

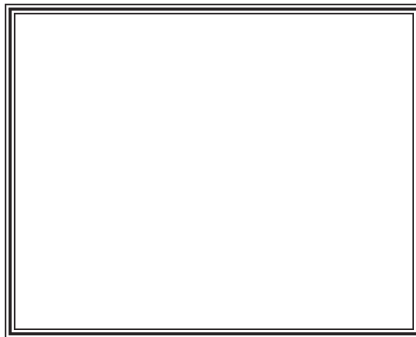
Ever since Jesus went back to heaven He has been listening to our prayers, forgiving our sins, and preparing many beautiful palaces for all of us who are His friends.

Someday very soon there will be an exciting event!

Just as the angels promised, Jesus will come back and take His friends to live forever with Him. He has promised us that when we go home with Him there will be no more tears, sadness, sickness or suffering. All these things happen here on earth, but they will *never* happen when we are living with our friend Jesus.

Even if you had been the *only* person in the world who ever did anything wrong, Jesus would have come to this earth to live and die just for you. Have you chosen to accept His gift of life? All you have to do is close your eyes and pray. Tell your friend Jesus that you love Him and accept His gift.

Are you a Christian too, joyfully looking forward to the day when Jesus comes again? Draw a picture of *your* happy face waiting for Jesus to come.



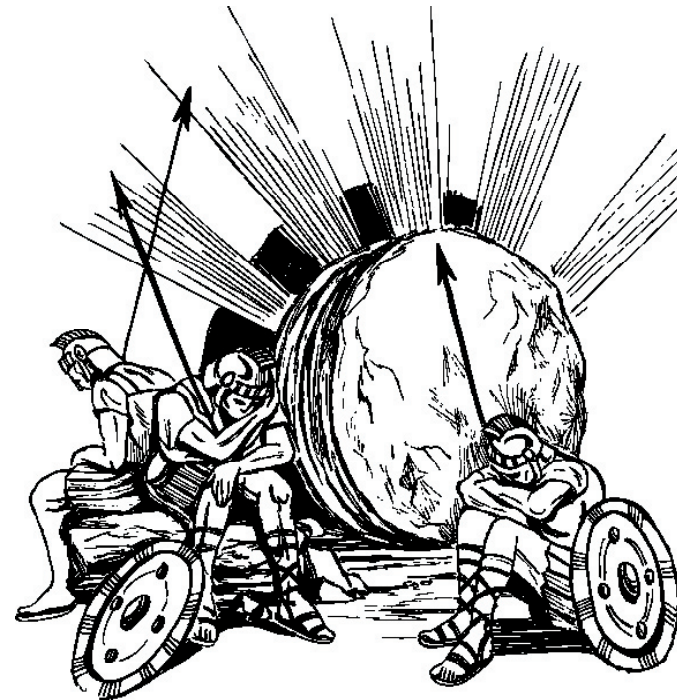
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# GOD SENT HIS SON TO BE MY FRIEND

## LESSON 10 What Jesus is Doing Now

All weekend Jesus rested in the tomb. The priests were worried that the disciples might steal Jesus' body and claim He was alive, because Jesus had said He would rise on the third day. Early Sunday morning . . .





*Read Matthew 28:11-15 to find out what happened to the soldiers.*



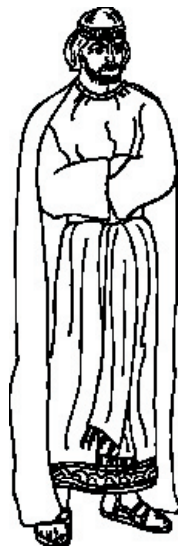
Match the people to what they did . . .

