helping to Remember", each child will need a plain white paper plate, crayons, glue and glitter. Also make copies of worksheets for lesson activities.

### **LESSON BACKGROUND:**

The lessons this quarter are intended to give the children a glimpse of God's plan for His people both today and in the future. Last week's lesson emphasized Christ as our Lord and King. We know that God the Father sent the Son, and God raised His Son from the dead. This week's lesson focuses on the events of that very first Easter and should strengthen our faith in the resurrected Jesus.

### **TEACHER'S NOTES / TELLING THE LESSON:**

#### **1. Why did the first Easter start as a sad day?**

We celebrate Easter in remembrance of the day that Jesus rose from the dead. However, on that very first Easter morning, the day started out as a sad day. The last time some of Jesus' friends had seen Him, He was dying on the cross. The last some of them had seen Him, He was dead and being put in a tomb. On the morning that Jesus was resurrected, His friends did not remember that He had told them He would rise from the dead. They believed that Jesus was dead and they would not see Him again.

#### **2. Who was Mary Magdalene? (John 20:11)**

Mary Magdalene was one of the early followers of Jesus. Luke records that Jesus delivered her from demon possession (Luke 8:2). John tells how she was one of several women who maintained a vigil at the cross (John 19:25) and was at the tomb on the morning of the resurrection to finish the proper preparations of Jesus' body for burial (Luke 24:1).

#### **3. What did Mary Magdalene find when she arrived at the tomb?**

When Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb, she found the grave open and empty (Jesus was not there anymore). Mary feared that someone had stolen the body or moved it to another place. She left to tell Peter and the disciples and then returned to the tomb. Overcome with grief and despair, she could do nothing but stand outside the tomb crying (John 20:11).

#### **4. What does Mary Magdalene experience as she is crying outside the tomb?**

At some point during her weeping, she stooped down and looked inside the tomb again. This time she saw somebody there, but it was not Jesus. Instead, she saw two angels, sitting in the place that Jesus' body had been placed, who asked why she was crying. She responded to the angels, and then turned to see Jesus himself. She initially thought Jesus was the gardener, but realized that it was Jesus when he spoke her name. Mary returned to tell the other followers of Jesus that she had seen Him and that He was alive!

#### **5. Why is Jesus' resurrection from the dead important to us?**

The resurrection of Jesus is celebrated as the central, defining event of our faith. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost, and He gave His life that we might live. Jesus died on the cross, but the story does not end there. Being truly dead, his body laid in the grave for days until He was resurrected that first Easter morning. Jesus came back to life to never die again – He is alive for evermore!!

### **TELLING HOW TO LIVE:**

No, Jesus is not on the cross today. Jesus is not in the grave today. Jesus is back in heaven today. He rose from the dead, and He is alive forever! This is the great news of the resurrection – we serve a risen Savior. He was alive on that morning when Mary visited the tomb. He is alive today and still seeking those who would serve Him, love Him, and be His disciples. As believers, we can walk daily with the confidence that Jesus is alive and is present in our lives. He is not dead! Hallelujah, He is risen indeed!!

### **EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT:**

"I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore" (Revelation 1:17-18).

Jesus' words tell us that He is more important than everything else that is. He is more important than everything that ever will be. He died, but He did not stay dead. He lives today. He will live forever.

### **HELPING TO REMEMBER / LESSON ACTIVITIES:**

(1) On the back of their paper plates, let the children draw the two angels Mary saw. On the front they should print: "Jesus is Alive." Then they can decorate each plate using the glue, glitter and crayons.

(2) A Lesson Activity and a Word Search are included at the end of this lesson summary.

### **PRAYER:**

Father God, thank you that we serve a risen Lord! Thank you that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive today and for evermore. Help us to tell others about the new life that we have in Jesus. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen.

### **ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK'S LESSON:**

Next week's lesson is "Praise God the Creator" from Revelation 4:1-11.

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## LESSON ACTIVITY

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**Using the text from John 20:11-20 and Rev. 1:17-18, complete each statement by filling in the missing words.**

1. Mary stood weeping outside the \_\_\_\_\_ (John 20:11).
2. Mary saw two \_\_\_\_\_ in white (John 20:12).
3. The angels were \_\_\_\_\_ where Jesus' body had lain (John 20:12).
4. Mary turned and saw \_\_\_\_\_ standing there (John 20:14).
5. Mary called Jesus "Rabboni" which is another word for \_\_\_\_\_ (John 20:16).
6. Mary went and told the \_\_\_\_\_ that she had seen Jesus (John 20:18).
7. Jesus said to the disciples, " \_\_\_\_\_ be unto you" (John 20:20).
8. When John saw Jesus in Revelation, he fell at his \_\_\_\_\_ (Rev. 1:17).
9. Jesus told John that He was the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ (Rev. 1:17).
10. Jesus also said that he was \_\_\_\_\_ for evermore (Rev. 1:18).

## WORD SEARCH

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Find each of the following words.

ALIVE

TOMB

LAST

MARY

ANGELS

JESUS

RESURRECTION

DISCIPLES

MASTER

EASTER

FIRST

I S L I R R T T J T N N N E S T N R F F A L R  
S E R M E A E S S S J R P S A L E I L S E D E  
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R I E E O T N R E R L D C E N O S D C P O T S

**Missing Word Answers:**

1 - sepulchre; 2 - angels; 3 - sitting; 4 - Jesus; 5 - Master; 6 - disciples;  
7 - Peace; 8 - feet; 9 - first, last; 10 - alive

**Answer Key**

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