**Esperanza Lutheran Church Sunday Funday Easter #2**

**April 18,2021**

**All Ages**

**Bible Story: The Empty Tomb**

**Emphasis: The Tomb was Empty!  Jesus had fulfilled his promise, he rose from the dead**

**Bible Background:** Jesus shared with his disciples and the people who followed him that he was to die and in three days rise from the dead. Jesus died a horrible death on a cross.  Before the Sabbath was over they took his body down from the cross and put it in a tomb.  He was dead and the disciples and those who loved him were very sad.

All four gospels have the story of Jesus’s resurrection. Each gospel writer found the tomb empty.  The tomb was not a place for the living! So Jesus was not there… he was alive.

In **Luke**, there were two men in dazzling white cloths telling them that Jesus had risen and was not in the tomb. In **Mark**, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome went to the tomb to anoint Jesus’ body but found no body. They found a man in white telling them Jesus has risen and go tell the disciples!  In **Matthew**, both Marys went to the tomb where there was an earthquake and an Angel from heaven descended down and rolled back the stone. They saw where Jesus was to be lying and it was empty so they quickly ran to tell others that Jesus rose from the dead and he is going to meet them in Galilee! In **John,** Mary Magdalene went to the tomb, found the stone rolled away and ran to tell Simon Peter.  She said they have taken Jesus!  Simon Peter and the other disciples went to the tomb and it was empty.  All Peter saw was the linen cloth that Jesus' body was wrapped in. Jesus was Alive and on his way to Galilee!

**Read the Bible Story!:**  (Spark Bible: The Empty Tomb Pages 482-487) Luke 24:1-12, Mark 16:1-8, Matthew 28:1-,  John 20:1-8 Resurrection stories in the gospels.

**Questions:**

1. **How did Jesus die?** (He died on a cross)

1. **Where did they lay his body when he died?** (In a tomb which is like a cave.)

1. **Who came in the morning to the tomb to anoint Jesus’s body?**(Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome)

1. **If you were there on that first Easter morning what would you do if you found out that Jesus’ was alive?** (Maybe shout, Jesus is Alive!, Maybe tell everyone you know that the Tomb was empty, or maybe jump for joy that Jesus was not dead and you could see him again.)

**Activity: Make resurrection rolls! A great Easter recipe to do with the kids! Rolls with marshmallows wrapped inside, which become hollow as they bake, it represents the tomb of Jesus on Easter morning, when you break them open they are empty inside!**

**Prep: 10 mins  Cook: 15 mins   Total:25 mins  Servings:8 rolls**

**Ingredient Checklist**

* **1 (10 ounce) can refrigerated crescent dinner rolls**
* **8 large marshmallows**
* **¼ cup melted butter**
* **2 tablespoons ground cinnamon**
* **2 tablespoons white sugar**

**Directions**

* **Step 1 - Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Lightly grease a baking sheet.**
* **Step 2 - Separate crescent rolls into individual triangles.**
* **Step 3 - In a small bowl, mix together cinnamon and sugar.**
* **Step 4 - Dip a marshmallow into melted butter, then roll in sugar mixture. Place marshmallow into the center of a dough triangle. Carefully wrap the dough around the marshmallow. Pinch the seams together tightly to seal in marshmallow as it melts. Place on a baking sheet. Repeat.**
* **Step 5 - Bake in a preheated oven until golden brown, about 15 minutes.**

***Nutrition Facts: Per Serving: 228 calories; protein 2.8g; carbohydrates 24.1g; fat 13.3g; cholesterol 15.3mg; sodium 321.8mg.***

**Emphasize: The Tomb was empty that first Easter morning.**

**Jesus was Alive!**

**Hold hands and end in a Family Prayer:** Dear God, We thank your son Jesus for dying for us. Now we can be with you and Jesus in  Heaven. Amen