



Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

April 12, 2020

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

Easter Sunday

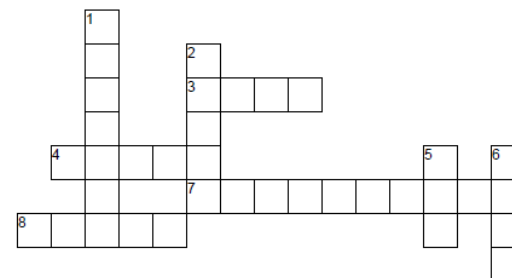
Objects: Large Easter Lily or some other beautiful flower and an old plant bulb

Good morning friends! Do you know what special day it is today? Yes. It's Easter Day. It's the day we celebrate that wonderful miracle of Jesus being raised from the dead. He was dead in the tomb but then on the third day, he came back to life. Halleluiah! Amen? Do you see this old dried up bulb? It looks like its pretty dead, doesn't it? What do you think would happen if I put this shriveled up old bulb in the ground? (allow for answers) Do you think it would just stay dead and that's the end of the story? Here's what happens...if you put this old, shriveled up bulb in the ground, cover it with good soil, and water it, it can grow into a beautiful flower full of life. (Show them the beautiful flower.)

When they put Jesus to death on the cross most of the people thought that he was dead and gone forever. He really died and they knew that dead people don't normally come back to life! But Jesus is different. Jesus is God's own son. He is the resurrection and the life. After they buried Jesus in the tomb, Mary and Jesus' friends went away very sad but then, on the third day they discovered that he had come back to life! It was a miracle – He came back to life. He rose from the dead. The good news is that although we can't see him now we know he is alive! He loves us and he can give us that same resurrection life that brought him back from the dead. So when you look around outside and see flowers coming up through the ground I want you to remember what a miracle it is. Also, remember what a miracle it is that Jesus rose from the dead and is alive, living in our hearts.

Gracious and loving God, Thank you for the miracle of Easter! Thank you that Jesus is alive and can be a wonderful friend to us today. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. A place where someone is buried
4. "He is not here; he has _____, just as he said." Matthew 28:6
7. A shaking or trembling of the the earth
8. A heavenly being that serves as a messenger for God

DOWN

1. The first or early part of a day
2. A hard solid substance found in the ground which is often used for building
5. A period of twenty-four hours
6. A period of seven days

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Activity: This week, take a walk and bring along some paper and colored pencils. Draw some of the flowers that you see, remembering the miracle of Easter morning.

Discussion Question: Mary Magdalene was the first person to see the Risen Christ and she told people her story. Because of Mary, many people came to believe in Jesus. How will you share your story with someone so that they also believe in Jesus?

Family Table Prayer for April: God of Spring and all things new Thank you for the morning dew For streams and rivers and the earth, Water of new life, baptism, our rebirth. Amen

April Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17 Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new.



He is not here! He is Risen!

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