

Resurrection of Jesus

(Based on John 20)

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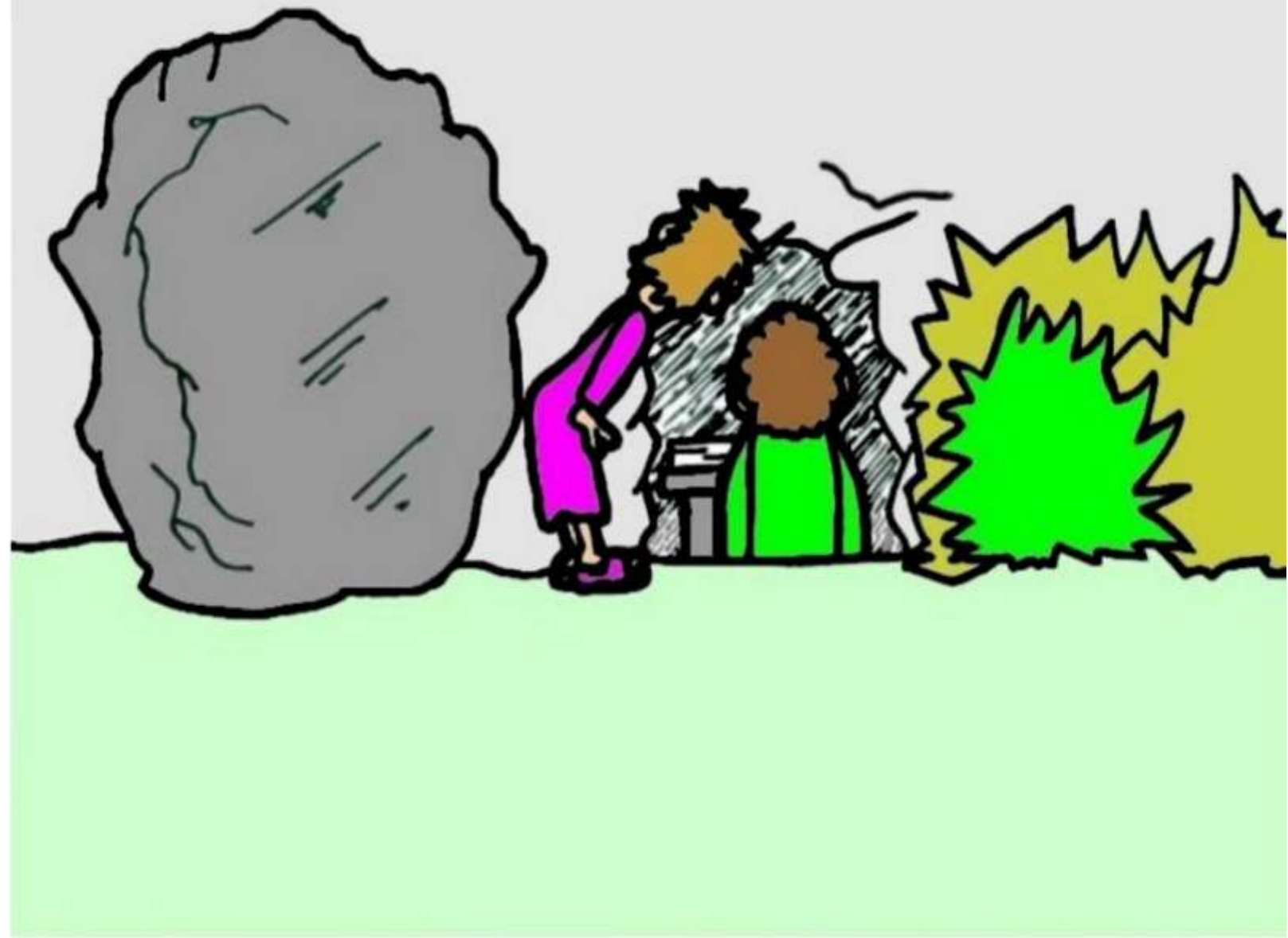
On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the morning. Jesus had been dead for three days and three nights. She was horrified because the stone was rolled away and the tomb was empty.



"Somebody has taken away Jesus' body!" she gasped. "Peter! John!" cried Mary. "Somebody has taken away Jesus' body and we don't know where it is!"



Peter and John ran with all their might to see for themselves. John was a faster runner so he arrived at the tomb first.



While he stooped down and looked, Peter walked right in and noticed how the cloths were laid.



"Look! Here are the cloths that Jesus was wrapped in, and here's the handkerchief that was around his head all folded up and put over here separate from the other cloths."



John went into the tomb and he believed.



