

the story

GOD'S STORY IS OUR STORY

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“ After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.' ”

~ MATTHEW 28:1-6 (NIV)

Mary & Mary _____ .

“ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you. So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.”

~ MATTHEW 28:7-8 (NIV)

“ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!' ”

~ JOHN 20:1-2 (NIV)

Peter & John _____ .

“ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)”

~ JOHN 20:3-9 (NIV)

Jesus, Cleopas & Bob _____ .

“ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.”

~ LUKE 24:13-16 (NIV)

“ He said to them, ‘How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?’ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.”

~ LUKE 24:25-27 (NIV)

“ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?’ ”

~ LUKE 24:30-32 (NIV)

Cleopas & Bob _____ .

“ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, ‘It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.’ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ ”

~ LUKE 24:33-36 (NIV)

SO WHAT?

You need a _____ .

“ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.”

~ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:17 (NIV)

“ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”

~ 1 JOHN 3:1a (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

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- 1 - What is the farthest you have ever run at one time? Why did you decide to run instead of walk?
- 2 - Tell about a person you were close to who has passed away. How is that person's life still impacting yours?
- 3 - Re-read John 20:1-9. Are you quick to believe? Do you need lots of proof and time to consider the teachings of Jesus and the Bible? What did (or would) cause you to finally say, “I believe?”
- 4 - On the road to Emmaus the resurrected Jesus taught two men the truth of the Old Testament Scriptures. How does understanding the first part of the Story (the Old Testament) help us understand the rest of the Story (New Testament)?
- 5 - Read Matthew 28:16-20. Before Jesus ascended back into heaven he called his followers to specific tasks. What did Jesus call them (and us) to do? What is God's part in the mission and what is our part?
- 6 - When we understand the message of the Story, and enter into a restored relationship with God, we want to share it with others. Who is one person you are praying would enter a relationship with Jesus and how are you seeking to reach out to him or her?

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