

OTHER SCRIPTURES: Luke 24:9-12 and Mark 16:9-11

TO HELP US STUDY

1. When did Mary of Magdala come to the grave? _____
2. When she and the other women told of the empty tomb, what did the apostles think (Luke 24:11)? _____
3. Which two apostles went to the tomb then? _____
4. What did they find there? _____
5. Why were the apostles so surprised that Jesus was gone (John 20:9)? _____
6. While Mary stood near the grave weeping, who talked to her? _____ What did they ask her? _____
7. Then whom did she see? _____ Did she know him? _____ What did he ask her? _____
8. Who did she think the man was? _____
9. When did Mary recognize Jesus? _____
10. What did he tell her not to do? _____
11. Mary told the disciples, "I have _____."

TO HELP US REMEMBER: *Young ones*—1 Corinthians 15:14, "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith."
Older ones—1 Corinthians 15:12-14

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

Read all four Gospel accounts of the first resurrection appearances of Christ. Can you make them fit time-wise? List the appearances in the order you think they happened. As you wrestle with this list, see if you think they contradict each other in any way. The time you spend on this assignment should let you come away much more aware of what really happened on that blessed Sunday.

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

This week each of us should do the teen assignment. It will take some time and work, but it will be much more than busy work. If our teens do the assignment and we don't, we will find it hard to appreciate their questions and reactions to it.

When we have prayerfully considered the biblical records of the risen Christ, we should come away more deeply impressed with what all this means to us. When we are fully convinced, as Mary was, that Jesus is alive today, then we will be able to make him real and alive for our children. When we are able to overcome fear and anxiety, having seen Christ's power of death, then we will be ready to teach our little ones how foolish it is to be afraid. What are we trying to say? Simply that our teaching and our family study periods can never be any better than our own preparation both through study and prayer and through our personal acceptance of God's assurances.