



## Resources for Easter 2 (23-29 April 2017)

### Open the Word: Present the Gospel

#### Script

**Mary:** We've all been looking for you, Thomas. We've got some exciting news to share.

**Thomas:** I've heard rumours, but I'm not convinced.

**Mary:** But I've seen him! I've touched him, and spoken to him. He knew me by name!

**Thomas:** I'd really like to believe you, Mary. But grief does strange things to people. They hear and imagine things. They suffer from hallucinations, especially in the days just after the death of someone really close.

**Mary:** Thomas, I wasn't expecting to see him, far from it. And you can't deny that the tomb was empty.

**Thomas:** Yes, I know. The empty tomb and the disappearing body are a mystery. I think his enemies stole it just to spite us.

**Mary:** But why would they, especially with this story going round? If I were halluc...er...dreaming it all up, and if they did steal the body, they'd only have to produce it now to prove the story false. And none of *us* could have taken the body away; we were all too upset.

**Thomas:** You are right about that. I was so upset that I could not face being with anyone else. Seeing the others would only have reminded me of how much we had let him down (*sighs*). No, it's no use, Mary. You can't convince me (*turns to leave*).

**Mary:** Wait! I wasn't the only one to see him, you know. They weren't all women either. The rest of the disciples saw him. The doors were closed, but he was there, and he ate and drank with them.

**Thomas:** Now I know you're all deluded. Entering a room when the doors were shut! Mary, I know this may comfort you, and probably the others as well, but the truth is that Jesus is dead! I wish he was alive, I truly do – I don't think I'll ever get over it. But making up these stories only makes it worse.

**Mary:** Thomas, you can't make me doubt what I saw, or what the others experienced. I know it's true. Please, for Jesus' sake, come and meet the others. They'll be in the upper room tomorrow evening. They will be so pleased to see you.

**Thomas:** OK, I'll come. Don't expect me to believe what they say, I need real evidence. I can't base my life on rumour or speculation. I have to test it out.