

Jesus Is Risen

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 16*.

❖ Mary of Magdala and some friends found Jesus' tomb empty. Stories spread quickly. Some thought Jesus' body had been stolen. Others knew he had risen.

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❖ Jesus came and stood among his disciples. He showed them his hands and side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. Jesus sent the disciples to spread the Gospel and told them to receive the Holy Spirit. This allowed them to forgive sins.

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❖ Jesus wished peace on his disciples. They took his message of peace to the world. Today, Jesus wants us all to take his message of peace to everyone.

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❖ Easter is the day we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. It is the greatest feast of the whole year. It is Christ's victory over sin and death.

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❖ We celebrate Jesus' victory over death every Sunday. It should be a day of joy, relaxation, and peace. This is our response to all that Jesus has done for us. A paschal candle is lighted at the Easter Vigil to remind us that Jesus, the light of the world, is still with us.

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❖ If we love Jesus, he promises to take us to God's heavenly kingdom when we die. There we will be perfectly happy with God forever.

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❖ It is hard to say goodbye to people we love when they die. However, we can feel happy that they are at home with God in heaven. We keep the people we love who have gone to heaven in our hearts through prayer, services for those who have died, and visits to their graves.

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