

Easter Day script 2020

After Jesus died on the cross his friends took his body and placed it in a tomb, a cave in the rock. They rolled a great stone in front of it.

On Saturday they waited. It was the Sabbath.

Early on Sunday morning Mary Magdalene and her friends went to the tomb carrying spices to finish the burial. They did not know how they would get into the tomb with the great stone in front of it. But they went anyway.

When they got there the great stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty. There was nothing there but the white grave clothes.

The women rushed back to tell the others and some of them came running to see what had happened. They too saw the empty tomb and went back.

But Mary Magdalene stood there in the garden weeping.

Then a voice spoke, "Woman, why are you crying?"

Mary looked into the tomb and saw two angels sitting there.

She said, "They have taken Jesus away and I don't know where they have put him."

Then a different voice asked, "Why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Mary thought it was the gardener. She said, "If you know where he is, please tell me so I can go to him."

The voice said, "Mary!" and Mary knew who it was. It was Jesus. She said "Rabboni!" which means teacher.

In that moment everything changed. Jesus was alive and he was with her. He was alive but it was different. It was a new way of living. Mary did not understand the mystery of Easter, but she was filled with joy as she ran to tell his friends.