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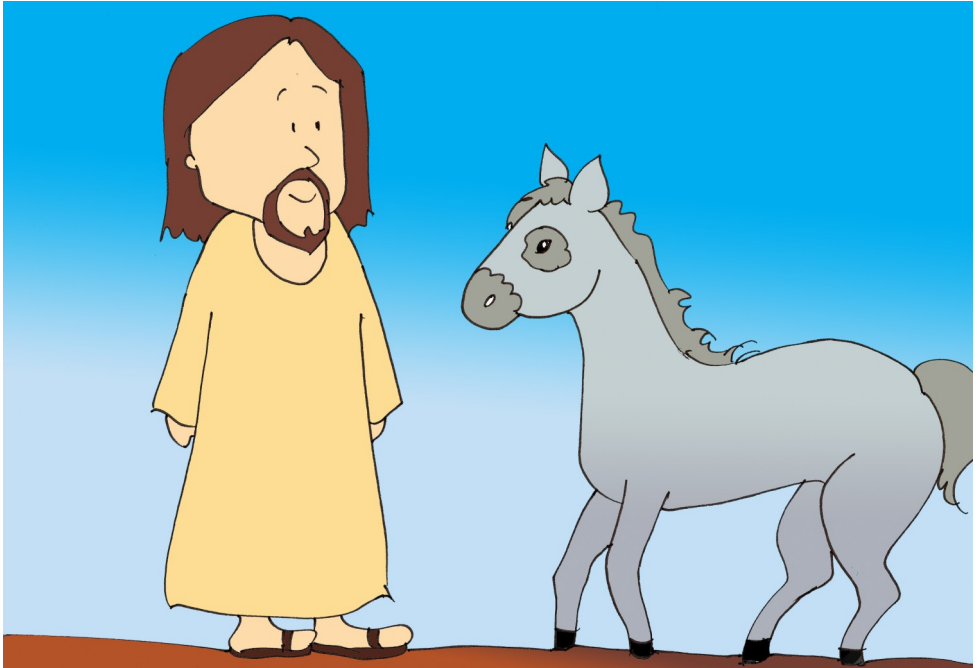
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resurrection of Jesus as told in the Bible.*

*(See Matthew 26-28; Mark 11, 14,16; Luke 22,24;  
John 12,13, 20, 21; Acts 1)*



Many people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem and were very excited about seeing Him.

Jesus had done many miracles, and they wanted to welcome Him and to celebrate. Jesus sent His disciples to go and borrow a man's donkey.



The young donkey was given for Jesus to ride on. Jesus was the first person to ever ride it.

To make the pathway extra special, big palm branches were cut down and placed on it.



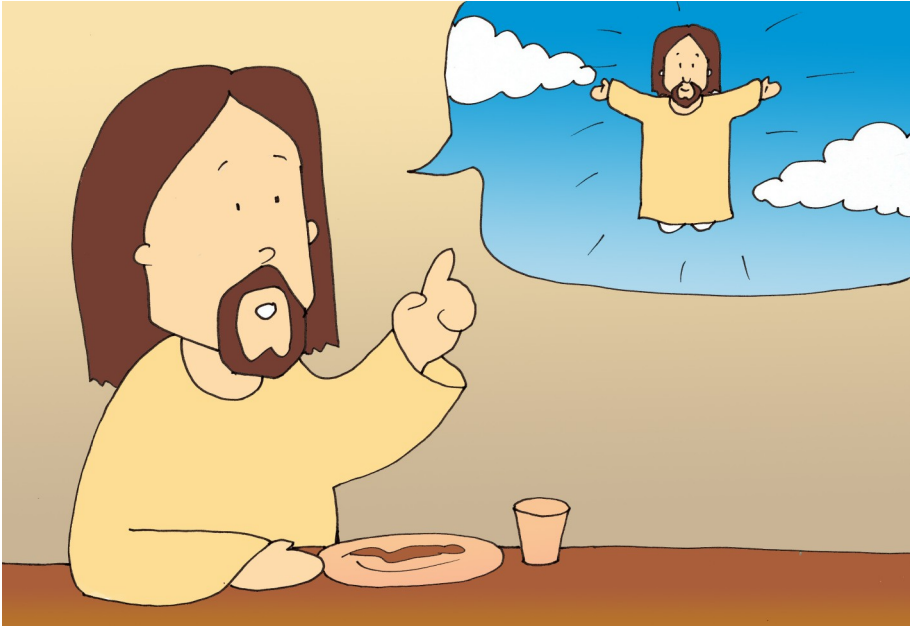
People even put their coats and other pieces of clothing on the path. People were shouting out joyfully, "Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel! Hosanna in the highest!"

