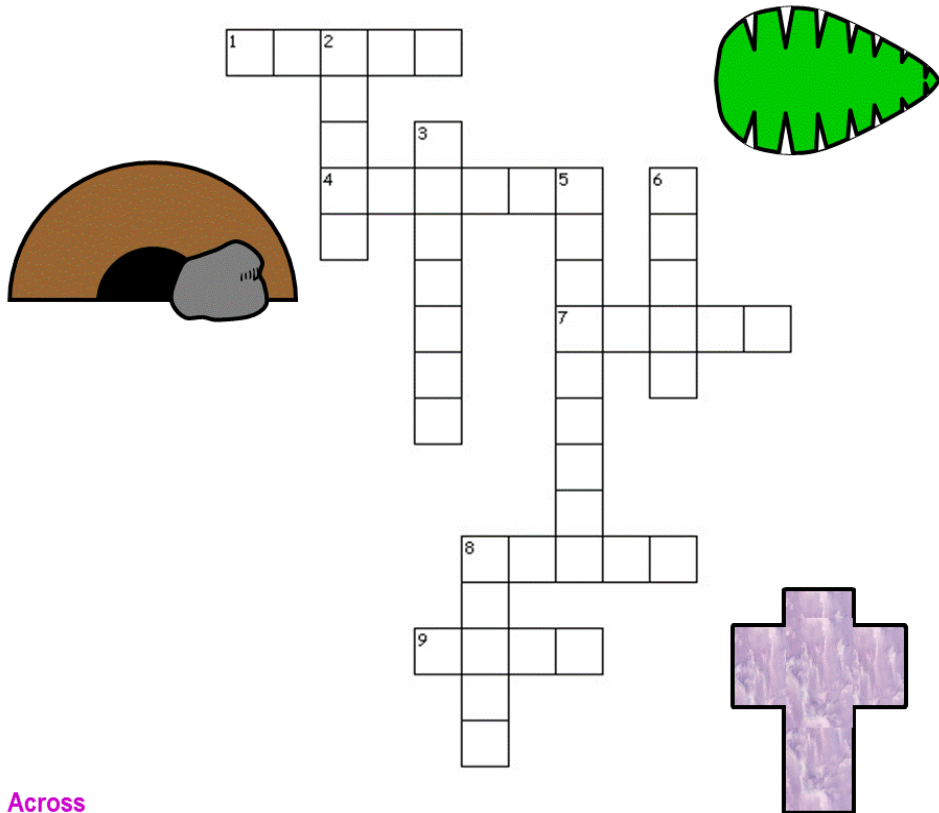


Easter Crossword



Across

- 1. Taking this during the last supper symbolized Jesus' body.
- 4. Jesus was forced to wear a crown made of these instead of a crown meant for a real king.
- 7. The angel told the women, "Don't be afraid, Jesus isn't here; He has ____!"
- 8. Instead of praying the disciples did this when Jesus went off to pray by himself.
- 9. The main reason that God gave His only son, Jesus to die for each of us.

Down

- 2. On Sunday the two Mary's didn't find Jesus but a tomb that was ____.
- 3. The word people shouted to Jesus that means blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord
- 5. Jesus became the ____ for us, so we could be forgiven for our sins.
- 6. Jesus was meant to die on this.
- 8. This was put in front of the tomb so nobody could steal Jesus' body.

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The Heart of the Good News
Jesus is alive

Reading Luke 24: 1-12

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Luke 24:1-12

This is the heart of the good news that Jesus is alive, it's the message that we celebrate every Easter morning as we remember the stone rolled back and an empty tomb. It's this message that fills us with hope for the future and a joy that we can worship a risen Lord, that we can meet with him every day of our lives.

How can we be sure that Jesus rose from the dead? What proof do we have that gives us such a hope for the future? Here are just a few examples from the scriptures that we can hang onto when we are tempted to doubt by Satan.

Jesus revealed himself to different people. See who and where these people are to be found by filling in the blanks.

People	Where found
Mary Magdalene	Mark 16: 9, John 20: 11-18
	Matthew 28: 9,10
Two on the road to Emmaus	
	Luke 24: 34, 1 Corinthians 15: 5
10 disciples in the upper room	
	John 20: 24-28
On the shores of Lake Galilee	
	Matthew 28: 16-20, 1 Corinthians 15: 6
The 11 disciples + James	Mark 16: 14-18, 1 Corinthians 15: 7
The mount of Olives on his ascension	

There are other proofs that we could point to such as the stone rolled away Luke 24:2, the empty tomb Luke 24:3, the temple curtain torn in two (although not many would have known about this, only the priests who I think wouldn't have broadcast this) Mark 15:38. The changed disciples and their courage in preaching and teaching about Jesus in Acts chapter 2.

Some of these 'proofs' had a hidden significance. Take the curtain in the temple being torn why do you think this was significant?

I believe it showed that as yet no one had access to the 'holy of holiest' where God dwelt, (except the high priest and then only once a year). So the tearing of the curtain from top to bottom indicated a new era had now begun. The way into God's presence had been opened by the death of Jesus on the cross, sinners are forgiven and direct access had now been opened. The tearing of the curtain is important for we see it was torn from top to bottom indicating that this act had been initiated by God himself. He accepted the death of Jesus as a substitute for us and that we are now able through Jesus to enter the presence of God without the need for any other sacrifice.

The resurrection of Jesus is one of the most documented events in human history. If it ever came up in court today the evidence of Jesus' resurrection would be enough to persuade any jury that Jesus rose from the dead and the testimony of those who saw him would be enough to say he was alive now.

We can take courage from these witnesses and events when we feel down or are tempted to doubt. We can rejoice with other Christians that Jesus is alive, we can experience his presence in our hearts and lives as we serve him every day and as we witness to our friends and neighbours about the difference he makes in our daily lives.

Prayer

Lord we thank you for your sacrifice for us on the cross. We thank you for the hope of Easter and your resurrection, for the joy it generates in our hearts to know that you are alive and present in every believer. We thank you for your death on the cross and your resurrection, giving us a hope that no one can take away. We look forwards to your coming again so that we might be forever with you in eternity. Amen.