

# **The Risen King**

John 20:1-31

## **Big Idea :**

The tomb is found to be empty but Jesus appears to his disciples to prove that he is alive. The disciples' fear is turned to joy.

## **Aim :**

To teach that because Jesus was raised to life, we can have hope and joy and know that we are forgiven.

# Play game

## Game Idea

The aim of the game is for the children

to search for a small container such as a matchbox. This contains a strip of paper on which is written, 'They did not understand that Jesus had to rise from the dead' (John 20:9). But the children must not be able to find the box despite all the clues they are given.

## Prepare

**A match box with the message in it** - They did not understand that Jesus had to rise from the dead

A set of ten or twelve clues (pointing to various locations in the room) and a set of messages (one for each location). All the messages read, 'It is not here'.

You also need a container to hold the clues.

Suggested clues: where music is made? (Piano), where coats are hung? (Coat rack or stand), where tea is made? (Kitchen), where you sit to eat? (Table).

Hide the messages so they can be found after a short search, but do not make it too easy. Consider the age and ability of the children.

Hide the matchbox on **you**. Tell the children that they are looking for a matchbox containing an important message. Ask a child to choose a clue from the container. The children work out the location and go there to find the message. When the message is found the children read it out and return to base. Another child picks a clue and the process is repeated. Continue until there are no clues left. Some children may deduce that they will not find the matchbox, but encourage them to keep looking. The game finishes when there are no clues left.

Remind the children about the first Easter morning and how Mary, Peter and John were discouraged because they could not find Jesus.

Refer to the game and ask the children if they became discouraged when they could not find the matchbox with the important message. Produce the matchbox, slowly open it and take out the strip of paper and read the message. Remind the children that Jesus wasn't in the tomb because he had risen.

# Introduction

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oFiIWj1VLGg>

**Boys and girls, do you believe that I can get this egg inside of this jar, without using my hands? Well, let me tell you I can... do you believe me? No? Thought you wouldn't so I thought I would let you see it with your own eyes... click on the link below**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OE29TKNf8as>

Here's someone else  
who is struggling to  
believe something  
they have heard

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rsbn8HkrKJI>

# The Story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7sAyxIdeOQ>

# The Story

**For those that enjoy having the story read to them the next few slides cover the story in John 20 which has mostly been covered in the video you've just watched, so consider this an optional extra... I always think it's wonderful to 'hear' the story in a different format, but I'll leave that up to your family to decide**



Suddenly there was a severe earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothes were white as snow.



The guards were shaken ...



... and became like dead men as they were so afraid of him.



When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome ...



... brought aromatic spices so they might go and anoint Jesus.



But when they arrived, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.



