

## *Easter! Rejoice This Day!*

*It turned out to be a busy morning.*

While it was still dark, early on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb. But when she saw the stone had been rolled away, she was in such distress that she ran to tell the disciples. Imagine the pain in her voice when she said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

Others headed for the tomb on the run, only to find it as Mary said.

What do you do? It’s been hard enough losing your leader, teacher, and friend to crucifixion, but now even his body is gone. For the disciples who didn’t yet understand resurrection, there was only one choice.

They went home. Mary stayed, crying. Even being close to the last place where he was seemed important. But the story didn’t end there—it was just beginning. She heard a voice, turned to see a man standing there, supposed he was the gardener, and pleaded with him. “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

Then two words of recognition were spoken. Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).

Now what? She lost him. She found him. What next? Jesus took care of the decision for Mary. “Go back and tell the disciples what you saw.”

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Mary told the disciples that Jesus was alive. Who can you tell today?



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