



Easter Challenge



All ages - with parents if needed

These questions are based on Matthew's gospel. If you haven't already, first read Matthew 27:62-66 and 28

1. What were the priests afraid of after Jesus died?
 - a. that He would visit them in their dreams
 - b. that His disciples would start a riot
 - c. that His disciples would take Jesus away and say He was alive
2. What did the priests do about it?
 - a. they went to Pilate and got his permission to seal up the stone blocking the tomb's entrance
 - b. they had nightmares about Jesus
 - c. they did a chili cook off to raise funds for the temple
3. Who went to Jesus' grave?
 - a. John and Peter
 - b. all of His disciples
 - c. some of the women who were followers of Jesus
4. Something unusual in nature happened at the tomb of Jesus'. What was it?
 - a. an earthquake
 - b. a tornado
 - c. a snowstorm
5. What or who rolled away the stone?
 - a. an elephant
 - b. an angel that looked like lightning, white as snow
 - c. the women
6. What did the guards do next?
 - a. they were terrified and looked dead
 - b. they told silly jokes
 - c. they started fighting with each other
7. What did the angel tell the women to do?
 - a. go hide
 - b. tell the disciples that Jesus is alive and will see them in the Galilee
 - c. look for Jesus in the tomb (He was hiding in there)

8. Who else told the women that they' see **Jesus** in the Galilee?
 - a. Jesus
 - b. Pontius Pilate
 - c. another angel

9. Where **g** did the guards go?
 - a. to a restaurant to talk things over
 - b. to their homes
 - c. to the head priests to tell them what had happened

10. What lie were the guards **t**old to tell people?
 - a. that nothing happened
 - b. that there was an earthquake and they couldn't be held responsible
 - c. Jesus' disciples came and stole his body from the tomb

11. Did Jesus show up to His disciples **s** in the Galilee?
 - a. yes
 - b. no
 - c. it's not clear in the text

12. Who has all authority in heaven and on earth according to **J**esus?
 - a. Pontius Pilate
 - b. Satan
 - c. Jesus

13. When **n** Jesus was about to go up to heaven, what did Jesus tell His disciples to do?
 - a. go make disciples all over the world
 - b. baptize people in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit
 - c. make more disciples who obey Jesus' commands
 - d. all of the above

14. What's the **g**ood news (gospel)?
 - a. Jesus, the son of God, died for our sins and rose again. He paid the price instead of us for all we've done wrong. We get to celebrate!
 - b. the robins are singing
 - c. it's spring

SECRET MESSAGE:

Hunt for the **BOLD underlined** letter in each question and match them to the right blanks below.

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 12 1 5 8 11 2 10 3 9 6 14 4 7 13



Fun Activities



Craft: Find a piece of paper and markers, crayons and/or colored pencils. Make a cross that declares Jesus' victory over death. Be creative! Then take a picture of your victory cross and text your photo to Pastor Geordie (592-3582). She'll share it with the others in this group.

Recipes for fun (or find other empty tomb cooking ideas online):

www.theginghamapron.com/resurrection-cookies

<https://www.aroundmyfamilytable.com/empty-tomb-rolls-2/>

A Resurrection Day Hunt: We have attached a sheet of symbols for you to color - a donkey, cup, coin, praying hands, whip, crown of thorns, nails/cross, spear, stone, empty tomb. You can add to these or draw all the symbols on your own! Color them in if you want, then cut them out on small squares of paper. You can leave them as is or glue each one onto an index card or piece of colored paper. Next give them to your Mom or Dad to hide around the house. Then go on a Resurrection Day hunt.

Happy Resurrection Sunday!

ANSWER KEY

1. c 2. a, 3. c, 4. a, 5. b, 6. a, 7. b, 8. a, 9. c, 10. c, 11. a, 12. c, 13. d, 14. a