It was like a parade for Jesus the King!



Jesus and His disciples were going to have a special meal. It was to be Jesus' last meal together with them all, before His time as a man on Earth was finished.

A man had an upstairs room that he let them use. Jesus told a few of His disciples to get everything prepared.



As they ate the meal, Jesus talked with them and told them many things. He explained what was going to happen, and how He was going to leave soon.

Jesus led them in a special ceremony. He passed around some bread and wine for the disciples to each take a little bite and sip of.



After the meal Jesus took a bowl of water and a towel, and washed each of the disciples' feet—just like a servant would do.

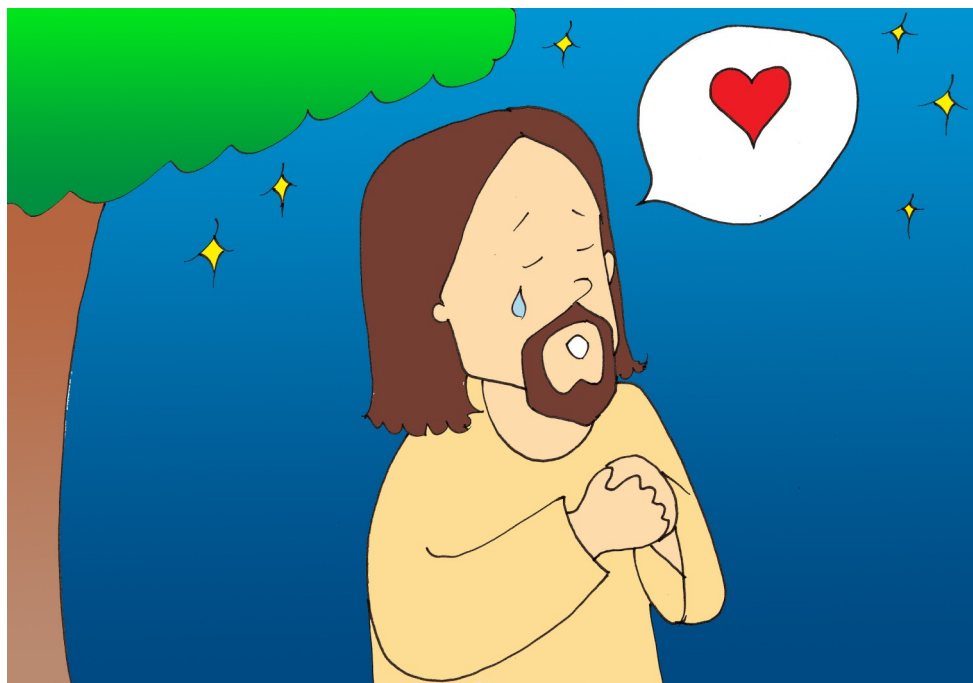
He said, "To be really great, you should care for and help each other, like humble servants. People will know that you are My disciples if you have love for one another."





Afterwards, Jesus walked with His disciples to a garden where they rested under the trees and stars.

In the garden Jesus prayed with all His heart, asking His Father to help Him.



Jesus had a difficult job to do. He was soon going to leave His friends on Earth for awhile.

God had sent His only Son, Jesus, to Earth to show us His love and to take the punishment of our sins—which was to die for our sins, in our place, and then offer us forgiveness.



