

Matthew
16 v 21



But, Jesus didn't stay dead!!



What does it say in the tomb? Sort out the letters:



Who did Jesus show He was by coming back to life?
Put the letters in the spaces.



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_F
___D

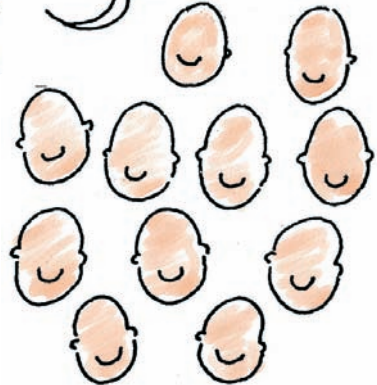
Check it out in John 10 v 36.



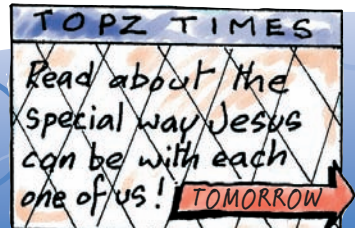
Jesus reaches parts no one else can!

Jesus was the winner over death!

His closest friends, the disciples, were really glad their best Friend was alive again!
Fill in their faces.



After a while Jesus went back up to Heaven to be with God the Father. He is alive today so that He can be our Friend. The Father really wants us to get to know Jesus.



Father God, thank You that Your plan didn't end with Jesus dying, but rising again to live for ever! Amen.

John
14 v 15-21



Jesus went back to heaven, but He didn't want to leave us alone. So He sent us someone else, another Helper, just like Jesus, who can stay with everyone who loves Jesus all over the world.

Who is this Helper? Write down the first letter of each picture to find out:



Solve this puzzle to find out why Jesus didn't just stay on earth. Move the squares into their correct places.

Check out your answer in John 16 v 7

7 go, the	2 better for you	6 I do not
9 come to you.	8 Helper will not	5 because if
4 away,	1 It is	3 that I go



1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

If Jesus had stayed on earth there would be massive crowds around Him and we would never get near Him. The Holy Spirit comes to live inside every Christian!



Thank You, Lord God, for giving us Your Holy Spirit to help each Christian to get to know Jesus, and to learn to live as God wants us to. Amen.

HOW TO BECOME A FRIEND OF GOD

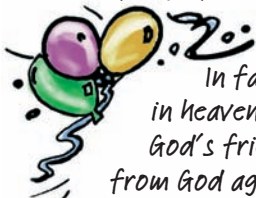


Read through Dave's prayer below, and think about what it means. Then, if you want to become God's friend, say it to Him. Remember that being a friend of God (a Christian) can be hard at times, but it's also the best thing in the world!

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You that You loved me enough to die for me. I know I have done wrong things, and I am really sorry for them. Please forgive me for everything, and make me Your friend. I want now to start doing what pleases You, so I give You control of my life. Thank You that You will now send me the Holy Spirit to help me live right and to know You. Amen.



Write down today's date so you can remember when you prayed this prayer:

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God is really happy that you are now His friend.



In fact, the Bible says that right now He and all the angels in heaven will have a great big party, just because you have become God's friend! You can be happy too! You're never going to be apart from God again! Spend a few moments thanking God that you are now His friend, and that the Holy Spirit has come into your life. From now on, talk to God every day, just like you would to any other friend, but remembering how great He is.

Here's how some Topz readers became friends of Jesus ...



I'm **Jasmine Taylor** and I'm 11 years old. When I was younger, I asked Mum about the things I heard in my Sunday School because I didn't really understand it all. I asked Dad and Mum a bit about God and I soon started to understand about the Bible and that Jesus died for me. Now I know I am a Christian because I believe in Jesus with all my heart and I know that He loves me.

Sometimes, when I am worried about things, I pray about them and it's good because I know God always hears me when I pray.



My name is **Daniel White**. I am 9 and I live in Thames Ditton where I have lived all my life. My parents are Christians and took me to church regularly where I went to Sunday School. There I learnt about Jesus and read the Bible. At home, my mum and dad taught me what it is to be a Christian and to get to know Jesus. When I was about 4 I asked Mum if I could be a Christian and so we talked, read the Bible and I prayed asking God to come into my heart and be my friend. At that time, I was interested in knowing Jesus because of my parents but later on when I was about 6, my Nanny bought me a children's Bible and I began to read it more regularly. One of my favourite verses goes: 'Christ's love is greater than anyone can ever know, but I pray that you may be able to know that love' (Eph. 3:19 NCV). As the months passed I gradually decided that I now wanted to follow God for myself, not because of my parents.