

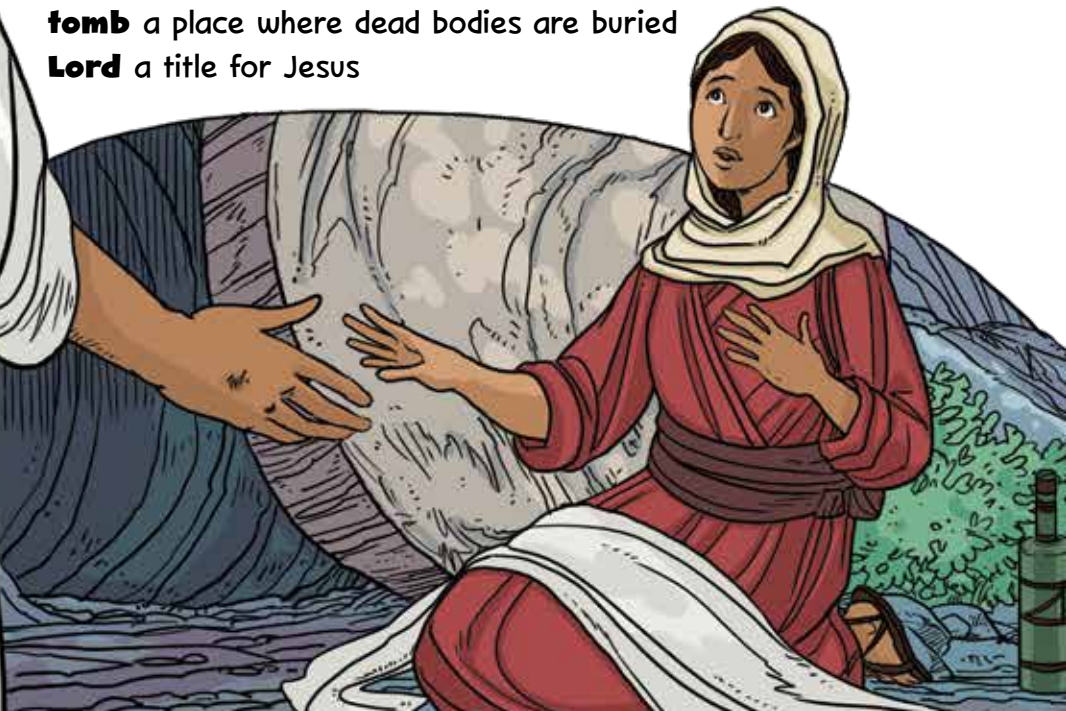
## The Risen Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene



John 20:11–14, 16 (For the full story, read John 20:11–29.)

11 Mary stood crying outside the **tomb**. While she was still crying, she bent over and looked in the tomb 12 and saw two angels there dressed in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 “Woman, why are you crying?” they asked her. She answered, “They have taken my **Lord** away, and I do not know where they have put him!” 14 Then she turned around and saw Jesus standing there; but she did not know that it was Jesus. 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

**tomb** a place where dead bodies are buried  
**Lord** a title for Jesus





## Understand It!

When people die, we are sad because we will never see them on earth again. In this Bible story from John, we learn that Mary Magdalene [MAG-duh-leen] loved Jesus very much. She was one of his closest followers. And so Mary was very sad when Jesus died. She felt even worse when she went to his tomb. The stone at the entrance had been moved! Mary thought that someone had stolen Jesus' body.

While she was crying, the Risen Jesus came and spoke to her. At first Mary didn't recognize him. Maybe she was crying too hard to see clearly. Or maybe Jesus looked different. But as soon as Jesus said her name, Mary knew it was him. Can you imagine how happy Mary was? Jesus was alive! Mary rejoiced and ran to share the news with the other disciples.

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## Live It!

Pretend you are Mary Magdalene and you are about to write a diary entry for Easter Sunday. What would you say about what happened to you that day? What would you say about what you were thinking and feeling as you went to the tomb? Why? Think about all the things you would want to remember about that day. Then thank God for the miracle of the Resurrection.

## Tell It!



Using the pictures above, retell this story in your own words.

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