Jesus is God's gift of love to the world—to each person in it.

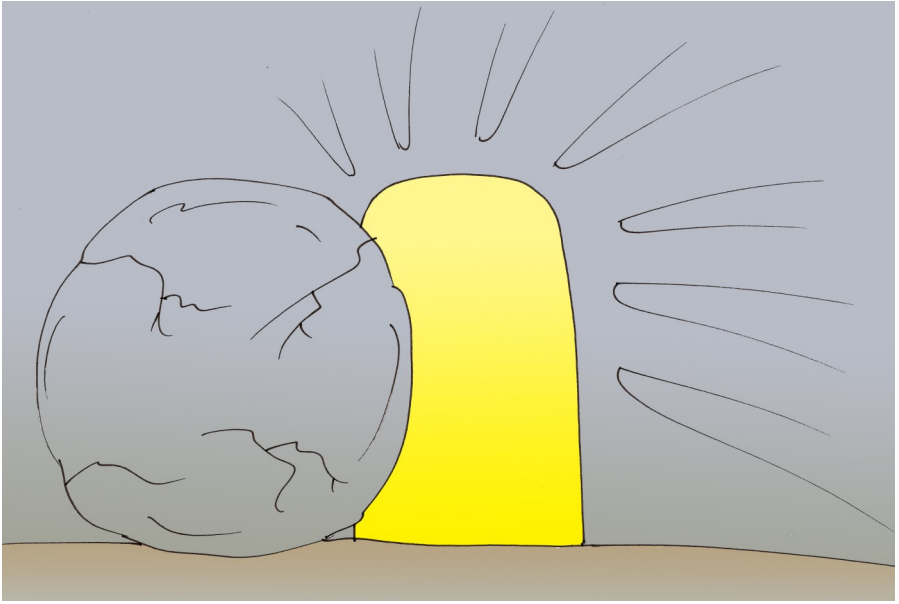
When people choose to do wrong, it separates them from God, and makes God sad.

God didn't want us to stay separate from Him, so He chose to forgive us, after our punishment was given to His son, instead of us.

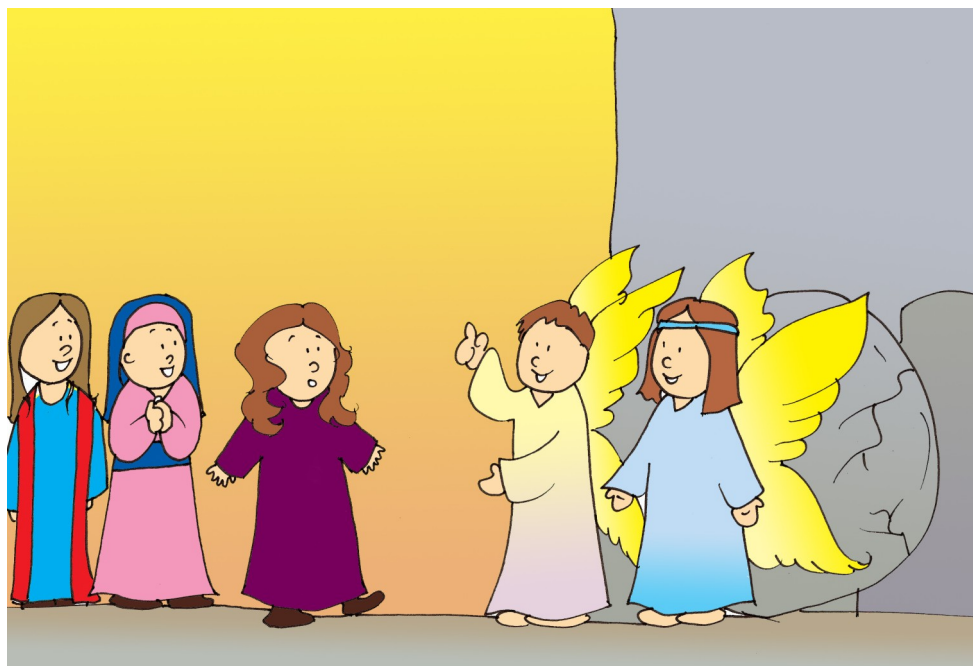


God sent His Son Jesus to Earth to bring this gift of eternal life to all who believe on Him and receive His love and forgiveness. Jesus chose to take the punishment for our sins, so that we could be forgiven and allowed to go to Heaven.