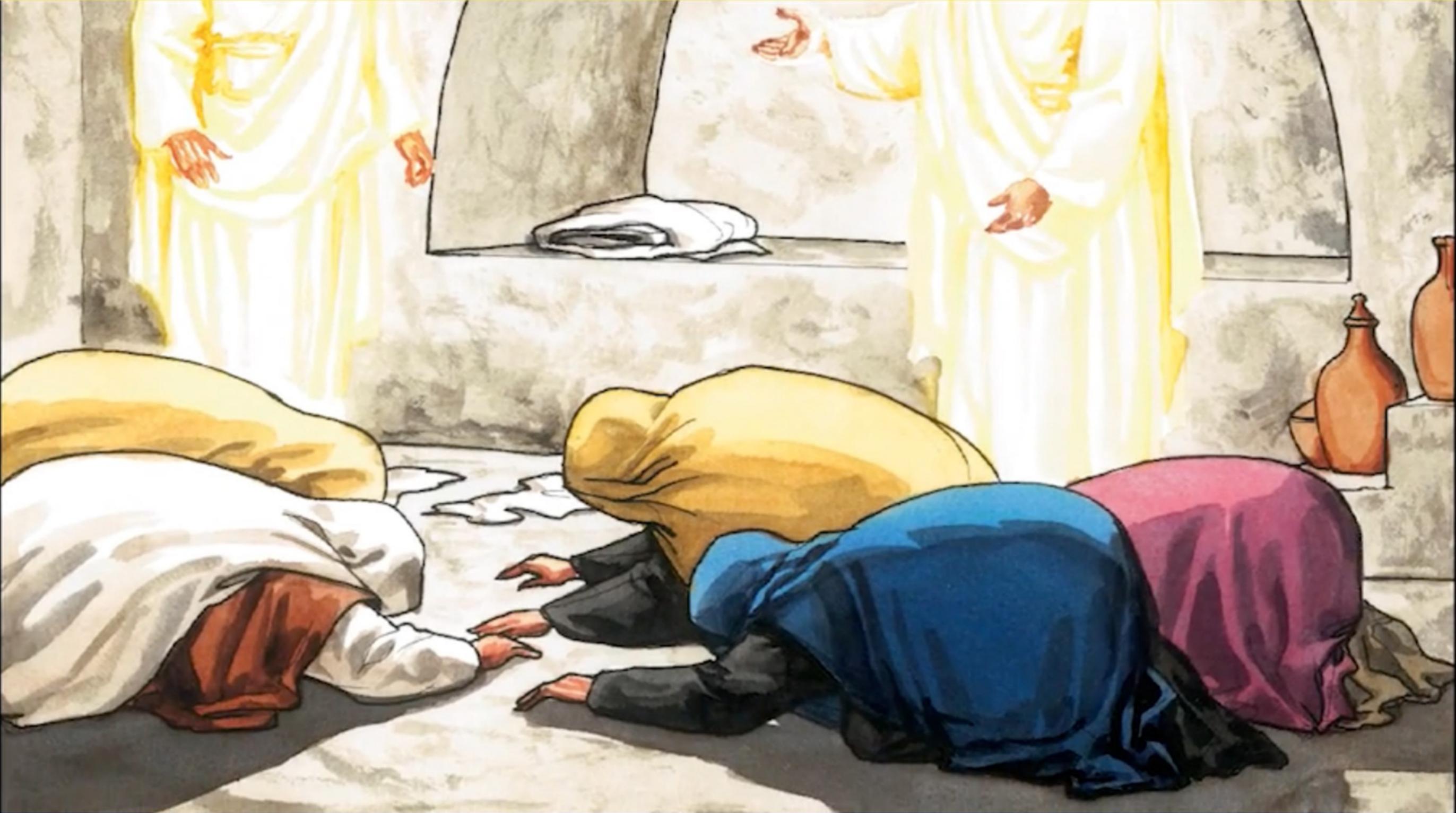
Then, as they went into the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in white robes sitting on the right side and they were alarmed.



But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus, the Nazarene who was crucified. He has been raised. He is not here.'



‘Look! There is the place where they laid Him. But go tell His disciples, even Peter, that He is going ahead of you into Galilee.’



‘You will see Him there just as He told you.’



And when they returned from the tomb, they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.



Now it was Mary, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. But these words seemed pure nonsense and they did not believe them.



Then Peter and the other disciple set out to go to the tomb. The two were running together. The other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first.



He bent down and saw the strips of linen cloth lying there. He did not go in.



Then Simon Peter who had been following him went right into the tomb.



He saw the strips of linen cloth lying there and the facecloth, which had been around Jesus' head, not lying with the strips of linen cloth but rolled up in a place by itself.



