



God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them!

*John 3.16-17*

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## One very sad Friday...

When the soldiers came to the place called "The Skull," they nailed Jesus to a cross . . . Jesus said, "Father, forgive these people! They don't know what they're doing."

Around noon the sky turned dark and stayed that way until the middle of the afternoon. The sun stopped shining, and the curtain in the temple split down the middle.

Jesus shouted, "Father, I put myself in your hands!" Then he died.

There was a man named Joseph, who was from Arimathea in Judea. Joseph was a good and honest man, and he was eager for God's kingdom to come. He was also a member of the council, but he did not agree with what they had decided.

Joseph went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. He took the body down from the cross and wrapped it in fine cloth. Then he put it in a tomb that had been cut out of solid rock and had never been used.

It was Friday, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and watched how Jesus' body was placed in the tomb.

*Luke 23.33b-34; 44-46; 50-55*

## One amazing Sunday...

Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices that they had prepared. When they found the stone rolled away from the entrance, they went in. But they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus, and they did not know what to think.

Suddenly two men in shining white clothes stood beside them. The women were afraid and bowed to the ground. But the men said, "Why are you looking in the place of the dead for someone who is alive? **Jesus isn't here! He has been raised from death.** Remember that while he was still in Galilee, he told you, 'The Son of Man will be handed over to sinners who will nail him to a cross. But three days later he will rise to life.'" Then they remembered what Jesus had said.

*Luke 24.1-8*

Now Christ Jesus has come to show us the kindness of God.

Christ our Saviour defeated death and brought us the good news.

It shines like a light and offers life that never ends.

*2 Timothy 1.10*