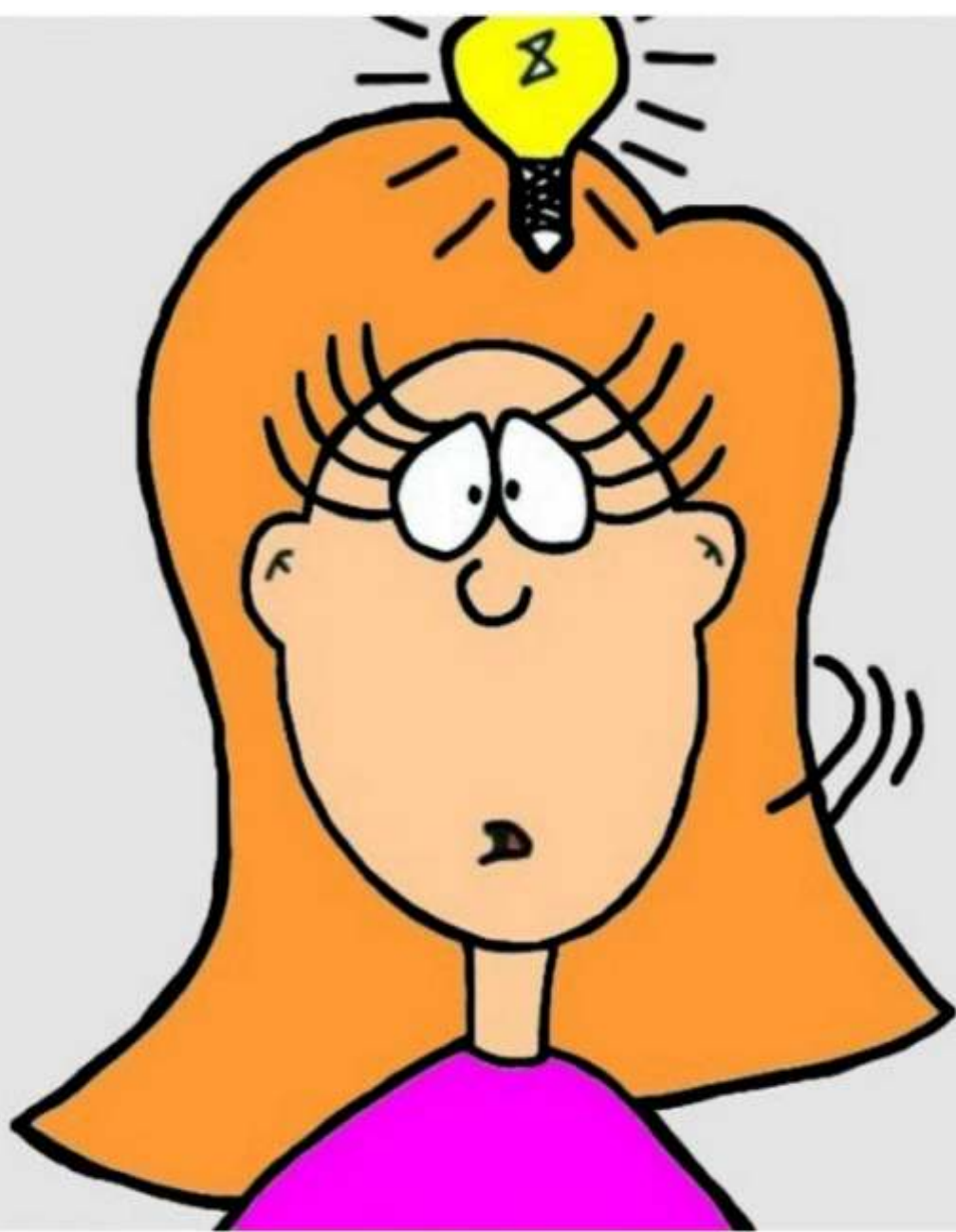
Peter and John went back to their homes but Mary stood outside the tomb, stooping down looking into the tomb. She was weeping.



Two angels appeared, one where Jesus' head had laid and the other where his feet were. "Woman why are you crying?" they asked. "Because they have taken away my Lord and I do not know where they put him," answered Mary.



Someone moved behind Mary and she turned around to see who it was. It was really Jesus himself, but Mary did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said, "Woman why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"



"Hey this must be the gardener!" thought Mary. "Sir if you have carried Jesus away, tell me where you put him and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!"



"My teacher!" shouted Mary.



"Don't cling to me Mary," said Jesus. "I have not yet gone up to heaven to my Father. Go to my disciples, my brothers and tell them that I am going up to my Father. Now he's your Father too, and to my God who is also your God." Mary obeyed and told the others.



Lord, thank you that your
Father is my Father now.
Thank you for rising from the
dead.