



## **MATTHEW'S STORY**

(based on Matthew 28:1-10)

**A**fter the Sabbath, very early on Sunday morning, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. Suddenly there was a violent earthquake. An angel of the Lord came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was lit up and his clothes were as white as snow. The guards were so afraid that they trembled and could not do anything.

The angel spoke to the women, “Do not be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here. He has been raised from death. Come and see the

place where he lay, and then go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead and is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.” Filled with deep wonder and great joy the women ran to tell the disciples.

Suddenly, Jesus was there, coming to meet them. “Peace be with you,” he said. The women went up to him, took hold of his feet and bowed down and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must go to Galilee; they will see me there.”

## **LUKE'S STORY** (based on Luke 24:1-12)

**V**ery early on Sunday morning, just as the sun was beginning to rise, the women went to the tomb. They took with them spices that they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. They went in but could not find the body of the Lord Jesus. As they stood there puzzling over this, two men in bright shining clothes appeared at their side. The women were terrified and bowed down to the ground. The two men said to them, “Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has been raised from the dead.”

The women returned from the tomb and told all this to the Eleven and to the other disciples. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna and Mary the mother of James. They and the other women with them told all these things to the apostles. But the apostles thought that what the women said was nonsense and they did not believe them.