



HOW WILL THEY REACT TO THIS GOOD NEWS?

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On our previous talk, we told you about the dramatic death of Jesus on the cross. Today you'll find out what happens next, **Slide 2** the announcement of some very good news.

Slide 3 A victory! A very big victory! Listen carefully and you will see that **Slide 4** people react in very different ways when they learn about it. There are those who will become **Slide 5** even more wicked, those who **Slide 6** don't believe it yet, and those **Slide 7** who jump for joy.

Slide 8 It's up to you find them!

Slide 9 JESUS IS ALIVE

Slide 10 This Thursday evening, everything seems over. It's like a big defeat. The disciples are devastated. They have lost their Lord, their Friend. **Slide 11** They witnessed His atrocious suffering and His death on the cross. And what's more this terrible final moment when **Slide 12** His body was laid in a tomb, **Slide 13** closed by a huge stone, a kind of cave dug into the rock. Their sadness is immense. Where are **Slide 14** all these unforgettable days spent with Him, all **Slide 15** his miracles and all **Slide 16** His words of encouragement? **Slide 17** Now there's only emptiness, confusion, the victory of death. What will they do? There's no way out. **Slide 18** It's the most horrible day they've lived.

Without wasting time, **Slide 19** the next morning, **Slide 20** the religious leaders present themselves to Pilate.

Slide 21 - This Jesus had declared that He would rise again after three days! **Slide 22** So order that the sepulchre be watched. We don't want his disciples to come and take His body and make everyone believe that he is risen!

Slide 23 - Do it yourself! Answers Pilate.

Slide 24 To ensure absolute security, they seal the huge stone that closes the entrance to the sepulcher and have it watched over by soldiers.

Slide 25 Women prepare spices and perfumes to embalm the body of Jesus, according to the custom at that time. **Slide 26** On Saturday they rest, it is the Sabbath.

Slide 27 But the next morning, it is **Slide 28** barely daylight when they set off. They go to sepulcher carrying **Slide 29** spices and perfumes. **Slide 30** It's Easter Sunday.

- How are we going to enter the sepulcher? They say to each other. **Slide 31** Who will roll the stone for us?

They don't know what has just happened. The earth quake and **Slide 32** an angel descended from heaven. He is bright as lightning and dressed in a garment as white as snow. He rolled away the stone. **Slide 33** The guards are so terrified, **Slide 34** they look dead. Not only do they face an earthquake but they are in the presence of an angel of God;

Slide 35 the sepulcher is wide open and there is no one in it! **Slide 36** They decide to go and warn the religious leaders

Slide 37 The women approach the sepulcher.

Slide 38 - Oh! The stone is rolled away. What does that mean?

They enter.

Slide 39 - The body of Jesus is no longer there! they exclaim distraught.

Slide 40 - Do not be afraid! The angel says to them. You are Looking for Jesus who was crucified but he is not here **Slide 41** he is risen. Remember, he told you so. Now **Slide 42** go quickly and tell his disciples and Peter that He awaits them in Galilee. That's where you'll see Him.

Slide 43 With joy, they run to bring the news to the disciples.

Slide 44 - Jesus is risen! Jesus is risen! We are coming from the sepulcher. His body is no longer there! We saw an angel.

Slide 45 - Come! Come! But, what are you talking about now! You must have dreamed!

Slide 46 Peter and John dash off and run as fast as they can.

Quite out of breath, **Slide 47** John arrives first. He stops in front of the sepulcher.

Slide 48 - Yes, the stone is removed! He says in amazement.

Slide 49 Peter joins him. He enters the sepulcher. **Slide 50** The bands of fabric that enveloped the body of Jesus are rolled up and laid on the ground, and the linen that had been put on his face, well folded, is found a bit further. **Slide 51** John enters in his turn.

Slide 52 They both watch, amazed. **Slide 53** Very upset, they walk back. John believes that Jesus is truly risen.

Slide 54 One of the women comes back on her own. She is crying near the tomb.

Slide 55 She sees two angels, dressed in white.

- Why are you crying? One of them asks.

Slide 56 - They took away my Lord and no one told us where they have put him.

Slide 57 She feels someone behind her. She turns around and sees a man.

- He must be the gardener, she says to herself. He may know who took the body of Jesus.

Slide 58 - Why are you crying? Asks the stranger. Who are you looking for?

Slide 59 - If you took Him away please tell me where you put it!

Slide 60 - Mary! He says to her.

She recognizes the voice of Jesus!

Slide 61 - Master! She cries, bowing down.

- Go and find my brothers, the disciples, Jesus says to her, **Slide 62** and tell them that I am alive and that I am going up to heaven to My God and your God, to My Father and your Father.

She jumps for joy. **Slide 63** She saw Jesus! He is alive!

Slide 64 - Come on Mary! Say to the disciples. How do you want people to believe you! It's not possible! He is dead, we saw him!

Slide 65 At the palace, the religious leaders are informed by the guards of the resurrection of Jesus. What will they do?

- We cannot deny the fact, they say to each other **Slide 66** but we absolutely must not let people learn it! We're going to give the guards a lot of money!

Slide 67 - Take this! They say to them, it is for you and you will say that His disciples came in the middle of the night to remove the body while you were sleeping.

And this is how soldiers are paid to spread lies and deceive people. But that doesn't change the truth, **Slide 68** Jesus is risen. The disciples find it difficult to believe but not for long. This is what we will see in our next story.

Slide 69 1, 2 3, 4 AND YOU AND ME!

*Jesus died on the cross and then was put in the tomb, **Slide 70** but death could not keep him. God raised him up, He is the Son of God, **Slide 71** still alive today. **Slide 72** I do not know how you react to this good news. Maybe **Slide 73** like the women. They jumped with joy, their Lord is alive! **Slide 74** Or like the disciples, they did not believe it yet but that will change soon. **Slide 75** Get ready to listen or read more in our next broadcast "1,RACONTE". You can also find it at the end of the Gospels.*

Slide 76 4, 3, 2, 1 AND WE PARENTS!

*If Jesus had remained in the tomb, what would have happened? Nothing in particular! His death on the cross would not have brought us anything; but by raising Him up, God shows all men that **Slide 77** Jesus is truly His Beloved Son and that He accepts His sacrifice for our forgiveness, our salvation and that of our children. By rereading all these passages from the gospel, our faith is strengthened and our joy renewed.*

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