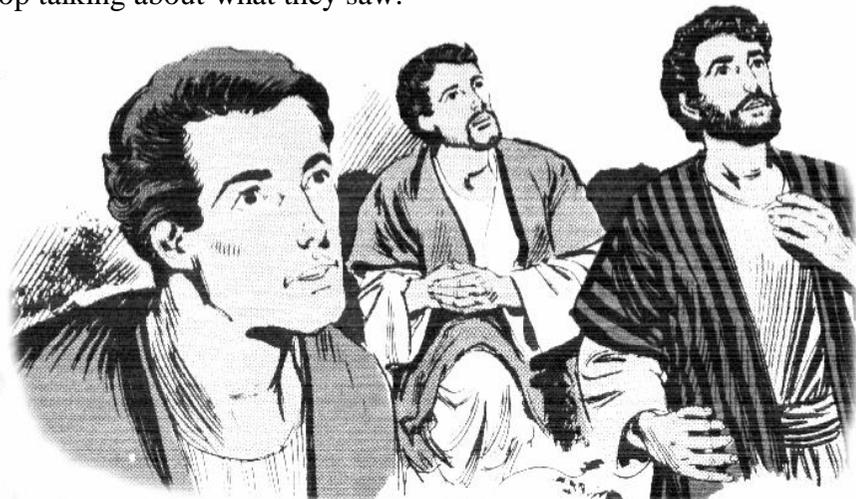


18. I am Life

Jesus died on Good Friday. The soldiers took the body down from the cross and a man called Joseph asked the governor if he could bury Jesus. Joseph took some balm and cloth and wrapped Jesus in the cloth before putting him in the tomb. The religious leaders were not very happy. They went to the governor and said, "This Jesus once said that he will rise up from the dead. We think that his followers will come and steal his body and then everyone will start to believe that Jesus is alive again. Then we will have a lot of trouble!" So the governor gave orders to close the tomb with a big stone. He sealed the stone and he posted some soldiers to guard the tomb.

That Saturday there was a big festival in Jerusalem and no one went to work, but early the Sunday morning Jesus' followers went to the tomb. They were very surprised to see that the big stone was rolled away. They went inside and saw that the body was gone -- only the cloth was there neatly rolled up. The guards did not know what happened.

That same day Jesus came and talked to his followers. They could not believe their own eyes! They were so happy to see Jesus alive! Jesus did not stay very long. He explained to his friends that his work is now finished and that it is time for him to go back to his Father. His followers then remembered that Jesus said that he would rise up from the dead after three days. They were very excited and they could not stop talking about what they saw.



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Vocabulary

to bury	ฝัง
balm	ยาหม่อง
to wrap	พัน
tomb	อุโมงค์ฝังศพ
to rise from	ฟื้นขึ้นจาก
the dead	ความตาย

alive	มีชีวิตอยู่
to guard	ปกป้อง
festival	เทศกาล
surprised	ประหลาดใจ
to roll	กลิ้ง
excited	ตื่นเต้น

Comprehension

1. Why did the governor seal the tomb with a big stone and have soldiers guard the tomb?
2. Where is Jesus now?
3. Jesus still talks to his followers today. Have you ever met someone who knows Jesus and is excited about him?

Jesus says

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?

พระเยซูตรัสกับเธอว่า "เราเป็นเหตุให้คนทั้งปวงเป็นขึ้นและมีชีวิต ผู้ที่วางใจในเรานั้น ถึงแม้ว่าเขาตายแล้ว ก็ยังจะมีชีวิตอีก และทุกคนที่มีชีวิตและวางใจในเราจะไม่ตายเลย เจ้าเชื่ออย่างนี้ไหม"

