Christianity

ASSESSMENT

Learning Objectives

- Students to set their own targets
Starter

Write down five things you learnt in the last lesson.

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 tons) 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 will have this one lesson to solve the crime and find out what happened to the body.
• You will write a report about your findings and what you believe happened to the body.
• **THIS REPORT WILL BE YOUR ASSESSMENT!**
• Are you ready for some detective work?!

Let's look at the clues

**Mary Magdalene**

• The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie. And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.
Mary Magdalene

• But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?

Mary Magdalene

• She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

(John 20:1-18)
Why is the resurrection of Jesus so important to Christians today?

It shows the immense power of God. Only he who created life can resurrect it after death.

God became man (Jesus) and he died for the sins of humanity. He was resurrected on the third day.

Unlike all other religions, Christianity alone claims a founder who goes beyond death and who promises that his followers will do the same.

Christians believe that through living this life and being a good Christian they will be resurrected in death and stand before God, this gives life a purpose.

Theories

1. Stolen Body Theory:
   The followers of Jesus secretly stole his body from the tomb and then invented the whole story of the resurrection.

2. Missing Body Theory:
   Someone else took the body from the tomb without Jesus’ followers knowing about it.

3. Jesus was not actually dead:
   Jesus was not dead when he was removed from the cross. In fact, many people have been mistakenly pronounced dead, even by modern doctors. In some cases breathing becomes so shallow and heartbeat so faint that both are very difficult to detect. If modern doctors can be fooled, then so could the Roman soldiers at the cross.

4. Wrong Tomb:
   Mary Magdalene may have entered the wrong tomb. It was early in the morning, she may have gone to the wrong tomb.
Let’s write those reports officers

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• Complete an Evaluation in your books.