

# Hallelujah, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed.

## Hallelujah!

START	On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.	The found the stone rolled away from the tomb,	But when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.
While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.	In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground,	But the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"	He is not here; he is risen!
Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee:	'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'	Then they remembered his words.	When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others.
It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles.	But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense.	Luke 24:1-11	END

1. Shade in the three parts of the passage that you find most interesting. (You're not allowed to shade in START and END!)

2. The women, and then later the rest of the disciples all struggled to believe that Jesus had really risen. Thinking of the Bible as a whole, which bits of evidence help to convince you? Have a look at the examples below, and put them in order from most to least convincing in your opinion.

The tomb was empty—quite a few people actually went in and checked it.

Luke's evidence is based on eyewitness testimony.

The chief priests had to bribe the Roman soldiers to start rumours (Matt 28:12-13).

The church grew and people who still try to disprove it become convinced, more than 2000 years later.

Every one of the disciples believed it for the rest of their lives.

Nobody has come up with a better reason for the tomb being empty.

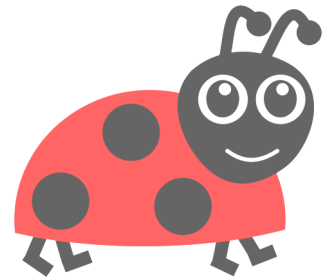
Paul was determined not to believe, but was convinced.

The disciples were prepared to die, rather than deny it.



### 3. So what does this mean for us?

Will has said that we can't escape the evidence of Jesus' resurrection today, and we won't be able to escape it on judgement day.



But that's good news for those of us who believe in Jesus!

Look up John 20:24-31 in your Bible or on [Biblegateway.com](http://Biblegateway.com) on your phone.

How does what Jesus says in v 29 make you feel?

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Show someone you're sitting with verses 30-31 and give them a thumbs up.