

The Easter Story



DAY 1

Palm Sunday

"Say to Daughter Zion,
'See, your king comes to
you, gentle and riding on a
donkey, and on a colt, the
foal of a donkey.'"

Matthew 21:5



Discussion

"When Jesus entered
Jerusalem on a donkey, the
people asked "Who is this?"
The crowds answered, "This
is Jesus, the prophet from
Nazareth in Galilee."

Matthew 21:10-11

Read together:

Matthew 21:1-11

Who is Jesus to you?

DAY 2

The Last Supper

"While they were eating,
Jesus took bread, and when
he had given thanks, he
broke it and gave it to his
disciples, saying, 'Take and
eat; this is my body.'"

Matthew 26:17-30



Discussion

"When they had sung a
hymn, they went out to
the Mount of Olives."

Matthew 26:30

Read together:

Matthew 26:17-30

Sing your favorite hymn

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DAY 3

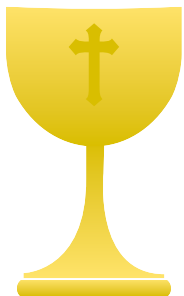
The Garden of Gethsemane

"He went away a second time and prayed, 'My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.'"

Matthew 26:42

Read  together:

Matthew 26:36-46



Discussion

How was Jesus feeling when he was praying in the garden? Have you ever felt that way?

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DAY 4

Jesus is betrayed and arrested

"Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: 'The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.' Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him."

Matthew 26:48-49

Read  together:

Matthew 26:47-68

Why did Jesus not respond to his accusers?



Discussion

"Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" But Jesus remained silent."

Matthew 26:62

DAY 5

Jesus is crucified

"And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split."

Matthew 27:50-51

Read together: 

Matthew 27:32-56



Discussion

"Jesus' sacrifice paid the penalty of our sins and as believers; we are no longer separated from our Heavenly Father. 'Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.'"

2 Corinthians 3:14-16

DAY 6

Jesus is buried

"Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away."

Matthew 27:59

Read together: 

Matthew 27:57-66



Discussion

How do you think Jesus' followers were feeling after his death and burial?

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DAY 7

The Resurrection

"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. Then go
and tell his disciples.'"

Matthew 28:5-7

Read 
together:

Matthew 28:1-20



Discussion

"And surely I am with you always,
to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:20

What does Jesus promise us in this verse?

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