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Dear Friends

Do you ever find yourself hunting for something you have lost? Perhaps looking for that important piece of paper you know you put somewhere safe or trying to remember where you put that birthday card you bought thinking it would be just right for a friend; perhaps it's something as simply as trying to find the car keys or even your glasses!

As we celebrate Easter this month lots of children will be hunting around for chocolate as they take part in Easter Egg hunts! Eggs are associated with Easter because they represent new life coming from the egg and remind us of the new resurrection life of Jesus risen from the dead that first Easter Sunday.

But that first Easter Sunday there was a different type of Easter hunt going on – not for chocolate eggs, or for real eggs, but for Jesus' body. The disciples could not find Jesus' body, nor could the women who went to anoint his body with spices – the only bodies they found were those of the guards who had fainted! The Jewish authorities, unable to find Jesus' body, ended up bribing the guards to say that disciples stole the body at night.

What do you think happened to Jesus' body? Where would you have looked? What explanation do you have for no one being able to find it? Christians believe that Jesus rose from the dead, is alive and (since his ascension) seated in heaven, which is why no one could 'find' his body!

I hope you do not have to hunt too hard for a chocolate egg this Easter, and I pray you will find the answer to that very first Easter hunt and encounter Jesus alive this Easter – why not come and join us on Easter day?

Every blessing

Martin King