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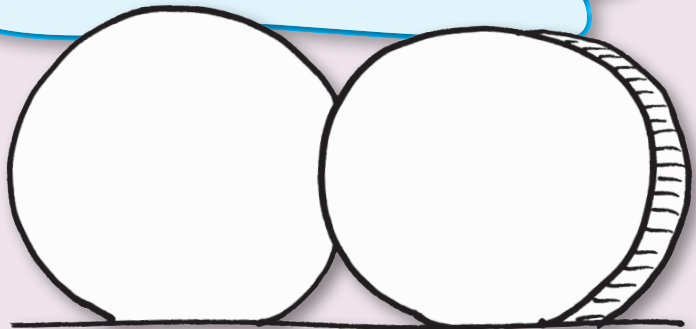


## SPY REPORTS ON JESUS 3

Congratulations on finding Kid Zone on the internet. Well done! Welcome to Spy Reports on Jesus.

The Pharisees or religious leaders often sent out their spies to investigate Jesus. But the spies didn't always agree with their bosses. They wanted to find out the real truth about Jesus.

Be a Spy! Investigate Jesus for yourself and write your own Spy Report in your Top Secret Notebook or on your Computer File.



## SUNDAY MORNING

The Pharisees were very pleased with themselves. They were excited. They often interrupted each other as they talked together.

"After a very difficult week we've finally got rid of that man Jesus," one said, rubbing his hands together.

"It wasn't easy to arrest him without starting a popular riot by the crowd, was it? We needed the help of that disciple of his named Judas."

"No, and it wasn't easy to get Governor Pilate to condemn him to death by crucifixion."

"Well it's over now. He's dead. Soon Jesus from Nazareth will be forgotten, just like all the others who have claimed to be Messiahs."

"It was a good idea to send those spies to guard his grave." Suddenly the spies rushed into the room without even knocking. They were very upset.

"A terrible thing has happened," they panted. "There was an earthquake. The big, round stone rolled away from the front of the cave-grave. Then a brilliant flash like lightning and an angel appeared and sat on the stone. We fell over – we fainted with fright."

"When we recovered, some women, who were at the cross

when Jesus died, told us they had seen Jesus alive. The grave is empty. His body isn't there. It seems Jesus has come back to life on the third day after he died, as he said."

There was a shocked silence as the Pharisees realised they hadn't got rid of Jesus after all. They held a quick meeting to make a new plan.

Then they told the spies:

"You must never tell anyone what really happened. If anyone asks you, say his disciples came in the middle of the night and stole his body. If you get into trouble with Governor Pilate for not guarding the grave, we'll stop him punishing you. We'll pay you lots of money to keep quiet about this."

But that didn't stop the spies investigating for themselves to find out what really happened.

The full report is in the Bible. It's filed under Matthew 28:1 – 15. Read it for yourself.



## TOP SECRET VERSE

### BE A SPY!

Decode this verse, copy it into your Top Secret Notebook or Computer File and memorise it (*Clue: the spaces between the words are wrong.*)

**Chris twas rai sedf romd eat  
hbyt he glor iou spow ero  
fthe Fat her.**

**Romans 6:4 Good News Bible**

## TOP SECRET CODE MESSAGE

### BE A SPY!

Here's what the witnesses,  
Peter and John, said later (Acts 3:15).  
Write this message in code:

Here is the Message:

"God raised Jesus from death and we  
are witnesses to this."

Here is the code:

**A = 1; D = 2; E = 3; I = 4;**

**O = 5; R = 6; S = 7; T = 8; W = 9.**

The other letters can stay the same.

Here is the start of the code message.

Finish it in code:

**G 5 2   6 1 4 7 3 2 ....**

Give it to a friend to decode.

Copy the code message into your Top  
Secret Notebook or Computer File.

## TOP SECRET SUMMARY

### BE A SPY!

Find the answers to this quiz by looking up the verses in the Bible. Then copy the names of the people into your Top Secret Notebook or Computer File.

### PEOPLE WHO SAW JESUS ALIVE

1. Who was crying by Jesus' grave and thought Jesus was the gardener and then recognised him when he said her name? (*John 20:1, 15 – 16*)  
M \_ \_ \_ M \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
2. Who ran with another disciple to Jesus' grave, got there second but went in first and saw the linen wrappings but not Jesus' body? Later that day he met Jesus.  
(*John 20:3 – 8; Luke 24:34*)  
S \_ \_ \_ \_ P \_ \_ \_ \_
3. Who was walking sadly home to his village called Emmaus with a friend when Jesus caught up and talked with them? He didn't recognise Jesus until Jesus broke a loaf of bread in his home. (*Luke 24:13 – 32, see verse 18*)  
C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
4. Who said he wouldn't believe that Jesus was alive until he saw and touched him? On the next Sunday evening Jesus showed him the scars in his hands and he believed and worshipped Jesus as God. (*John 20:24 – 29*)  
T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

**These are only some of many eye-witnesses.  
See 1 Corinthians 15:3 – 7 for a list of many more.**

## A PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for coming to live among us in this world.  
Thank you for going to the cross and dying to take away our sins.  
Thank you for coming back to life again on Easter Sunday. Thank  
you that we can know you are alive and we can pray to you.

**Amen.**

## SPY TRAINING: EASTER GARDEN

### BE A SPY!

Make a model of the site you are investigating.

You will need: a tinfoil or old china plate, some garden soil, sticks and cotton to make three crosses, a small bottle or plastic container with a top and some flowers and greenery from your garden. (Ask the gardener first or use wild flowers.)

Bury the open bottle or container in a mound of soil on the plate so that you can see the opening on one side of the mound. This makes the cave grave. Put the bottle top beside this as the grave stone rolled away. Tie the sticks together to make 3 crosses to stand up on top of the mound of soil. Decorate it all with flowers and greenery.

Put it somewhere for people to see as you celebrate Easter.

