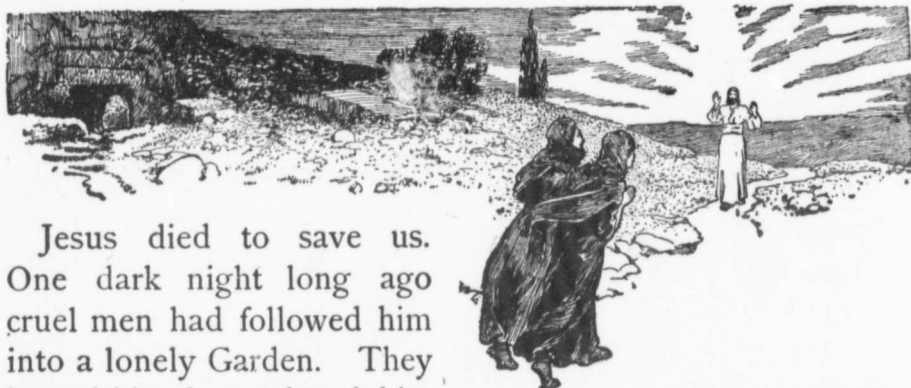


## OUR RISEN LORD (EASTER LESSON)

Matthew 28:1-10



Jesus died to save us. One dark night long ago cruel men had followed him into a lonely Garden. They bound him fast and took him to Pilate, the judge. And Pilate let those wicked men lead Jesus up to a high hill and take away his life upon the cross.

Three days passed and it was almost Sunday morning. The sun was just rising as two women came hurrying through a garden. It was the same garden where, three days before, Jesus' friends had tenderly laid his body in a rock tomb. They had rolled a great stone before the door.

"How shall we roll away the stone?" the women said to one another. The two Marys (for that was the name of both) loved Jesus dearly and they were going to lay more sweet spices on his body.

But behold, their question was already answered. As they drew near the tomb, they saw that some one was before them, and the stone was already rolled away. What did it mean?

Then they saw. An angel sat upon the rock, which had been rolled away, and now he spoke to them. "Fear not," he said. "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said."