

JESUS LIVES! - John 20

ANNOUNCER- slowly & with expression:

Good morning boys and girls.

We have much pleasure in presenting a short play called: **Jesus Lives!**"

[Audience: Whoohoo!!]

NARRATOR - slowly & with expression:

The scene opens nearly 2000 years ago in Jerusalem on the other side of the world.

It is early Sunday morning and our reporter, is talking towho is broadcasting from

3 x ROMAN SOLDIERS - really worried, in fact - dead scared!

- We were ordered to guard this tomb to prevent the friends of Jesus stealing His body so they could say that He had risen from the dead.
- We had to guard it day and night for 3 days because Jesus said He would rise on the 3rd day
- On this 3rd day there was this massive earthquake
- We saw an angel come and roll away the huge stone from the tomb.
- How do we know it was an angel? Well for a start, one man couldn't move that stone on his own - no way!
His face was as bright as lightning and his clothes were as white as snow
- We were so scared we were like dead men
- We were worried that we would be punished by the governor for failing to guard the tomb
- The Jewish high priests told us not to worry - they'd persuade the governor that the followers of Jesus had stolen His body
- They must be serious because they paid us a packet to keep quiet about it

MARY of MAGDALA & 2 other women...who are very emotional - laughing, crying, hugging...

- I used to be a bad person but Jesus delivered me from my demons
- I was the first to see Jesus risen - at first I thought he was just the gardener!
- Jesus told me to go and tell the disciples
What a privilege!
- My friends and I cared for Jesus and followed him from Galilee to Jerusalem
- We were heartbroken watching His ghastly crucifixion as a common criminal
- We also watched some good men giving Him a decent burial in a brand new tomb
- We came before dawn on the first day of the week to embalm His body
- We found the tomb empty and spoke to 2 angels

A week later:

THOMAS is awestruck....gobsmacked...blown away...stunned...

- My name is Thomas but my nickname is Tom the Twin
- I have been a chosen follower of Jesus for over 3 years
- The other disciples tell me that Jesus has risen from the dead and that they have seen Him
- I said I wouldn't believe it until I could actually see and feel His wounds
- Now, a week later, Jesus has just appeared again and told me to feel His wounds. He must have heard me!
- That was enough for me! He is my Lord and my God.