

Drama – The impossible has happened. He is alive!

Based on John 20:1-18) written by Jane Hulme.

Cast: Mary, Peter, John, Philip, Matthew

Enter the four disciples who stand around, murmuring to one another.

Suddenly Mary appears. She runs in shouting at the top of her voice!

Mary: He's alive, he's alive.... I can't believe it. He's alive. I've got to tell them.

(Mary arrives and rushes into the group of disciples)

Mary: I'm so glad I've found you. He's alive. I've seen him....

Peter: Slow down Mary. What are you talking about? Who's alive?

Mary: Jesus is alive. I've seen him and I have spoken with him.

Philip: That's not possible. We all saw him crucified just a couple of days ago and his dead body placed in Joseph's tomb.

Mary: Philip, hadn't you heard that when Peter, John and I went to the tomb this morning, the stone had been moved away from the entrance?

Philip: Yes, Peter did say that the stone had been moved.

Mary: I thought that someone had taken Jesus out of the tomb. I was so upset that I didn't know where our Lord's body had gone.

Matthew: Is Mary telling the truth Peter?

Peter: Yes, she is Philip. I did see that the stone had been moved and when John and I looked closer the tomb was empty except for the strips of linen that had been wrapped around Jesus' body.

John: It was very strange. The burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head was neatly wrapped up by itself, separate from the linen.

Matthew: So grave robbers didn't steal the body then. They wouldn't have left all the linen behind.

John: Jesus did say that He would see us again....

Mary: And I have seen him.... just a few minutes ago. Why won't you believe me?

Peter: We want to believe you Mary.... but you must admit that if what you are saying is true, it is...impossible!

Mary: I know.... but the impossible happens with Jesus!

John: So, tell us Mary how did you come to meet Jesus?

Mary: After you and Peter had left me, I stood outside the tomb crying. Then I thought I would have one last look inside the tomb just to check once more that his body was really not there when I saw two angels in white, sitting where Jesus' body had been. One was sitting at the head and the other at the foot.

Philip: Did they say anything to you?

Mary: They asked me why I was crying.

Matthew: So, what did you tell them?

Mary: I told them that they had taken my Lord away and that I didn't know there they had put him. As I turned around to leave the tomb, I saw a man standing in the entrance. He also asked me why I was crying and what I was looking for.

Philip: I knew there had to be an explanation for all of this. You saw a gardener Mary, and, in your grief, you thought it was Jesus.

Mary: You are right in one thing Philip. I did think the man was a gardener. I said to him that if he had carried Jesus' body away then please tell me where he had put him.

Peter: So, did he tell you?

Mary: He wasn't the gardener Peter.... OH.... will you believe me if I tell you?

John: Yes, we will Mary.... what did this man say to you?

Mary: He said: (pauses for a while) "Mary"and suddenly I realised....it was Jesus....and I said, "Rabboni"

John: Did Jesus say anything else to you Mary?

Mary: He told me to come and tell you that He is returning to His Father and my Father, to His God and my God.

Matthew: So, what Jesus said is true.

Philip: That in Jerusalem he would be mocked, flogged and crucified....

Peter: But on the third day he will be raised to life.

John: Jesus is alive.... I believe.

Mary: Jesus is alive. I have seen the Lord!