



Day 4: Dead Man Alive! Your verdict... *John 20:1-8, 19-20, 24-31*

¹Early on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. It was still dark. Mary saw that the large stone had been moved away from the tomb. ²So Mary ran to Simon Peter and the other follower (the one Jesus loved). Mary said, "they have taken the Lord out of the tomb. We don't know where they have put him."

³So Peter and the other follower started for the tomb. ⁴They were both running, but the other follower ran faster than Peter. So the other follower reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down and looked in. He saw the strips of linen cloth lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then following him came Simon Peter. He went into the tomb and saw the strips of linen lying there. ⁷He also saw the cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up and laid in a different place from the strips of linen. ⁸Then the other follower, who had reached the tomb first also went in. He saw and believed.

¹⁹It was the first day of the week. That evening the followers were together. The doors were locked, because they were afraid of the Jews. Then Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hand and his side. The followers were very happy when they saw the Lord.

²⁴Thomas (called Didymus) was not with the followers when Jesus came. Thomas was one of the 12. ²⁵The other followers told Thomas, "We have seen the Lord."

But Thomas said, "I will not believe it until I see the nail marks in his hands. And I will not believe it until I put my finger where the nails were and put my hand into his side."

²⁶A week later the followers were in the house again. Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came in and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand here in my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you see me. Those who believe without seeing me will be truly happy."

³⁰Jesus did many other miracles in front of his followers that are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you can believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Then, by believing, you can have life through his name.