Offered the soldiers money to tell a lie

Sent soldiers to guard Jesus' tomb

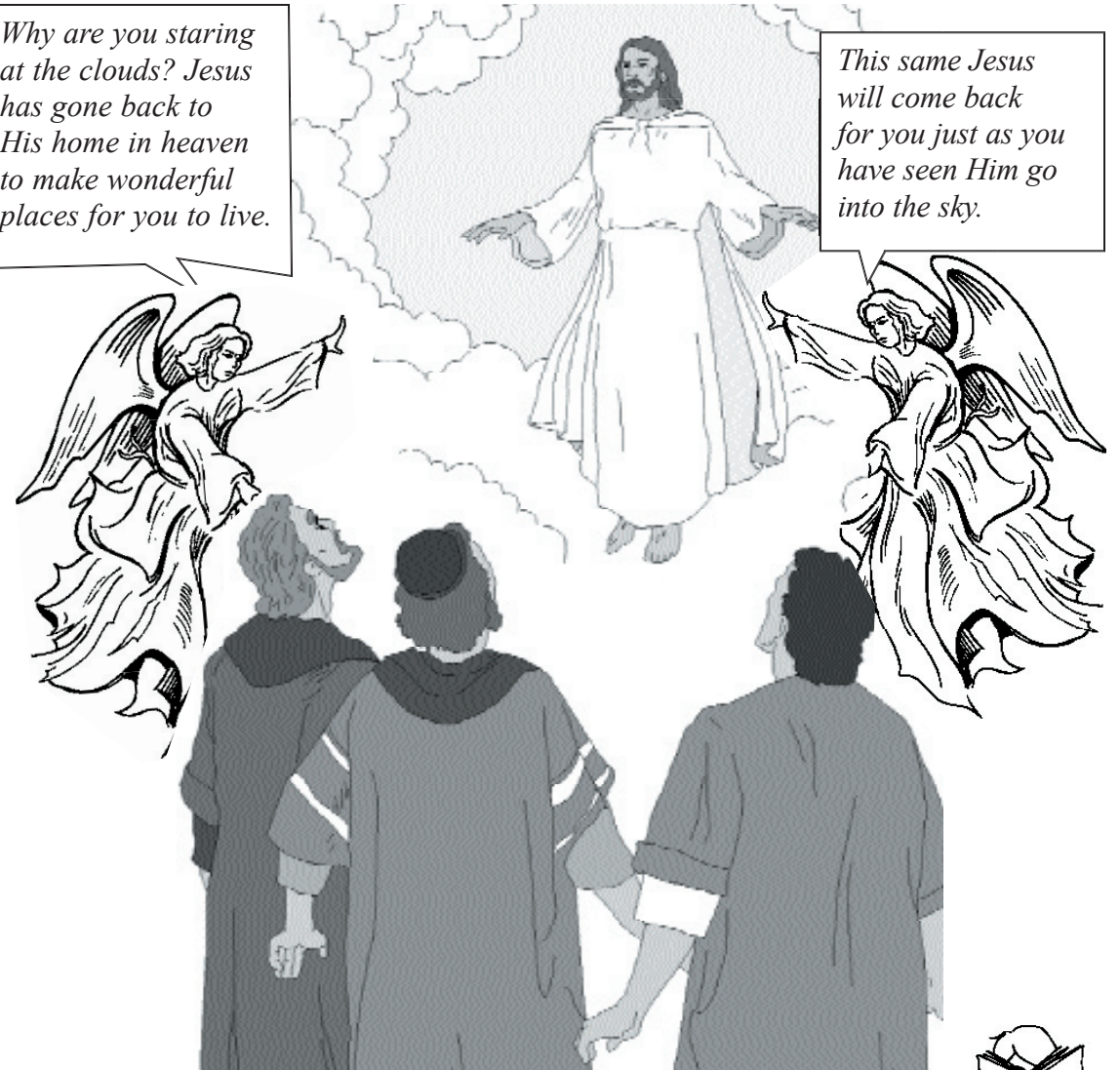
Told Jesus' friends that He was not dead anymore

Cried because she could not find Jesus



*Why are you staring at the clouds? Jesus has gone back to His home in heaven to make wonderful places for you to live.*

*This same Jesus will come back for you just as you have seen Him go into the sky.*

