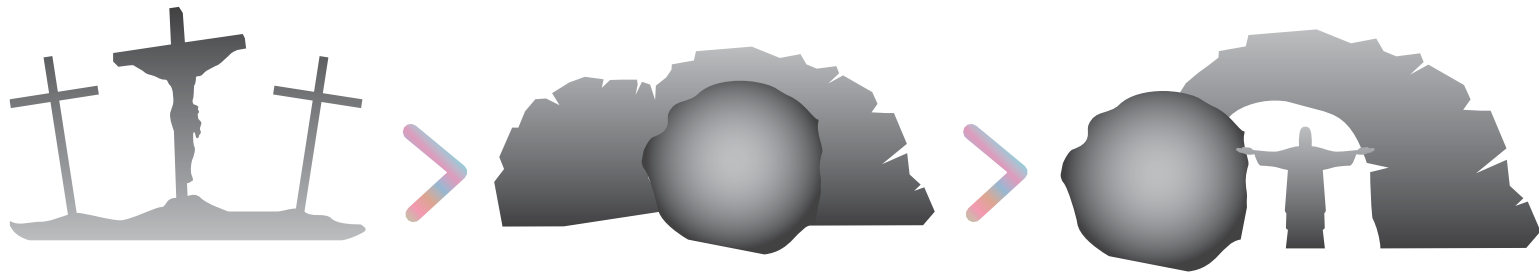


THE Easter Story





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, THE WHOLE CITY WAS STIRRED AND ASKED, ‘WHO IS THIS?’ THE CROWDS ANSWERED, ‘THIS IS JESUS, THE PROPHET FROM NAZARETH IN GALILEE.’”

MATTHEW 21:10-11



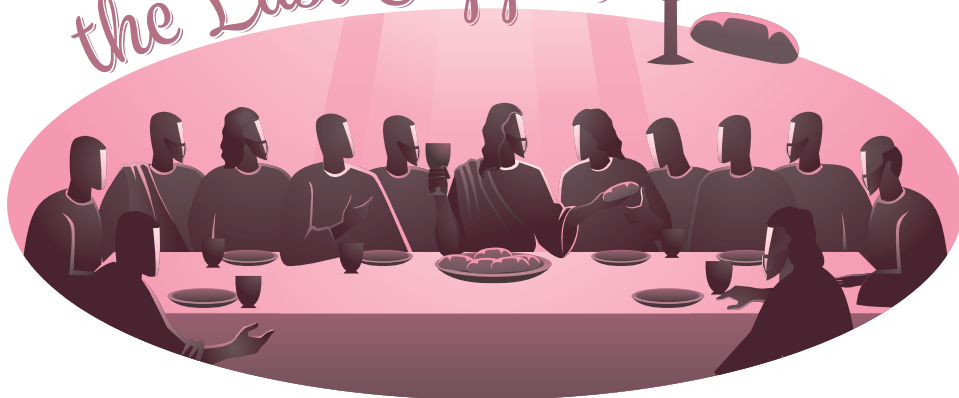
Read TOGETHER

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 26:26

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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 praise song



DAY 3

Jesus washes feet



Discussion

"JESUS ANSWERED HIM, 'WHAT I AM DOING YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND NOW, BUT AFTERWARD YOU WILL UNDERSTAND.'" JOHN 13:7



Read TOGETHER

JOHN 13: 1-17

"IF I THEN, YOUR LORD AND TEACHER, HAVE WASHED YOUR FEET, YOU ALSO OUGHT TO WASH ONE ANOTHER'S FEET."

JOHN 13:14

Will you wash someone's feet?

DAY 4

the Garden of Gethsamene



Discussion

HOW WAS JESUS FEELING WHEN HE WAS PRAYING IN THE GARDEN? HAVE YOU EVER FELT THAT WAY?



Read TOGETHER

MATTHEW 26: 36-46

"AGAIN, FOR THE SECOND TIME, HE WENT AWAY AND PRAYED, 'MY FATHER, IF THIS CANNOT PASS UNLESS I DRINK IT, YOUR WILL BE DONE.'" MATTHEW 26:42

MATTHEW 26:42

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DAY 5

Jesus is betrayed & arrested



"NOW THE BETRAYER HAD GIVEN THEM A SIGN, SAYING, 'THE ONE I WILL KISS IS THE MAN; SEIZE HIM.' AND HE CAME UP TO JESUS AT ONCE AND SAID, 'GREETINGS, RABBI!' AND HE KISSED HIM."

MATTHEW 26:48-49



Discussion

"AND THE HIGH PRIEST STOOD UP AND SAID, 'HAVE YOU NO ANSWER TO MAKE? WHAT IS IT THAT THESE MEN TESTIFY AGAINST YOU?'" MATTHEW 26:62

Why did Jesus not respond to His accusers?



