

The Gospel of the Resurrection according to St Luke *arranged for four readers*

Luke 23:55-56 and 24:1-12 (CEV)

*The first part of this gospel picks up the end of the passion narrative. With children in schools it may be helpful to include this as it sets the scene for the resurrection in reminding them that Jesus has died. It may also link in their memories to the liturgy around Jesus' crucifixion which from before Easter. If you want to use just the resurrection gospel, begin reading at ***.*

Narrator 1
Narrator 2
Angel 1
Angel 2

If a priest is presiding, the reading begins . . .

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

Priest A reading from the holy gospel + according to Luke.

All Glory be to you, O Lord.

If there is no priest presiding, the reading begins . . .

Reader A reading from the gospel of St Luke.

Narrator 1 The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and watched how Jesus' body was placed in the tomb.

Narrator 2 Then they went to prepare some sweet-smelling spices for his burial. But on the Sabbath they rested, as the Law of Moses commands.

Narrator 1 Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices that they had prepared.

Narrator 2 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.

Narrator 1 Suddenly two men in shining white clothes stood beside them.

Narrator 2 The women were afraid and bowed to the ground.

Narrator 1 But the men said,

Angel 1 Why are you looking in the place of the dead
for someone who is alive?

Angel 2 Jesus isn't here!
He has been raised from death.

Angel 1 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.'

Narrator 1 Then they remembered what Jesus had said.

Narrator 2 Mary Magdalene,
Joanna,
Mary, the mother of James,
and some other women
were the ones who had gone to the tomb.
When they returned,
they told the eleven apostles and the others what had happened.

Narrator 1 But Peter ran to the tomb.
And when he stooped down and looked in,
he saw only the burial clothes.
Then he returned, wondering what had happened.

If a priest is presiding, the reading ends . . .

Priest The gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

If there is no priest presiding, the reading ends . . .

Reader The word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**