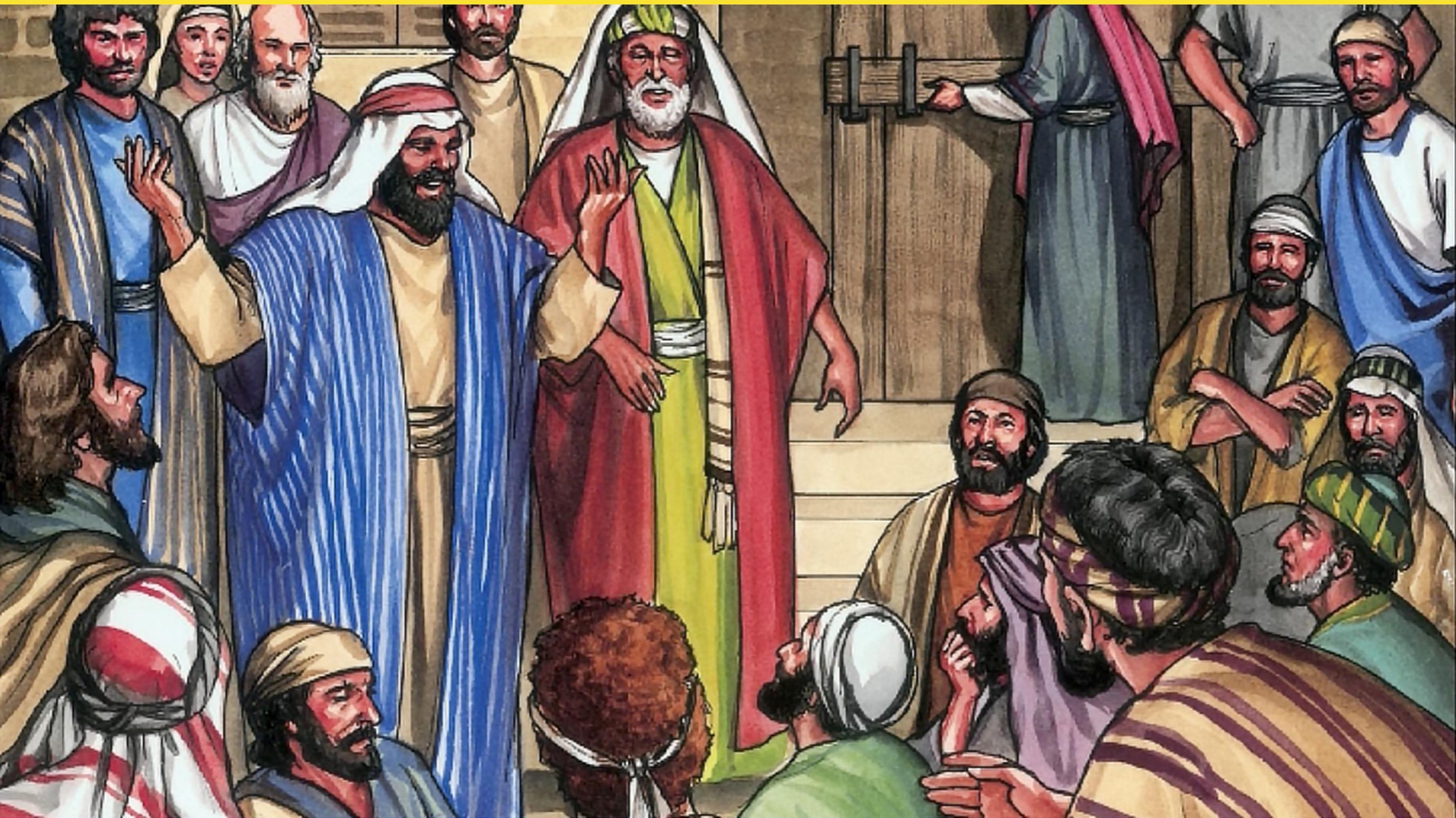
Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, came in and saw and believed.



For they did not yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead.