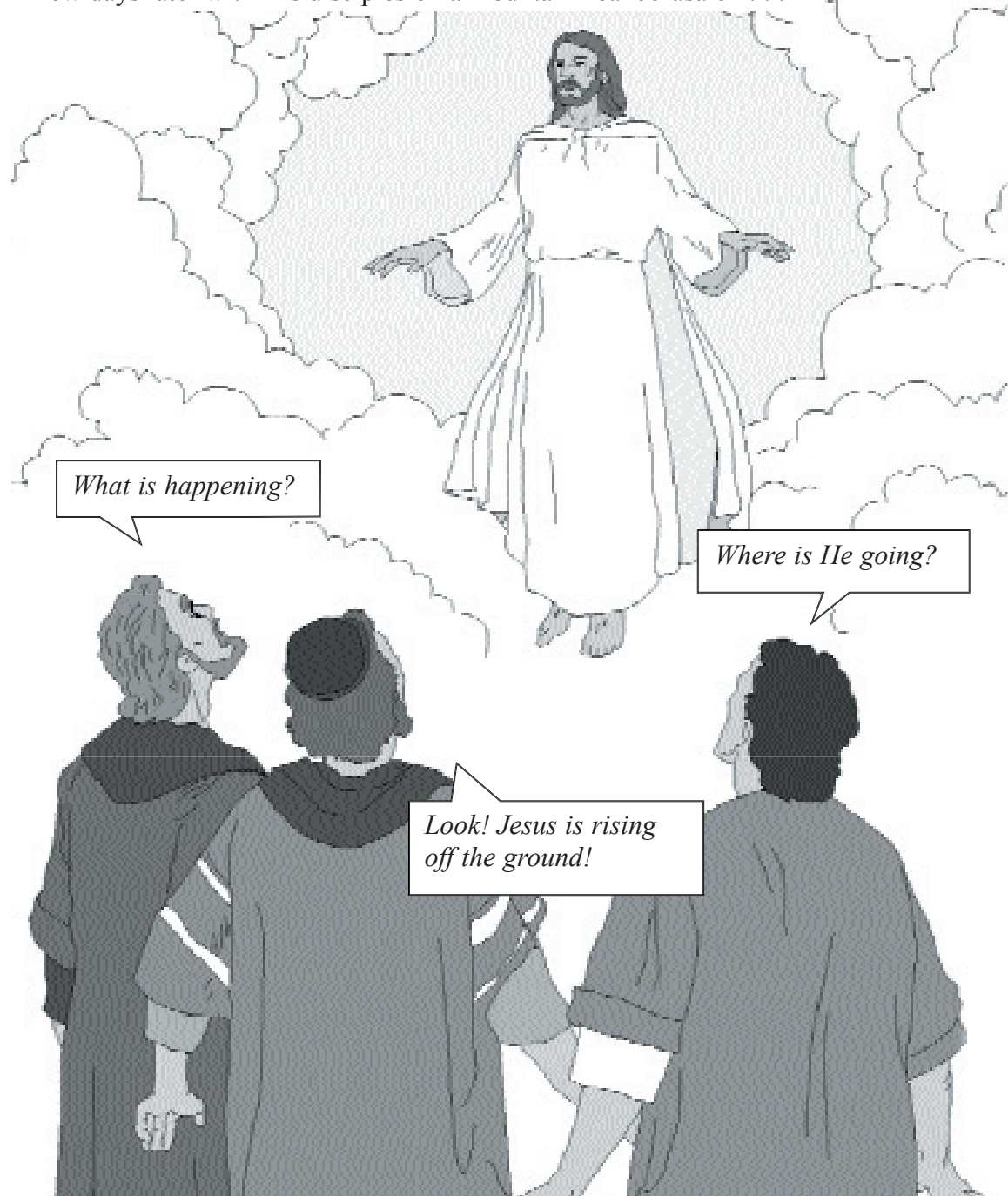


*What had Jesus told them? Read John 14:1-3.*



Jesus did not leave the disciples alone. He sent His Holy Spirit to be with them, because the Holy Spirit can be in many places at once. He helped the disciples become powerful preachers to teach many people about Jesus. Those people were called Christians because they followed Jesus Christ. About one third of the people in our world today are Christians because they believe in Jesus.

A few days later with His disciples on a mountain near Jerusalem. . .

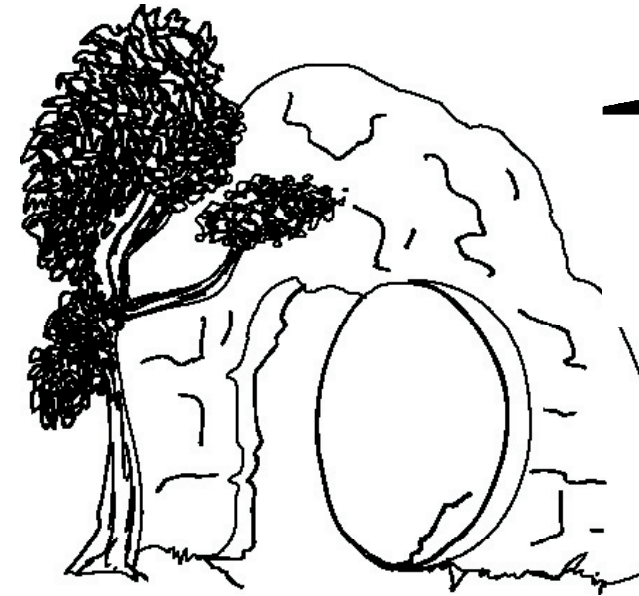


*What is happening?*

*Where is He going?*

*Look! Jesus is rising off the ground!*

*Where is Jesus?*



*That is wonderful!  
We need to go and tell the others!!*

Still later . . .