While Jesus was praying, an angel came to comfort and to strengthen Him.



Jesus loves us so much that He was willing to give up His life on Earth for us, so that now we can be saved and forgiven. Jesus' disciples and friends missed Him. It seemed they would never see Him again. Jesus had been gone from them for three days, buried in a stone tomb. But He then rose from the grave on the third day, and is alive forever!

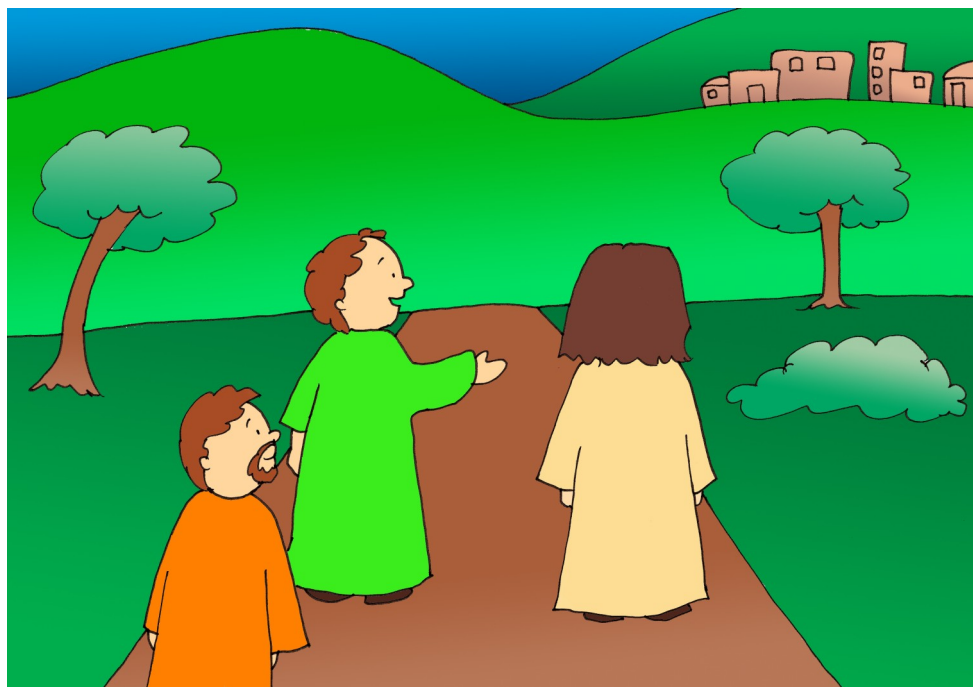


At first the disciples forgot that Jesus had promised to see them again with His new heavenly body.

When the women went to see where Jesus had been placed after He died, they were surprised to see angels there. The angels said, "Jesus is alive! Go tell all the other disciples." And so they did!



