

The EASTER STORY



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The Last Supper

THE morning before the feast of the Passover, Thursday morning, Jesus sent His disciples to a house to prepare the Passover meal.

That evening they all gathered around the table. Jesus got up and put on a towel. Then He went from disciple to disciple and washed their feet.

When He reached Peter, Peter told Jesus that he did not want to have his feet washed. Peter thought that it was terrible for someone as important as Jesus to be doing such dirty work. But Jesus told Peter that he must have his feet washed if he wanted to belong to God.

When Jesus had finished washing their feet, He spoke to the disciples. He said, “Do you understand what I just did for you? You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and that is what I am. But if I washed your feet, then you must wash each other’s feet.”

What Jesus was saying to His disciples was that He had always loved them and done all kinds of good things for every one of them. Now that He was going away, it was their turn to do these things for each other.

Easter Sunday

EARLY on Sunday, some of the women went out to the place where they had buried Jesus. They wanted to wash and anoint His body, for they had not had a chance to do it on Friday.

When they arrived at the tomb, they saw that the stone had been removed from the mouth of the tomb. They looked inside, but Jesus' body was not there. An angel told them that Jesus had risen from the grave and they would not find Him among the dead. The women ran and told the Apostles all that they had seen and heard.

That evening the Apostles were gathered together. They had locked the doors out of fear for their lives. Jesus passed through the door and said, "Peace be with you."

One of the Apostles, Thomas, was not there. He would not believe it when the other Apostles told him that Jesus had risen from the dead. The next Sunday they were gathered together again and Thomas was there. Jesus appeared to them again and said, "Peace be with you." He then told Thomas to touch the place where the nails were in His hands and feet and to touch His side. Thomas believed and said, "My Lord and my God."