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SINGING WITH THE EXILES



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**By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept
when we remembered Zion.
There on the poplars
we hung our harps,
for there our captors asked us for songs,
our tormentors demanded songs of joy;
they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"**

**How can we sing the songs of the Lord
while in a foreign land?**

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MATTHEW 26:56

...all the disciples deserted him and fled.

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AT THE CROSS

**Some of the women were watching from a distance.
Among them was Mary Magdalene,...**



AT THE BURIAL

Then he took Jesus' body down from the cross, wrapped it in the cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone in front of the entrance. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where Jesus' body was laid.



AT THE RESURRECTION

When the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb.





Keep our eyes on Jesus





**When Jesus is our focus,
we don't need certainty
to be at peace.**





...at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.



**MATTHEW 28:5-6**

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”





So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.





Take happy scared steps

