**LO: To describe how belief in the Resurrection of Jesus is expressed in Matthew’s account.**

**To understand the difference between the Gospel of Matthew and the Acts of the Apostles.**

Compare Matthew’s account of the resurrection with Luke’s. (Luke 24:1-12). Use the double bubble map on the next page.

Luke 24:1-12

Mt 28:1-10

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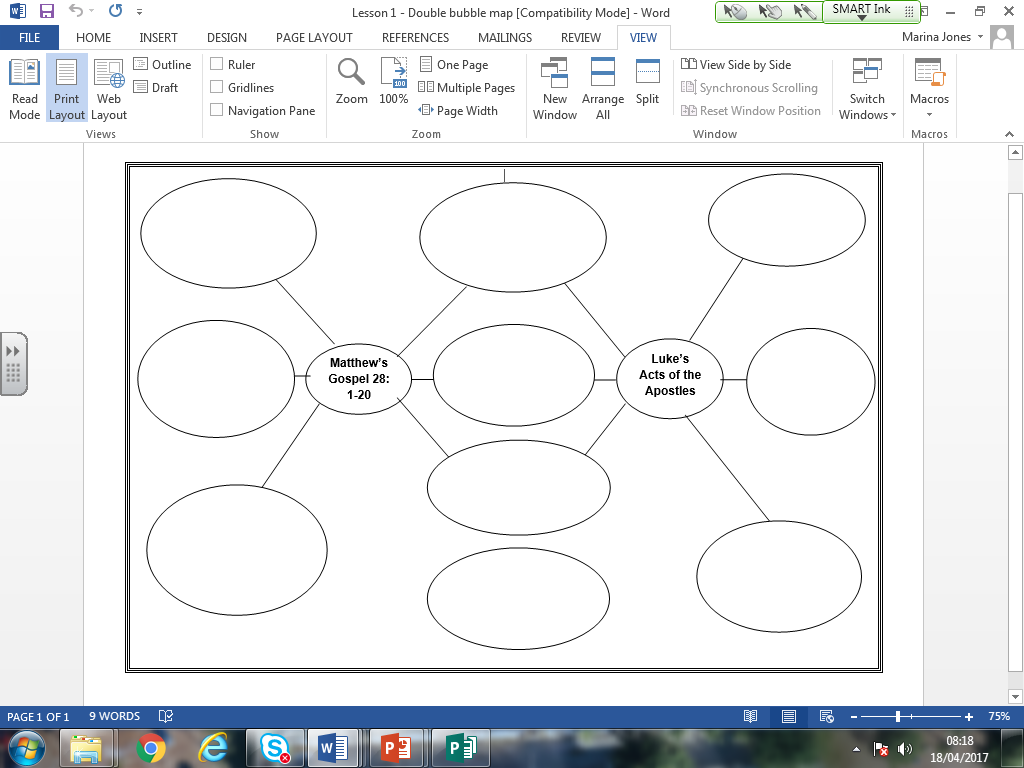
Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened

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Read

Mt 28:1-10



Answer the following questions

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* + Is there evidence of Matthew’s ‘Jewishness’?

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The whole story of the resurrection expresses Matthew’s belief that Jesus rose from the dead; some words and phrases make that point particularly clear.

1. **Identify and underline words from the passage that show that Jesus has risen from the dead.**

The Bible is a message wrapped in words: our job is to seek out what the author was trying to say.

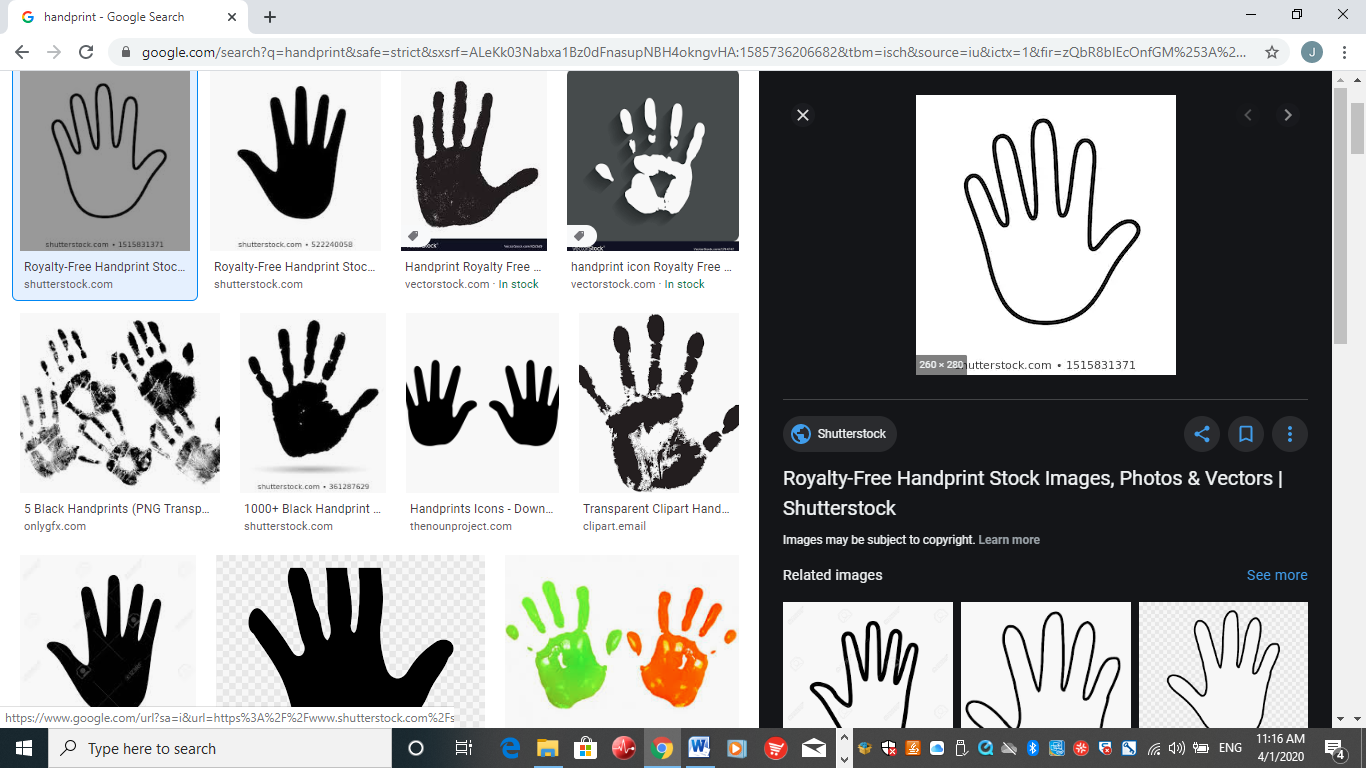
Read the following text

**The Nicene Creed**We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.   
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.   
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.   
Amen.

1. **Which statement in the Nicene Creed reflects the belief that the women had?**

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1. **Complete the following handprint writing. In each fingerprint a different belief from the Nicene Creed to show we believe Jesus has risen from dead.**



**JESUS IS RISEN**