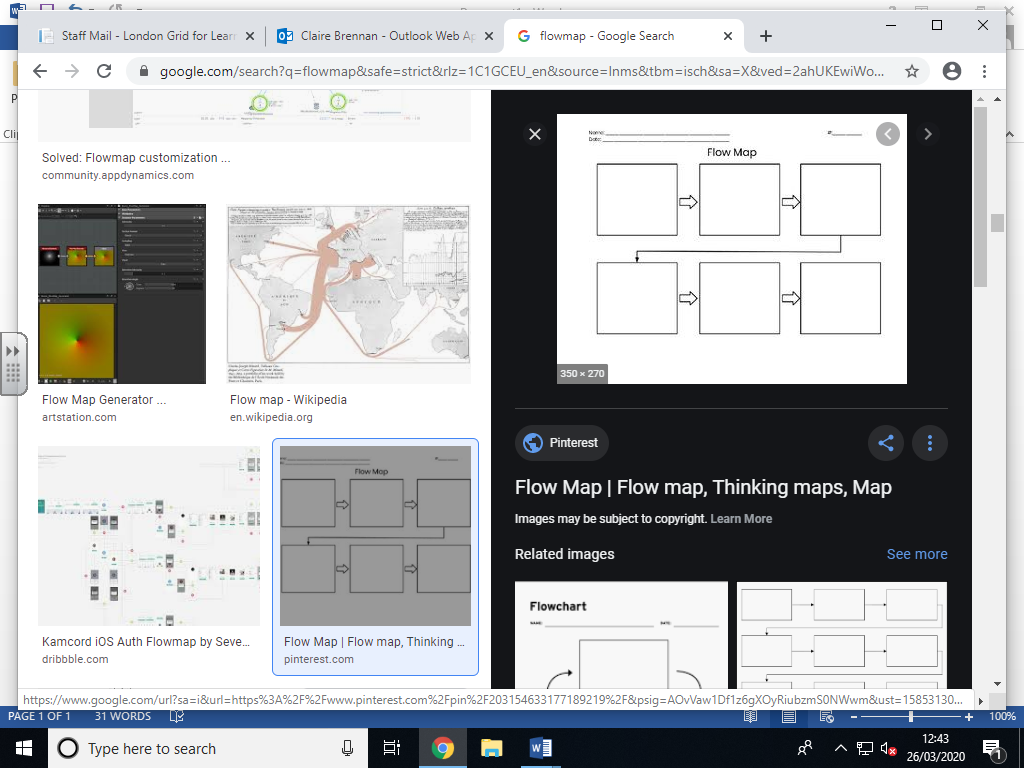
To retell the story of the Resurrection according to Matthew.

HOM: Applying past knowledge

WHERE ARE WE IN THE EASTER STORY SO FAR?

• Identify the key events leading up to and including Good Friday.



Read

Mt 28:1-10

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o Find the setting, the day of the week and physical place.

o Find all the characters in the text – highlight them.

Identify the key events in the text, list them here:

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The Bible is a message wrapped in words: our job is to seek out what the author was trying to say. At the first level Matthew is telling us that Jesus rose from the dead. That is pretty obvious and simple…but can you link it to what Matthew thought about Jesus at his birth? And the questions his community were trying to answer, about Jesus being the Messiah?

At a second level Matthew is saying a lot about life now

Think about what Matthew is saying which could be relevant to us now? Complete the table below:

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| Who are the characters? |  |
| What is Matthew saying to us about people? |  |
| What is Matthew saying to us about Jesus/God? |  |
| What is Matthew saying to us about God’s dream for the world? |  |
| Matthew believes that Jesus rose from the dead what particular words or phrases persuade you that he is correct? |  |
| Do you see anything in the reading that would have reassured Matthew’s community and helped them know that Jesus was the Messiah? |  |

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

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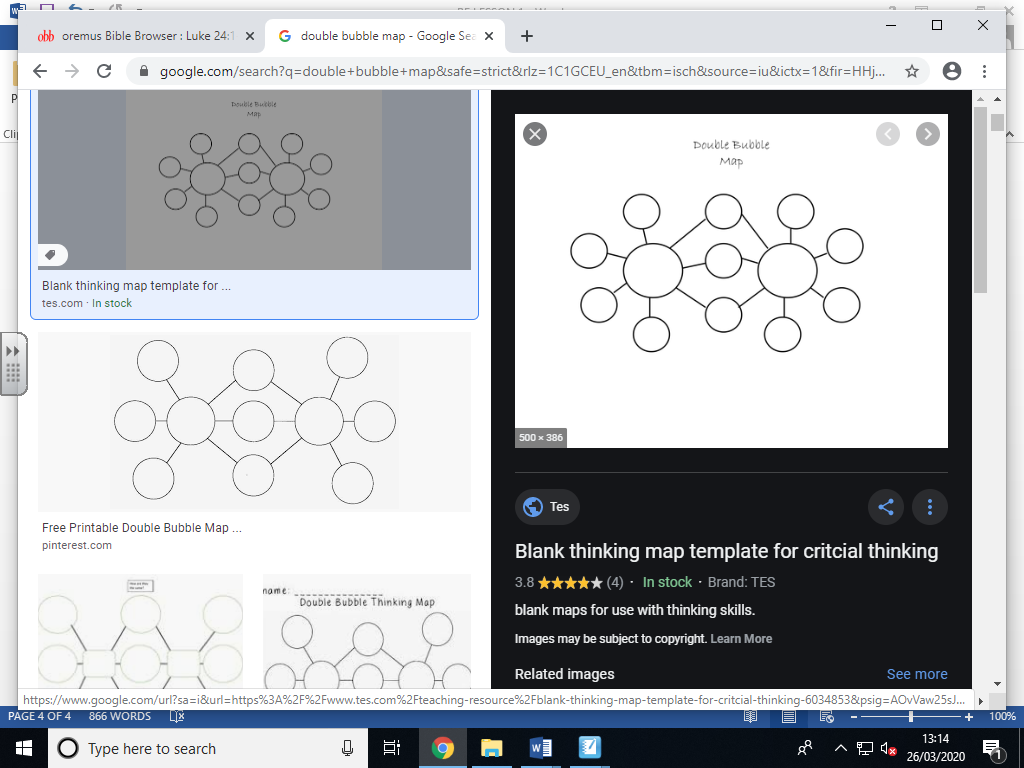
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But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, 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

