



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

It was the third day after Jesus had died on the cross. The sun was not yet up. One woman, Mary Magdalene, got up very early while it was still dark and went to the tomb where Jesus was buried. As she came close, suddenly she grew anxious and afraid. The big stone that covered the entrance was gone. Jesus' tomb was open - and it was empty. She turned and ran.

Seeing two of Jesus' followers, she cried, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb!" Her friends raced to the tomb. They looked around and went inside, but Jesus was not there. As they walked back home they wondered what had happened.

That evening some of Jesus' followers were meeting together. They were afraid and so had locked the doors. Suddenly Jesus came and stood among them! At first his followers were frightened, but then their fear turned into joy. One of the followers of Jesus - Thomas - wasn't with the disciples that evening. When the others told Thomas that they had seen Jesus alive, he would not believe them. "Unless I see him myself and touch the places where the nails were, I will not believe."

One week later the followers were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. Jesus came and stood right in front of them. Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger where the nails were. Stop being a doubter and believe!"

Thomas said to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to them, "You believe in me because you have seen me alive. Those who have not seen and believe will also know your joy."

Jesus did many more miracles that haven't been written down. But the ones that are recorded have been written so that you might believe that Jesus is God's King, the Son of God, and by believing, have life through Him.