

## Jesus Appears to His Disciples

### You will need:

Narrator

Woman (speaking)

Woman (non-speaking!)

Disciple (speaking)

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*The speaking woman and speaking disciple could be the same person if you're short on people!*

Teach the congregation these trigger words before you begin the story:

**Jesus is alive** - Cheer

**Hands** - Hold your hands out in front of you and look at them and shout 'hands'

**Feet** - Lift your feet up and look at them and shout 'Feet!'

**Angels** - Sing 'Haaaa-lelujah'

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*[Enter stage - woman]*

**Narrator:** Now on the first day of the week, some women who had known Jesus, went to the tomb... but on arriving they saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance.

**Woman:** Look! The stone's been rolled away!

**Narrator:** And when they entered the tomb, they found that Jesus's body was...

**Woman:** Gone! Jesus' body has gone!

*[Bright lights shining on stage (maybe two bright lights shining behind a backdrop of white material?)]*

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*[Turn off bright lights]*

**Woman:** **Jesus is alive!** Come on, lets go and tell the disciples...

**Narrator:** And so, off the women went to tell the disciples about all they had heard and seen. But the disciples did not believe them.

[Enter 2 disciples.]

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**Narrator:** And so, the disciples travelled back along the seven mile long road to Jerusalem and arrived at the house where all of the disciples were met together discussing the whereabouts of Jesus' body and why **angels** had appeared to the women.

**Disciple:** You guys will never guess what.....**Jesus is alive!**

**Narrator:** And as the disciples continued to discuss this, Jesus appeared right in the middle of them and they became frightened thinking they were seeing a ghost. Then Jesus said, 'Peace be with you. Why are you frightened? Look at the nail marks that remain in my **hands** and my **feet**. It is me, Jesus. Touch me and see for yourself that I'm real.'

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[Enter stage - woman 1 & 2]

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[Enter stage - other disciples]

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