The Resurrection of Jesus

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Turn this page so that it is landscape – it will be easier to fill in.



Answer these questions – your double bubble map should help you.

What is different?

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Which story presents Mary Magdalene is the better light?

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Which story presents the other disciples in a better light?

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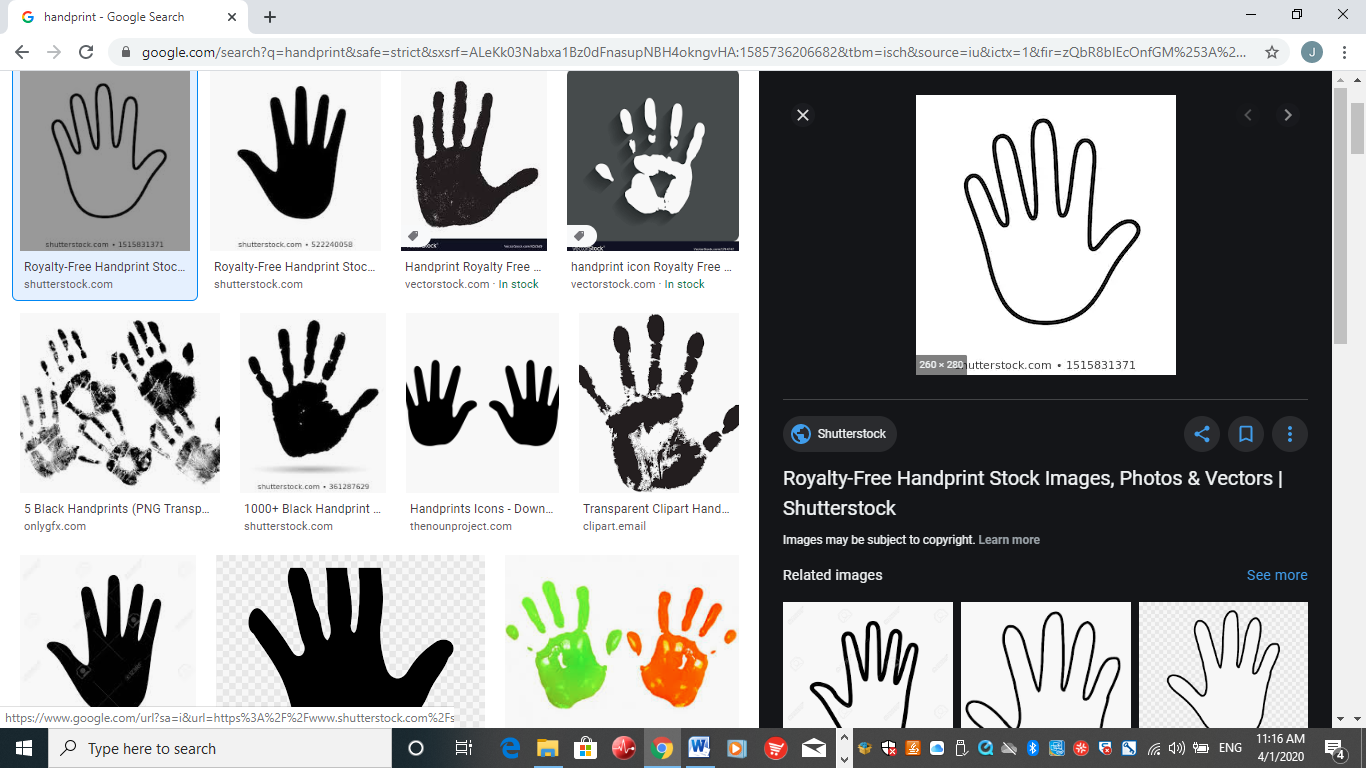
Do both accounts proclaim belief in the resurrection of Jesus? Explain

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Whose account do you prefer? Explain why.

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Complete the handprint. Answer the question Matthew’s community was asking – Was Jesus the Messiah? Write five pieces of evidence that back up that he was on each finger.



Was Jesus the Messiah?