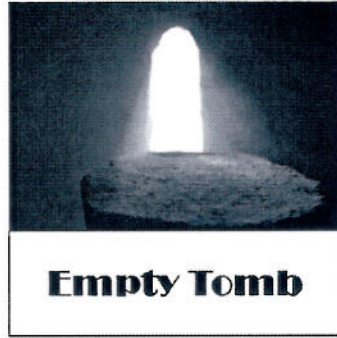


# God's Story<sup>TM</sup> Our Story



April 16, 2017

**Devotion:** Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone or with others; in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Risen Lord,**

**You have been true to your word, and you have shown that death could not defeat life. Pour the joy of your resurrection into our hearts, that our lips would also overflow with the joyous news. In the name of the risen Christ, Amen.**

**Reflect:** Reflect on the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.*

Luke 24:5

**Study:** Study the reading and consider the background.

**It's been a grueling week for the followers of Jesus, but still they faithfully carry out the rituals due to the dead. How could these grieving women have known that their anointing oils would not be needed, for the best reason imaginable?**

**Consider:** Consider this theme for the week's text.

**We live grounded in the mystery of the resurrection.**

**Read:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday: *Empty Tomb (Easter)*, Luke 24:1-12

Monday: *Jesus Appears to His Disciples*, Luke 24:36-53

Tuesday: *Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas*, Acts 1:12-26

Wednesday: *The Holy Spirit*, Acts 2:1-13

Thursday: *Early Christians*, Acts 2:14-47

Friday: *Peter Heals a Crippled Beggar*, Acts 3:1-10

Saturday: *Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico*, Acts 3:11-26

**How did Jesus' resurrection change the world?**

**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**Easter marks the most significant event in a Christian's life. Who could you share this news with?**

**How will you honor Christ today?**

**Do:** By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Sing your favorite Easter hymn every morning when you wake up. If you don't have a favorite Easter hymn, sing whatever favorite song reminds you that Jesus is alive!**

**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Amen.**