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SMART**

AND THE CASE OF

**THE
EMPTY TOMB**

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Note:

Inspector Smart is an imaginary character, but the people he interviews are real (though we don't know the names of the Roman soldiers, so we invented those). They lived 2000 years ago in the days of ancient Rome, at the time of the very first Easter. You can read about them in the Bible (see page 24).

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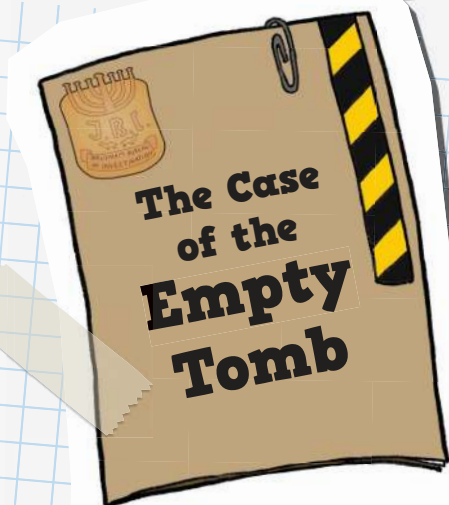


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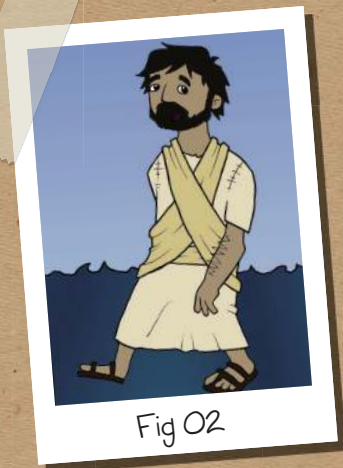
Inspector Smart sat at his desk looking over a very interesting case he had just been handed.

It said:



According to the file there was a man called **Jesus**, who had done some strange things.

Normally when people are **sick**, they call a doctor and the doctor gives them some medicine to try and make them better again. But Jesus could make people better simply by **speaking!**



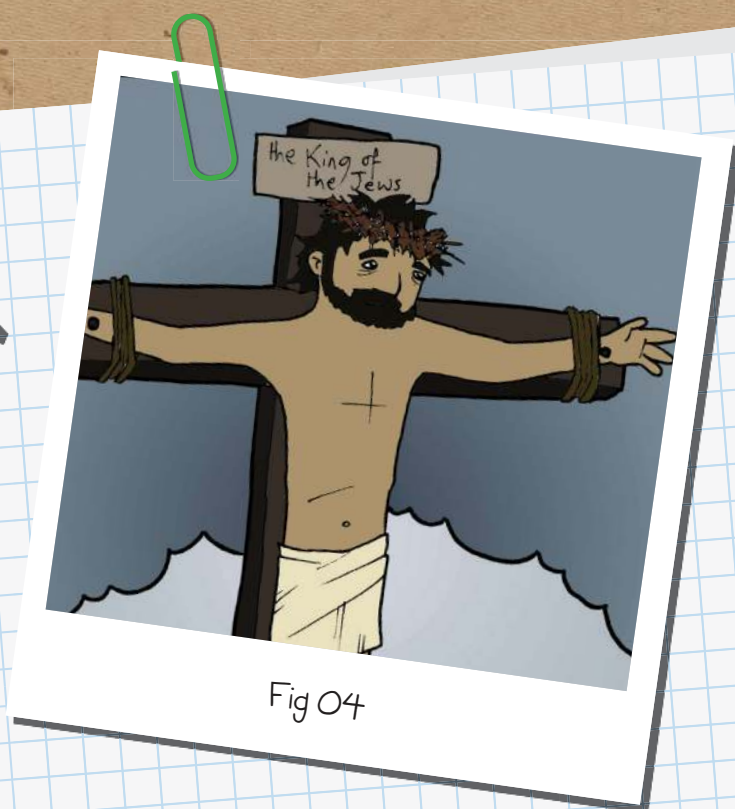
Normally when people want to cross some water, they walk on a bridge. But Jesus could cross a lake by walking **on the water** itself!

And normally when people die, they stay dead. But Jesus had raised a little girl to life simply by telling her to **get up!**



“Interesting”
thought Inspector Smart.

Then something sad happened. Jesus was treated like a criminal, sent to court and **killed**.



Jesus had said he was the **King**, but the people didn't want him to be King.

But this is where
the case got really
interesting...

Jesus had been put in a cave – the place where they put people who had died. A **huge stone** had been rolled across the door of the cave and **armed men** stood guard to make sure no one stole Jesus' body.



But when some women got to the tomb on Sunday, the guards were **gone**, the stone had been **rolled away** and the tomb was...

empty!

“Very interesting,” thought Inspector Smart. It was time to do some investigating.

Inspector Smart got into his super-
duper police chariot pulled by his
trusty horse, **Bob**...



and rode off into **Jerusalem**.