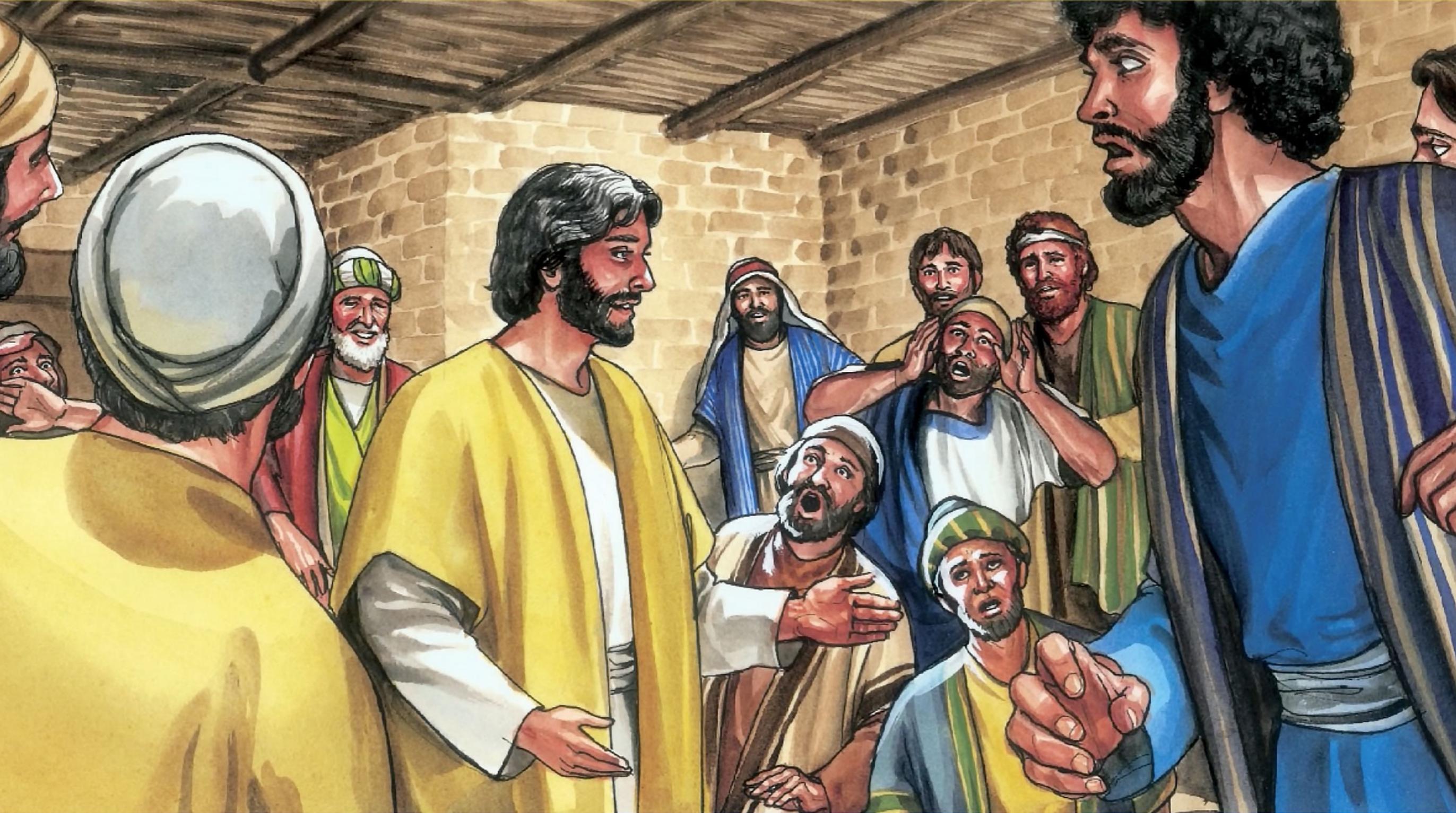
On the evening of the first day of the week, the disciples had gathered together ...



