

The only way

There's one last puzzle to crack to explain the Easter mystery:



Jesus said he would die and rise again – and — — — — — !

Jesus came back to life again, just as he said he would. Everything else Jesus said is true as well. *Cross out the X's to see something Jesus said about himself:*

**I AM THE XWAXXY. AND I AM THE
TXXRUXTXXH AND THE XLXIFXEX. THE XXONXLXY
WAY TO THE FATHER IS THROUGH ME.**

(John 14 v 6)

Jesus knew he was going to die – to take the punishment for our sin – and then come back to life again. And he knew he needed to do that because it was **the only way** that our sin can be forgiven and **the only way** we can be friends with his Father, God – both now and for ever.

And that's the great news in the middle of Easter. It's not a mystery at all. Jesus died and rose again so that anyone who trusts in him can be forgiven and be friends with God for ever.

What now?

If you want to find out more about Jesus, and why he died and rose again, ask the person who gave you this leaflet. Or see if you can join a group at a church where they teach the Bible.

And if you want, you might like to say this prayer:

*Dear God,
Thank you that Jesus died and rose again just as he said
he would. Thank you that his words always come true.
Please help me to find out more about Jesus, and how I
can become your friend.*

Amen.

The Easter Mystery

Do you like mysteries?
There's a mystery in the middle
of the Easter story...

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...Look inside
to solve the clues!

The first Easter

Early one morning – at the very first Easter – some very sad women were walking. They were going to see the body of their friend who had died. This was no ordinary friend. This friend was called Jesus and he was God's own Son.

But when the women reached the place where Jesus had been buried, the body was missing...

While they were wondering about this, two men in shining clothes suddenly stood beside them.

The women were very afraid; they bowed their heads to the ground. The men said to the women, "Why are you looking for a living person here? This is a place for the dead.

"Jesus is not here. He has risen from death! Do you remember what he said in Galilee?

"He said that the Son of Man must be given to evil men, be killed on a cross, and rise from death on the third day."

Then the women remembered what Jesus had said. (From the Bible – Luke 24 v 4-8)

The two men in shining clothes were angels – messengers from God. What did they say to Jesus' friends?

Do you r_____ what Jesus s_____?

Crack the puzzles on the next page to see what Jesus said – and to solve the mystery of the missing body.

Can you crack the 'Easter Mystery'?

(The magnifying glass will show you how)

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The name Jesus means "God saves". It tells us who he is – he is God; and what he does – he saves us. But he doesn't save us from a fire or a scary spider. Jesus saves us from our sin.

Did you know?

Sin is when we live how we want and not how God wants.

Everything Jesus said came true. His friends should have remembered what he told them. The missing body wasn't a mystery at all – it was exactly what Jesus **said** would happen.

The Bible says Jesus died to take the punishment for all the wrong things we do, say and think. They stop us from knowing God and from being his friend now and for ever.

Did you know?

• Rise • Raised
• Resurrected

These words all mean a dead person coming back to life.

Jesus didn't stay dead! God brought him back to life again. Jesus didn't die a second time. He is still alive today.

Crack the egg code:



Take the first letter of each picture

e Unjumble the letters

6 Use a mirror to flip the letters