



1. Watch the video on the story of JESUS - The Story of Easter - The Beginners Bible
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0PSgoPdKQFQ>

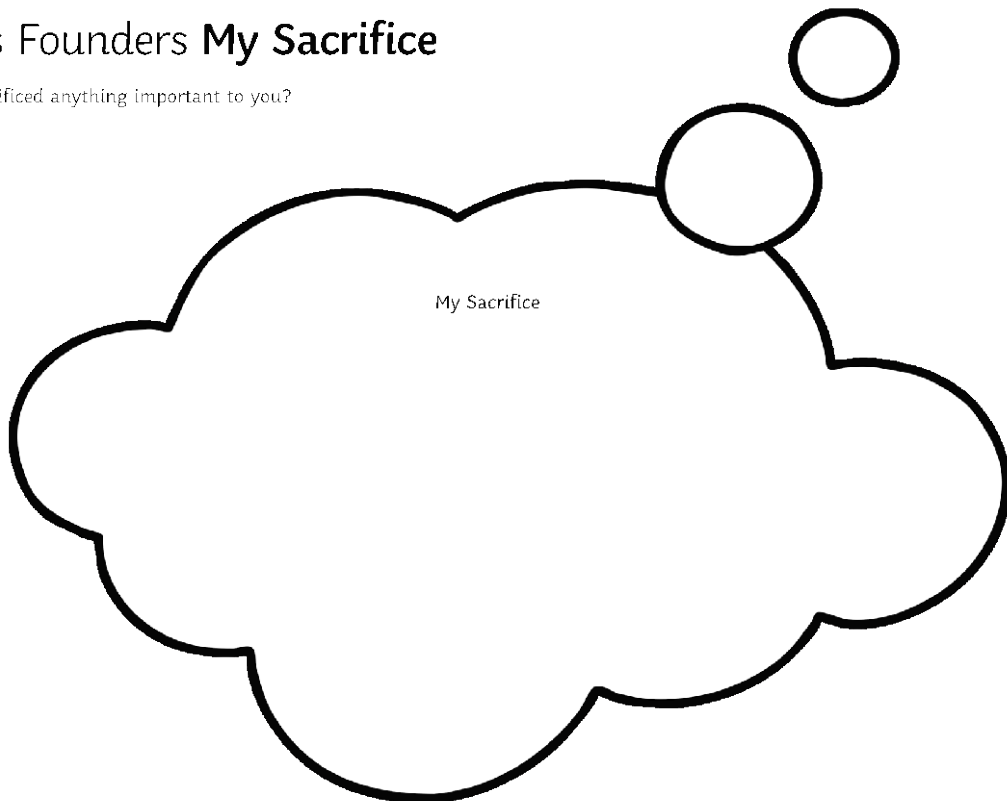
Write a poem or create a presentation poster about what happened to Jesus after he was arrested – make sure you include his crucifixion and resurrection.

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Religious Founders My Sacrifice

Have you ever sacrificed anything important to you?

How did this feel?



THE CASE OF THE MISSING BODY



Crime Brief:

A crime has been committed. A body has gone missing. After the crucifixion Jesus' body was wrapped in linen and placed in a tomb. A huge stone (probably weighing about two tonnes) was rolled across the doorway to the tomb. However, thirty-six hours later when Jesus' friends came to the tomb they found the body missing. Both the Roman and Jewish authorities are terrified of the effect this news might have on people. Jesus' followers are claiming the most amazing things for their dead leader. You have been employed to investigate this mysterious disappearance. **You have to solve the crime and find out what has happened to the body.**

TASK 1:

To start your investigation, make a list of the possible solutions - what could have happened? (Think about your ideas and write them in your books)

TASK 2:

- A) After reading the crime brief, who would you like to question during your investigation?
- B) List 3 example questions that you would ask.

TASK 3

Some of the eyewitnesses have recorded their evidence for you. Note down what they have claimed to have seen on your 'eyewitnesses account' worksheet. (on the next page)

Note: You need to read the Bible passages handout: **Luke 23:50-24:12** and **Matthew 28:11-15**. (on the next page)

TASK 4

In addition to the eyewitness accounts there are a number of rumours circulating in the streets about what could have happened. Write a newspaper article to explain your account of the missing body and what happened to Jesus.

You have to include a real interview with someone who may have seen him after he came back to life and key events that happened to Jesus.

If you are stuck – research what happened to Jesus and use the below template to set it out

Task 3 EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS

The following eyewitnesses have reported their story in Luke 23:50-24:12. Fill in what they did and what they saw with regards to the crucifixion and resurrection.

Joseph from Arimathea

The women (Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary, the mother of James)

Peter

You may also like to question the guards and the Jewish authorities. Their testimony is given in Matthew 28:11-15

The guards

Jewish authorities



Luke 23:50-24:12

Jesus' Burial

50 Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, **51** who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea and he was waiting for the kingdom of God. **52** Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. **53** Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. **54** It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

55 The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. **56** Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

The Resurrection

1 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. **2** They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, **3** but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. **4** While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. **5** In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? **6** He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: **7** 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " **8** Then they remembered his words.

9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. **10** It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. **11** But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. **12** Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Matthew 28:11-15

The Guards' Report

11 While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. **12** When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, **13** telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' **14** If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." **15** So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.



The Holy Times

Conspiracy after Crucifixion!?

3.

Religious Founders **The Death of Jesus**

You are a follower of Jesus and present at his crucifixion. Write a detailed account of what happens as Jesus dies and how you feel at this time.

Include the following:

- Reasons you are a follower of Jesus.
- Your opinion of Jesus being guilty of blasphemy when he claimed to be 'King of the Jews' and the 'Son of God'.
- Describe how you feel as Jesus dies on the cross.
- What does his death mean to you?