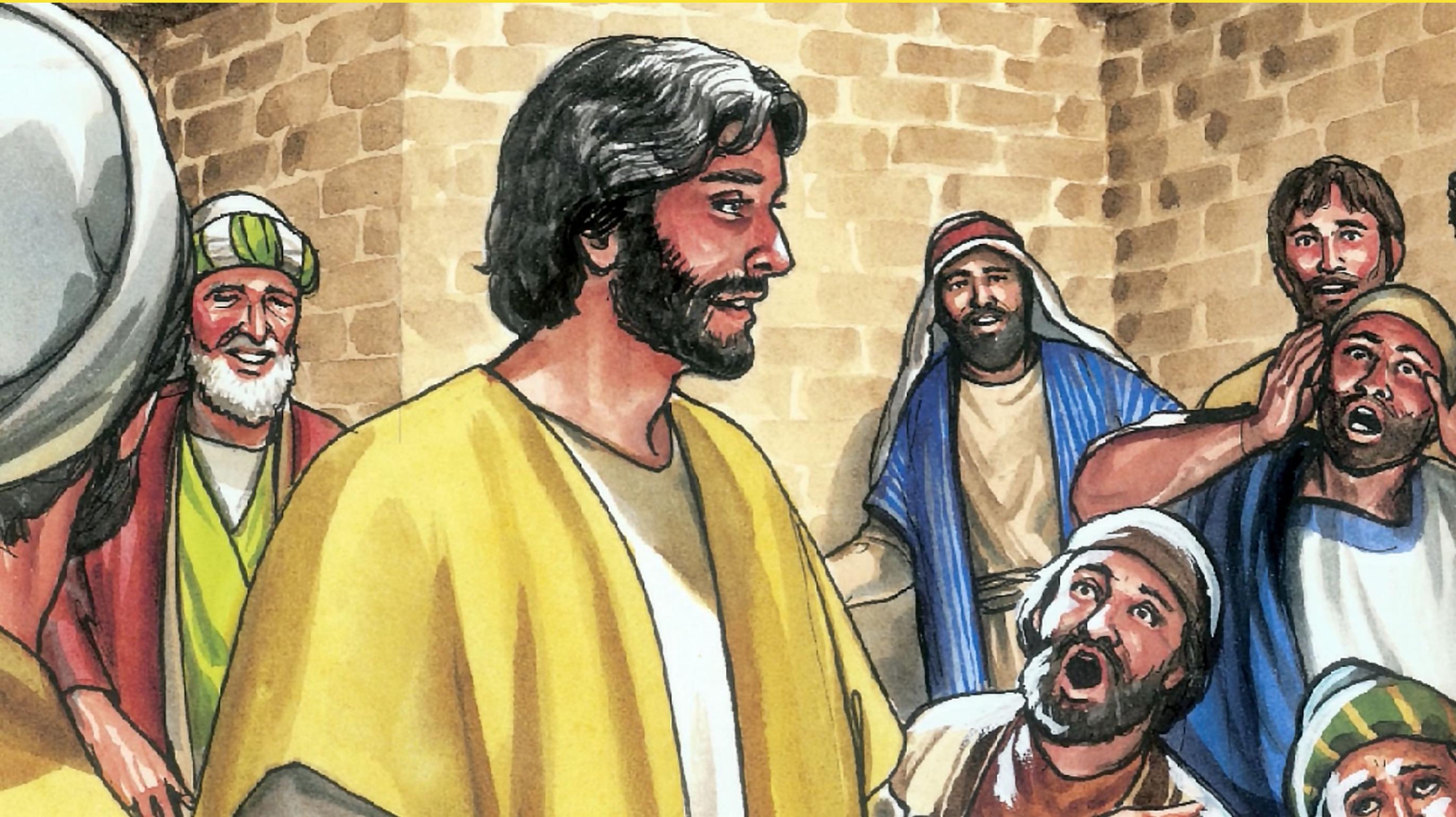
... and locked the doors of the place because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders.



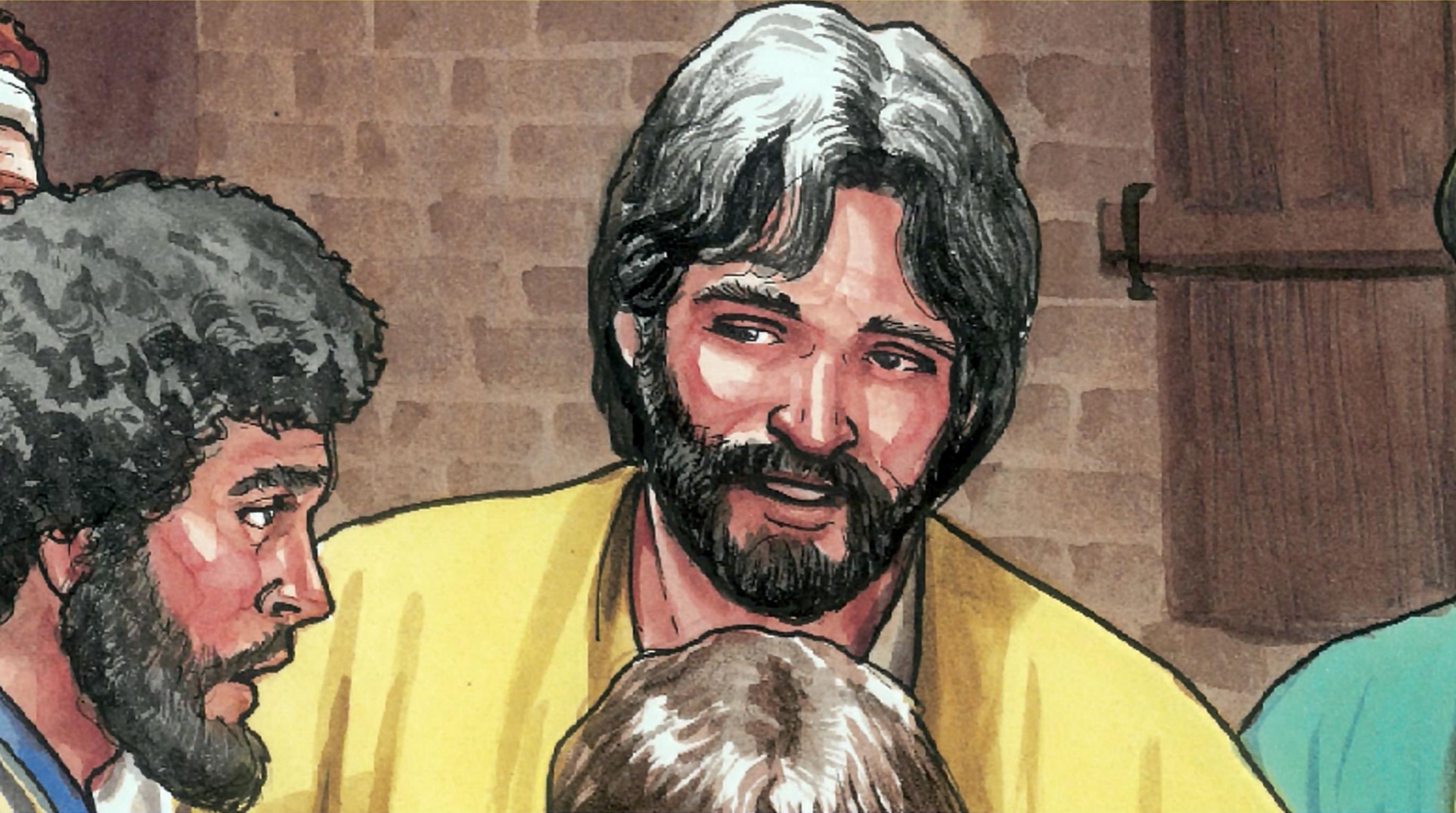
Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'



