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When Jesus was here on earth, He did many wonderful things. He made people who were blind to see again. He helped people who couldn't walk to walk again. He taught people about God. Jesus loved people very much. But not everyone loved Jesus.

Some of the leaders hated Jesus. In fact, they wanted to get rid of Jesus. They didn't like it that so many people wanted Jesus to be their leader! These people decided to kill Jesus. Jesus knew the reason He came to earth was to take the punishment for all the wrong things people had ever done or ever would do. Jesus knew God was in charge of what was happening. So Jesus let the angry leaders kill Him on a cross.

Jesus' friends were very sad. They put Jesus' body in a tomb in a garden and rolled a big rock in front of the doorway.

On the first day of the week, two of Jesus' friends walked to the garden where the tomb was. These women were sad that their wonderful friend Jesus was dead. But when the women got to the tomb, the huge rock in front of the doorway had been moved. They looked inside. Jesus' body was gone!

Suddenly, the women saw an angel. "Why are you looking for Jesus here?" the angel asked. "Jesus is not dead. He is alive! He has risen—just as He told you He would."

The women were glad! They ran to tell others the good news. As they ran, Jesus met them. Jesus said, "Don't be afraid." Then the women told Jesus' other friends that Jesus is alive!