

The Women with Myrrh



The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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Who will roll away the stone?



This is a tomb, probably like the one Jesus was put in. Do you see the big stone in front of it?

You know how it is to push something very heavy, don't you? Sometimes you don't know how you'll lift something. Sometimes, you just can't do it!

Today we remember the myrrh-bearing women. You know them, don't you? They're the ones who woke up very early to come to Jesus Christ's tomb. They brought nice-smelling perfume to anoint Him. But they had a problem. After Jesus died on the

Cross, He was put into a tomb. A big stone was rolled in front of it so nobody could get in there. Archaeologists think that the stone probably weighed about 2,000 to 4,000 pounds—as much as a car weighs! So these women didn't know how they would move it. They said to themselves, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" But they went anyway. They wanted to do something for the Lord!

You know what happened then. When they got there, the stone had been moved away. The angel told them that Christ had risen!

Sometimes we don't know how we are going to do something. We might have a problem that we just can't work out. But when we want to do something good, God will roll away that stone for us! In other words, He will work it out. Let's learn from these women, and trust in our Lord!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Anoint
- Feasting
- Joseph
- Myrrhbearers
- Preach
- Resurrection
- Roll
- Stone
- Sunday

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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here is an icon of the myrrh-bearing women. It almost looks like they are asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone from the tomb?"

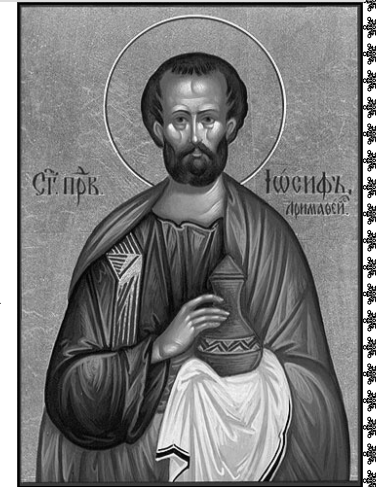
We know some of their names, like Mary and Joanna and Salome, but maybe there were others too!



WHAT HAPPENED TO SAINT JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA?

Today is the Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing women, but we also remember a saint who is kind of like a myrrh-bearing man!

Saint Joseph of Arimathea was a Jewish leader, but He boldly followed Christ. St. Joseph was the one who took Christ's body down from the Cross, after He had died. Joseph put the body in his own tomb, and he prepared Christ's body with sweet-smelling myrrh and spices. The other Jewish leaders found out about this and sent him to prison. Christ appeared to him when he was in jail, and showed him that He had really risen from the dead!



Saint Joseph is holding sweet-smelling myrrh.

But what happened then? Eventually, Joseph got out of prison and travelled all over, telling people about the good news of Christ's holy resurrection. He was a good person for this job because he knew it firsthand! St. Joseph might have even gone so far as Britain! There, he died peacefully after a long and amazing life!



The ruins of an early church in England, near where St. Joseph may have been.

We remember Saint Joseph today, on the 2nd Sunday after Pascha.