Jesus is Risen

Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12

Some women discovered that Jesus' body was gone. An angel-messenger told them Jesus had risen. God gave him new life. Alleluia!

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On Easter, Christians greet each other by saying: "Christ has risen!" The response is "Christ has risen indeed!" Try it.

Early in the morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene and some other women went to Jesus' tomb. They brought spices to put on his body. They wondered, "Who will roll away the stone so we can get into the tomb?" When they got to the tomb, the stone was already moved. They walked in and saw a man dressed in white. The women were afraid. The man said, "Don't be afraid. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. Look! He is not here. He has been raised! Now, go and tell Jesus' disciples the good news!"

The eleven disciples and other followers could not believe the good news that women told them. They thought it sounded like a made-up story. Peter wanted to see for himself, so he went to the tomb and looked in. He saw the linen cloth that Jesus' body had been wrapped in, but Jesus' body was gone. Peter went home amazed by what had happened.

What is the Good News the women were supposed to tell the disciples?

"He is not here, he is risen!"

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