

# The Crucifixion and the Resurrection

Matthew 28; Luke 19; John 18-20

The sadness of the Lord's crucifixion is bearable because of the joy of His resurrection. They are both part of the Easter story, opposites in some ways, but they go together. You can't have one without the other. It is like our lives, our selfish feelings and thoughts must die so that we can be reborn and become fit for heaven. It is important to acknowledge the difficult part, because it makes the wonderful part possible.

The two sides of a coin can be considered opposite, but together they make one coin. Follow the directions for the project below to apply this idea to the Easter Story.

1. Cut out a the circles on the following page. Use one of these circles as a template to cut out a piece of cardboard or thick paper.
2. Draw a picture of a cross on a hilltop on one circle. Use dark colors to color the picture and the background.
3. Draw a picture of Easter morning on the other circle. Include the empty tomb and at least one angel. Use bright and beautiful colors to color the picture and the background.
4. Glue each picture to one side of the cardboard circle.

Think about the following:

1. Which side would you rather have face-up?
2. Which side do you think the angels see?
3. Which side is more important?

## He is not here; for He is risen, as He said!

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