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## JESUS ARISEN.

JOSEPH of Arimethea, helped by Nicodemus, having begged permission of Pilate, took the body of Jesus down from the cross, wound it in linen cloths, with sweet spices, and laid it in a new tomb in a garden near to the place of crucifixion. All this was completed before six o'clock on Friday evening, for the Jewish Sabbath began at that hour. The next day, the Sanhedrim, remembering what Jesus had said about rising again, got leave from Pilate to seal up the sepulchre, and to set a watch lest, as they said, the body be stolen, and the disciples say he had risen. Matt. 27: 62-66. Thus Saturday was passed. Early Sunday morning there was a great earthquake; and an angel descending rolled the stone from the opening of the sepulchre, and sat upon it. Immediately afterward Mary Magdalene, and the other women, came



THE RESURRECTION.

with fresh, sweet spices for the body. Beholding the stone rolled away, Mary ran to tell Peter and John. The other women draw nearer, and meet an angel, who tells them that the Lord has risen. Luke. 24: 2-8. Then they go away, and Peter and John, hearing Mary's story, hastened to the sepulchre, but find it empty. Peter, who had gone back to his old love for Jesus,

was the first to enter the tomb, but John was the first to believe. Not knowing where to find Jesus, and bewildered, they go back to their lodgings in the city. Mary would not go home, but stayed behind, weeping. She stooped down and looked into the tomb. She saw two angels, but her thoughts were too full of Jesus for her to be afraid, so she asked if they knew where he was laid.

well what he meant. It was not that." "What did he mean," asked the mother. "He meant sin," said the child; "and it is all the same as if he had told us, 'You must not tell lies, nor do what your mother forbids you to do, nor play on Sunday, nor be cross, nor do any things that are bad and wrong.' The Bible means that a sinful thing is an unclean thing, mother."

Then Jesus spake, calling her by name. So, after all Mary Magdalene was the first to see the risen Saviour.

## HEARING THE SERMON.

A LITTLE girl used to go to church. She was only between four and five years of age—quite a little girl. But she listened to her minister; she knew that he would tell her about Christ, and she wanted to learn. Once, when she reached home from church, she said, "Mother, I can tell you a little of the minister's sermon. He said, 'Touch not the unclean thing.'"

Wishing to know whether her little daughter understood the meaning of these words, the mother said, "Then if the minister said so, I hope you will take care in the future not to touch things that are dirty."

The little girl smiled and answered, "Oh, mother, I know very