

Jesus Rises from the Dead, as Seen by Angels

About 5 minutes, from Matthew 28:1-10

Participants (*No need to memorize lines; the aim is to relive sacred events, not perform*)

Angel

Grieving woman

Prompter Shout a brief line and Echoes repeat it.

Echoes Children and all adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script

Angel God sends me from heaven to Jesus' grave.
It is early on the first day of the week, and the earth shakes.

Prompter & Echoes Earthquake!

Angel I roll away the Roman soldiers' heavy stone and sit upon it.
The Roman guards shake for fear and become like dead men.
Now they have fled, and a few women come weeping.

Grieving woman Oh, look! An angel in shining white clothes!
Bright as lightning!

Prompter & Echoes He is terrifying!

Grieving woman The angel has rolled the stone away! He is powerful!
Oh, he sees us! Help!

Angel Do not fear. You seek your Lord whom men have slain.
He is risen, just as he had said. Come see where he was lain.

Grieving woman We go in and look.

Prompter & Echoes The tomb is empty!

Angel Go quickly, tell Jesus' disciples that he has risen from the dead.
He goes before them into Galilee;
there they will meet him on a mountain.

Grieving woman We go, and Jesus meets us; we hold his feet and worship him.
We are afraid.

Voice Do not fear. Go and tell my brothers to go and meet me in Galilee.

Angel Jesus appears to many after that, before he ascends to glory.
He has forgiven men their sins and given them eternal life.

Prompter & Echoes Infinite grace!

Angel In Eden God told the man that all who sin must die,
but then the father of all lies told Eve,
"You surely will not die!"

Prompter & Echoes The first lie ever spoken on earth!

Angel Satan knows that men must die if they disobey God.
They have to die, because it is God's law,
and the lying fiend makes use of it!

Prompter & Echoes The wages of sin is death.

Angel Now we angels understand what Jesus Christ has done!
 Through his death, he has cancelled Satan's power over death.
 He has freed believers from Adam's curse and the fear of death.

Prompter & Echoes The devil's slaves are freed!

Prompter & Echoes We live forever!

Grieving woman Now, the third day of Jesus' death has dawned,
 and the greatest miracle of all time has happened!

Angel The Lord, who lay resting in death's repose
 on the Sabbath day now lives!

Grieving woman We ladies run to tell the disciples the wonderful news.
 He has risen!

Prompter & Echoes Death is defeated!

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