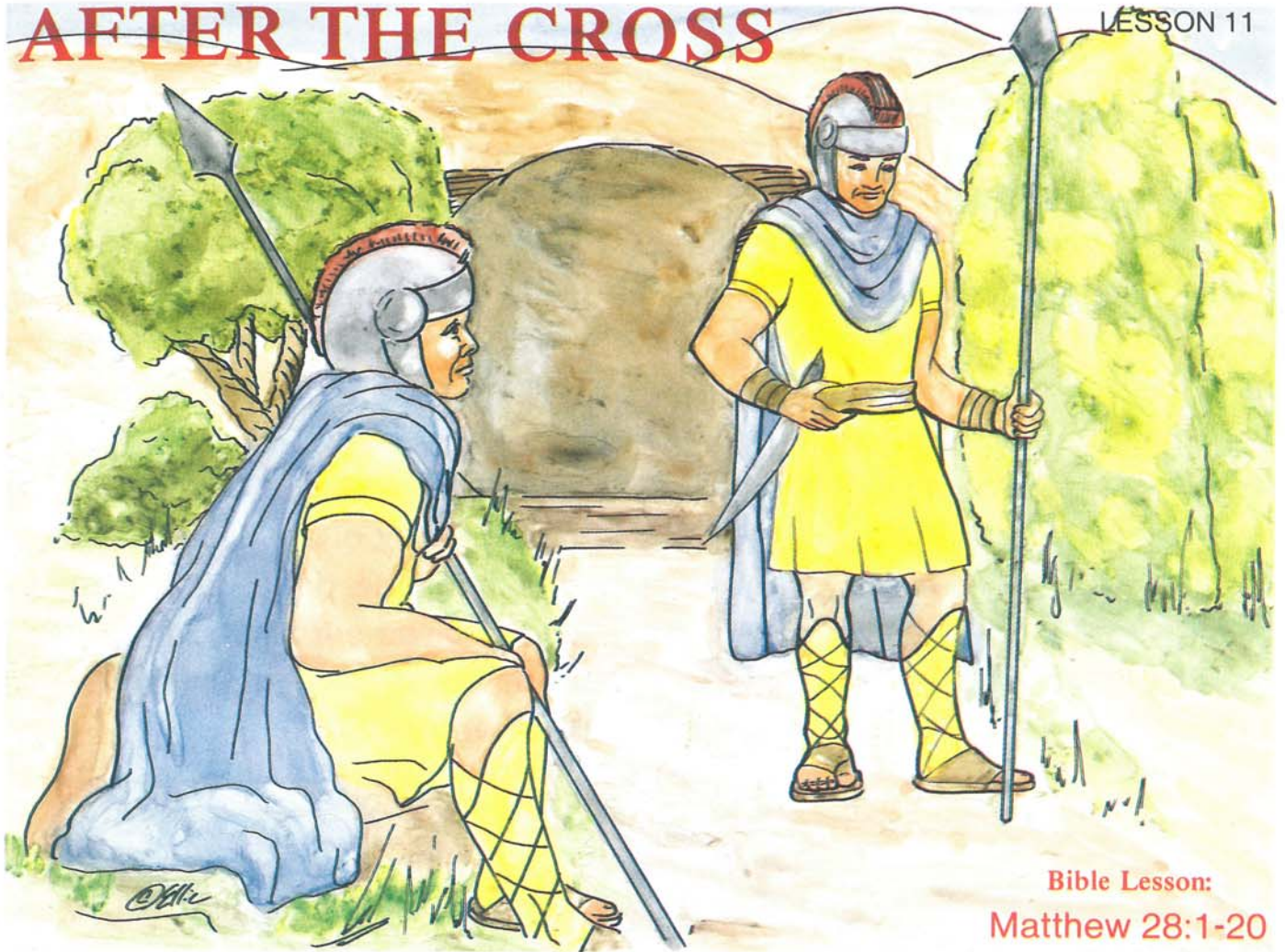


AFTER THE CROSS

LESSON 11



Bible Lesson:
Matthew 28:1-20

What is the happiest day you've ever had? Do you like to tell others about it? Do you remember some of the happy days we've learned about? Christmas is a happy day because Jesus was born. Zaccheus was happy the day Jesus came to his house. On Palm Sunday many people were happy to see Jesus come into Jerusalem. But just a few days later some people wanted to kill Jesus.

Jesus had told His disciples, "I will die on the cross. But after three days I will be alive again." They didn't understand what He was saying. Think how sad they were the day Jesus died. They would never see Him again.

One of Jesus' friends, Joseph, put the body of Jesus in his own tomb. He rolled a big stone in front of the door. Pilate knew Jesus said He would come to life again. He sent soldiers to guard the tomb so the disciples could not steal the body and say, "He is alive."

Early on the third day after Jesus died, the earth shook and an angel came and rolled the stone away. The angel was bright and shining and the guards were so afraid they were shaking.

Later, two women came to the tomb. They were surprised to see the tomb open and empty. When they saw the angel sitting on the stone they were afraid. The angel said, "Do not be afraid. You are looking for Jesus. He is not here. He is risen just as He said. Go

quickly and tell His disciples that He is alive."

The women ran to tell the disciples the good news. When the disciples heard the news they were very happy. Jesus was alive! This was the first happy Easter day.

Jesus is alive! Easter is the happiest day of all. Because Jesus rose from the dead, we know that God forgives our sins. All who trust in Jesus will live with Him forever in heaven.



MEMORY VERSE

And the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying."

Matthew 28:5-6

WHO?



WHO?



Circle the word(s) that answer these **WHO** questions.

1. Who said, "I will die and be alive again in three days?"

angel Jesus Judas

2. Who put Jesus in his own tomb?

soldiers disciples Joseph

3. Who sent soldiers to guard the tomb?

disciples Pilate women

4. Who came and rolled the stone away?

disciples women angel

5. Who came to the tomb first?

Pilate disciples women

6. Who said, "Do not be afraid."

Zaccheus Pilate angel

7. Who said, "Tell the disciples Jesus is alive."

Joseph women angel

8. Who heard the good news and were happy?

Jesus Zaccheus disciples

9. Who can forgive sins?

angel disciples God

10. Who can live with Jesus in heaven?

some who trust in Him, all who try to be good, all who trust in Him

WHO?



WHO?



is alive !

HAPPY EASTER DAY!

