

ENGLISH CORNER MENU

Learning English Through Discussion

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Hot Topics

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2. Is there a special day to visit graves in your country? Explain.
3. In your country what do people believe will happen to you after you die?

The Story – The resurrection of Jesus

(You will need 4 people to read the story; A Narrator, Mary, an Angel and Jesus.)

Narrator: After the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought **spices** to go and **anoint** the **body** of Jesus. Very early on Sunday morning, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. On the way they said to one another,

Mary: "Who will **roll** away the **stone** for us from the **entrance** to the **tomb**?" (It was a very large stone.)

Narrator: Then they looked up and saw that the stone had already been rolled back. So they **entered** the tomb, where they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe—and they were alarmed.

Angel: "Don't be alarmed", he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is not here—he has been **raised!** Look, here is the place where he was placed. Now go, and give this message to his disciples, including Peter. 'He is going to Galilee ahead of you; there you will see him, just as he told you.'"

(Jesus appears to his disciples)

Narrator: The eleven disciples went to the hill in Galilee where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw Jesus, they worshipped him, even though some of them doubted. Jesus said to them:

Jesus: "I have been given all authority in heaven and earth. Go, then, to all people everywhere and make them my disciples; baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age.

Discussion

1. Jesus had told his followers before he died: "*I will be sentenced to death and they will make fun of me and spit on me. They will beat me and kill me. But three days later I will rise to life.*" Why were the women surprised that Jesus' body was gone?
2. Why is it so important that Jesus was raised from the dead? What does it say about who Jesus was?
3. Around the world the Easter festival has two important days. Good Friday – the day that Jesus died and Easter Sunday the day that Jesus was raised. Discuss what people usually do on these days.

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