*Peter and John said that Jesus' body is gone. Who stole it? I want to wrap it in spices as is proper for dead people.*

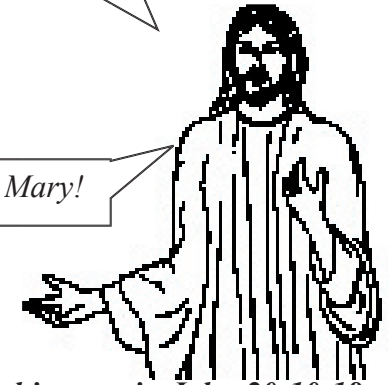
*Because they've taken Jesus' body away, and I don't know where to find Him!*

*Oh Jesus! It's You!  
You are alive!*



*Why are you crying?*

*Mary!*



*Read this story in John 20:10-18.*



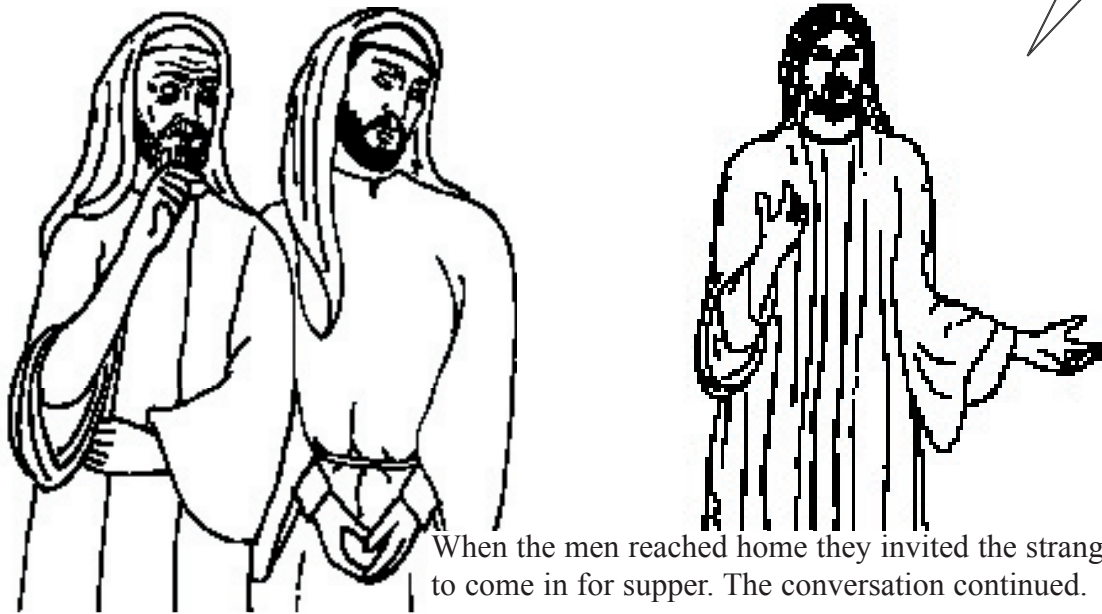
*This weekend has been so terrible! I can't believe Jesus would let them kill Him. I really thought He was the Messiah, but I guess I was wrong.*

*I'm glad we are going back to Emmaus. There is nothing in Jerusalem for us now that Jesus is dead. The Messiah was supposed to be a victorious king. Getting killed by the Romans seems to rule Jesus out.*

*Well, uh, what do you know about it anyway, stranger?*

*Why?*

*Didn't Isaiah's prophecies of the Messiah call Him a suffering servant? And didn't it say that He was bruised and hurt for our sins and by His stripes we are healed?*



When the men reached home they invited the stranger to come in for supper. The conversation continued.

*He had bloody stripes all over His back after Pilate had Him whipped.*

*Didn't John the Baptist call Him the Lamb of God? For the Lamb to do its job, didn't it have to die for the people's sins?*

*Yes!*

*And didn't Jesus say if they destroyed this temple He would raise it up in three days? Could He have been talking about the temple of His body rather than the temple in Jerusalem?*

*You mean you think Jesus might be alive again?*

*You are right! The prophet Isaiah did say those things.*

*Oh, yes!*



*Look! Nail marks! Jesus, it is YOU! You are alive!*