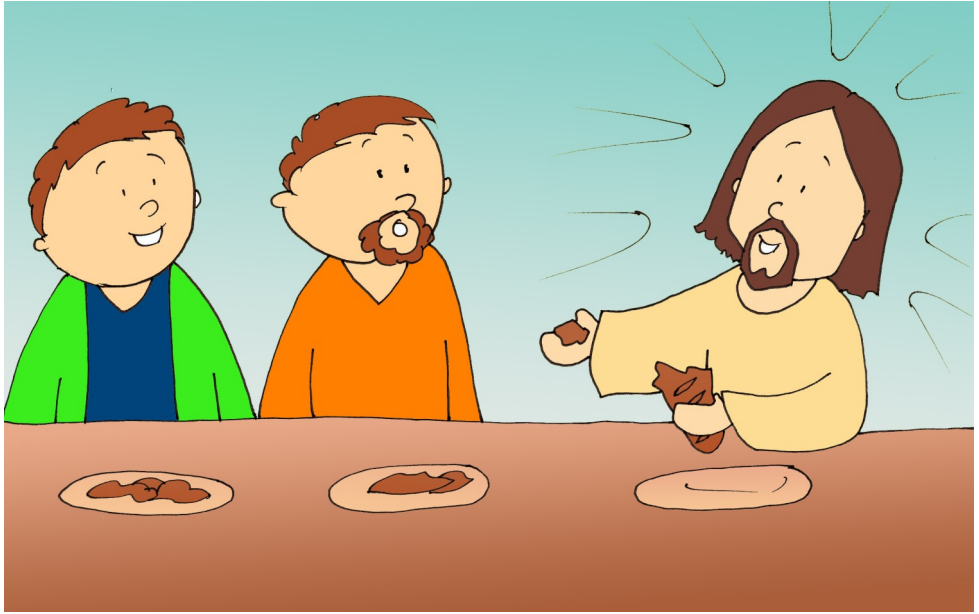
Mary Magdalene saw someone in the garden. It was Jesus! He talked to her and she was so very happy to see Him again! He'd given His life on Earth, but had risen and was alive again, by the power of God. He lives forever, and can be anywhere, anytime, with anyone—even with you, right now!



Two of Jesus' disciples were walking and talking, when a man came and walked with them. They talked about Jesus, and how they missed Him.

The man walking with them reminded them of the promises in the Bible that told of Jesus rising again.





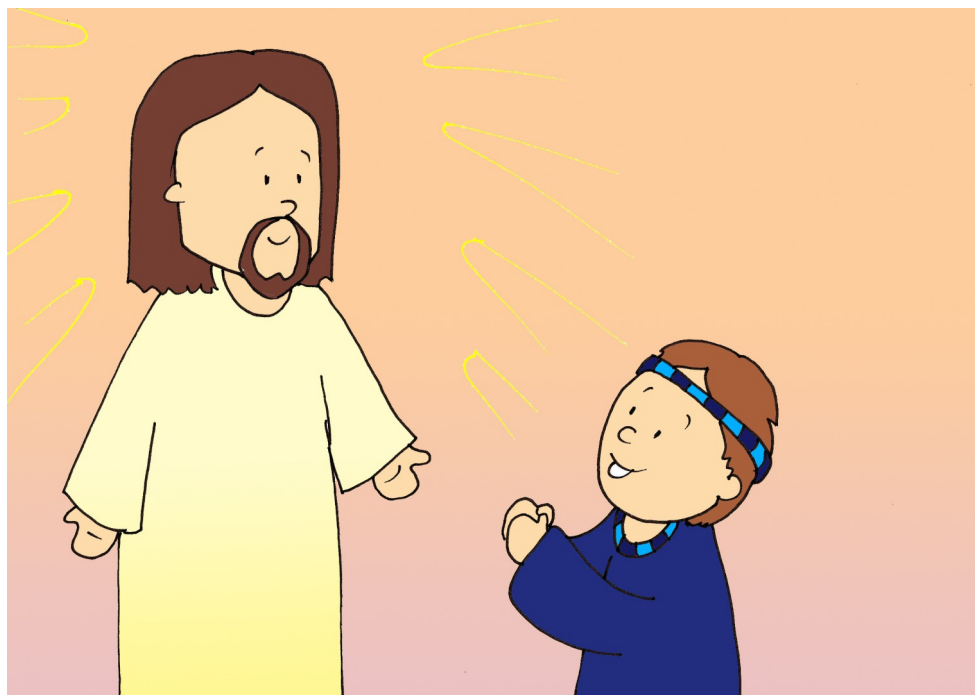
When they invited this man to come and eat with them, they all of a sudden realized that it was actually Jesus!

He surprised and encouraged them, and then disappeared. They were so happy to have seen Jesus!



A little later on, as a group of disciples were together, Jesus surprised them again. He appeared there with them, and ate with them.

Jesus appeared to His disciples several times with His new heavenly body.



Thomas hadn't yet seen Him, and wondered if it was really true that Jesus had appeared to the others.

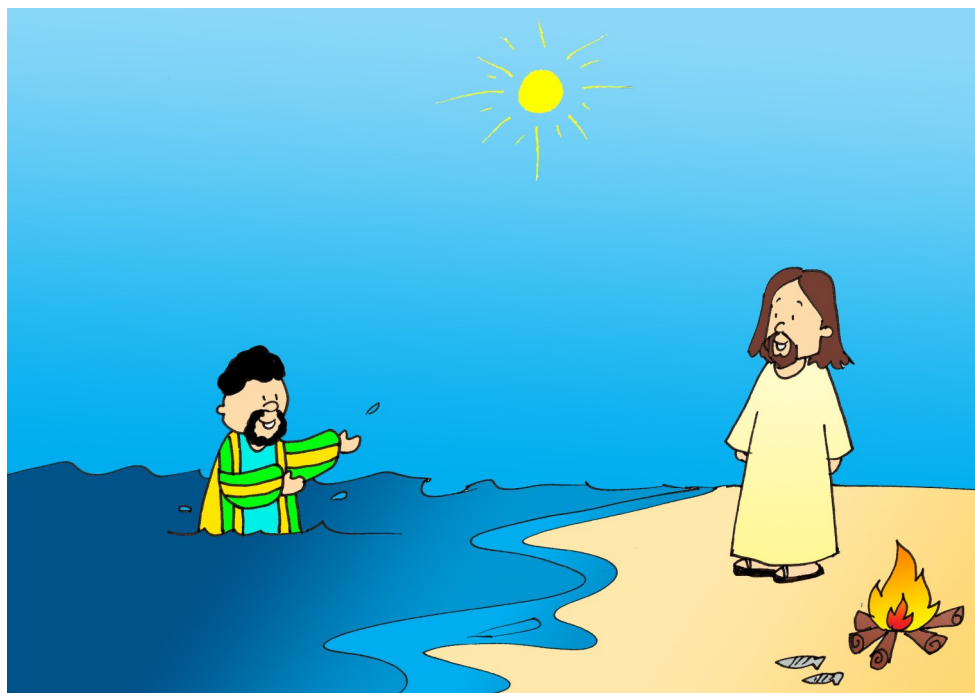
The next time that Jesus appeared to His disciples, Thomas was there, and was so glad to see Him again.



On a different day, Peter and some others had gone fishing, but didn't catch anything all night.

In the morning, Jesus was on the shore and told them, "Cast the net on the right side of the ship."

When the disciples did, their net was filled with plenty of fish! They knew, all of a sudden, that it was Jesus.



Peter quickly jumped into the water to go and see Jesus, and the others brought the fish to the shore and then went to talk with Him too.

They saw that Jesus had cooked some fish and bread over a warm fire, and they ate a nice morning breakfast with Jesus.



Jesus talked with His disciples, and said the time was coming for Him to be with them—and all of us—in a new way, an invisible way.

Jesus encouraged them that He would always be with them. As Jesus finished talking with them, He rose up into the clouds and then disappeared.



Everyone was looking up to where Jesus had ascended. Then angels appeared and told them that when Jesus comes to Earth next, He will be coming back in the same way they saw Him taken up—He'd come back in the clouds. He will appear in a way that we all can see Him!



Say a little prayer to receive Jesus' gift of eternal life with Him forever! He loves you!

*Dear Jesus,*

*Thank You for coming to Earth long ago, so that You could bring us love and forgiveness. I want You to forgive me for the wrong things that I have done.*

*Please fill my heart with Your love, and help me to do the things that make You happy. I'm so glad that You will love me for eternity—and that because I believe in You, I will live forever in Heaven with You!*