When He had said this He showed them His hands and side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.



Then Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. Just as the Father has sent me, I also send you.' After He said this, He breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins they are forgiven. If you retain anyone's sins they are retained.'



Now Thomas, one of the twelve disciples, was not with them.



The other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' He replied, 'Unless I see the wounds from the nails in His hands and put my hand into His side, I will never believe it.'



Eight days later, the disciples were together in the house and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'



Then He said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and examine my hands, Extend your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue in your unbelief but believe.'



Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God.'

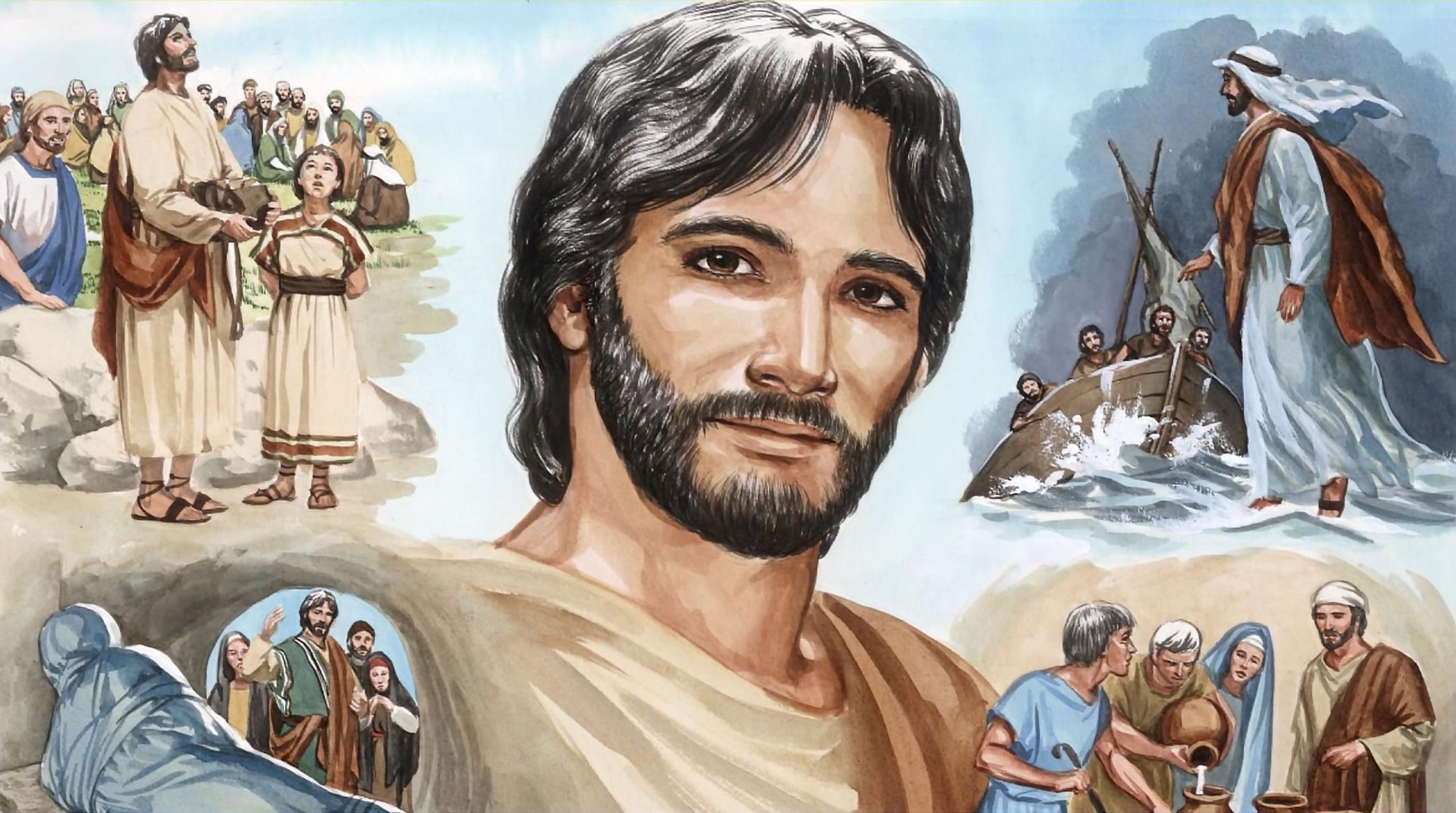


Jesus said to him, 'You believed because you have seen me. Blessed are the people who have not seen Me and yet have believed.'



Now Jesus did many other miraculous signs which are not recorded in this book. But these are recorded so that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that by believing you might have life in His name.





# Quiz

**You can use a deck of cards and allow each child to pick a card from the pile, without being able to see the value of the card. At the end you add up the points on the cards to see the winner**

1. What day of the week did Jesus die on?
2. Why did he have to be buried quickly? 19:31
3. Where was he buried? 19:41
4. Who went to the tomb first? 20:1
5. Peter and John ran to see the tomb, who got there first? 20:4
6. Who was the first to go inside? 20:6
7. What did they see in the tomb? 20:7
8. What didn't they see?
9. What did John do when he saw that Jesus' body was missing from the tomb? 20:8
10. When Mary Magdalene went to the tomb on Easter Sunday morning, what do you think she expected to find?
11. Where were the angels? V12
12. What did Mary tell them? V13
13. Who was standing behind Mary? V14
14. Who did Mary think he was? V15
15. Jesus told Mary to tell the disciples that He would soon be going back to heaven. Did she? V18
16. Why were the disciples meeting in a locked room? V19
17. Even though the doors were locked, who suddenly appeared in the room? V19
18. It must have been hard for the disciples to believe that Jesus really was alive again. What did he show them? V20
19. One of the disciples wasn't there and didn't see Jesus, who was it?
20. Did Thomas believe them? Why not? v21
21. In the end what did Thomas say? V28
22. You and I can't see or touch Jesus! So how can we believe that He is God's son, alive forever?
23. Why did John write about the amazing things Jesus did? V31
24. Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God?

# A video on Easter

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZ4gQniUVO8&list=PLactlEFMk\\_I0LqO5DebtTLDjFcLajXGB&index=51](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZ4gQniUVO8&list=PLactlEFMk_I0LqO5DebtTLDjFcLajXGB&index=51)

# Pray

**Dear Heavenly Father**

**We thank you that you raised Jesus back to life. We thank you that we can know that our sins have been paid for by His death in our place and that we too will one day be raised back to life and live with you for eternity.**

**We ask that you would help us as we read your Word to understand what it says and to believe it.**

**Thank you that we get to celebrate today your great power in raising Jesus from the dead. Thank you that today we can rejoice knowing that you Jesus is alive in heaven ruling as our King - please help us to live for Him and be thankful for all that He has done for us.**