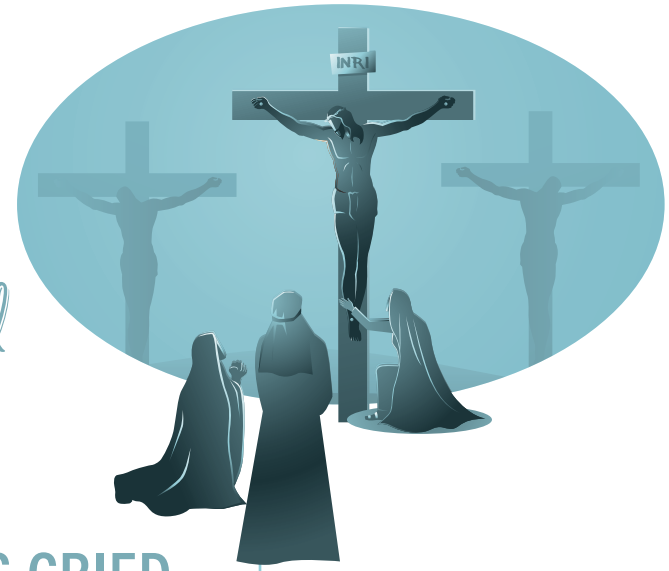
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MATTHEW 26: 47-68

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DAY 6

Jesus is crucified



"AND JESUS CRIED OUT AGAIN WITH A LOUD VOICE, AND GAVE UP HIS SPIRIT. AND [AT ONCE] THE VEIL OF THE TEMPLE WAS TORN IN TWO FROM TOP TO BOTTOM; THE EARTH SHOOK AND THE ROCKS WERE SPLIT APART."

MATTHEW 27:50-51



Discussion

"WHEN CHRIST DIED AS A SACRIFICE ON THE CROSS, HE PAID THE PRICE TO MAKE US FREE. BECAUSE OF CHRIST'S DEATH ON OUR BEHALF, GOD HAS FORGIVEN OUR SINS . GOD IS SO VERY KIND THAT HE HAS DONE ALL THIS FOR US!"

EPHESIANS 1:7



Read TOGETHER

MATTHEW 27:32-56



DAY 7

Jesus
is buried

“AND JOSEPH TOOK THE BODY, AND WRAPPED IT IN A CLEAN LINEN CLOTH, AND LAID IT IN HIS OWN NEW TOMB, WHICH HE HAD HEWN OUT IN THE ROCK: AND HE ROLLED A GREAT STONE TO THE DOOR OF THE TOMB, AND DEPARTED.”

MATTHEW 27:59-60



Discussion

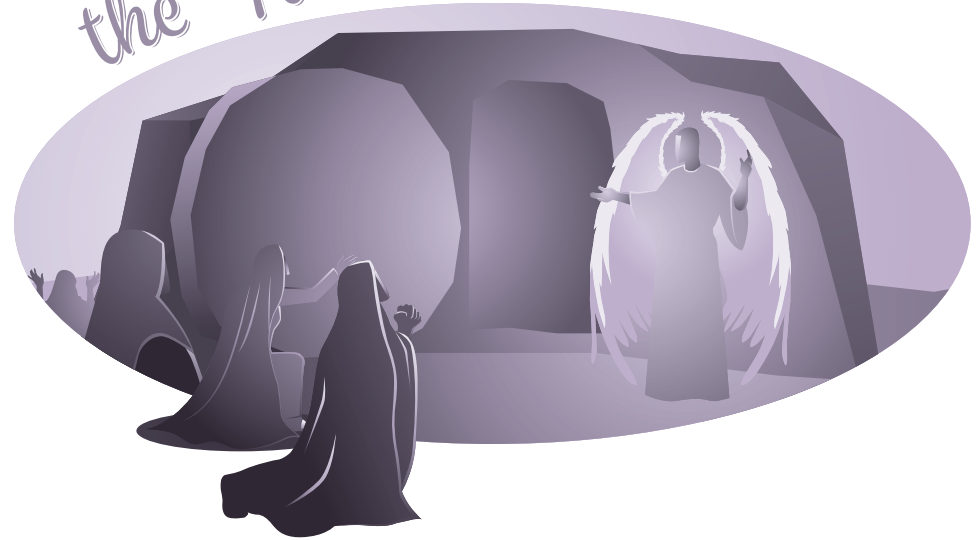
HOW DO YOU THINK JESUS' FOLLOWERS WERE FEELING AFTER HIS DEATH AND BURIAL?



Read
TOGETHER

MATTHEW 27:57-66

DAY 8
the Resurrection



“BUT THE ANGEL SAID TO THE WOMEN, ‘DO NOT BE AFRAID, FOR I KNOW THAT YOU SEEK JESUS WHO WAS CRUCIFIED. HE IS NOT HERE, FOR HE HAS RISEN, AS HE SAID. COME, SEE THE PLACE WHERE HE LAY. THEN GO QUICKLY AND TELL HIS DISCIPLES THAT HE HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, AND BEHOLD, HE IS GOING BEFORE YOU TO GALILEE; THERE YOU WILL SEE HIM. SEE, I HAVE TOLD YOU!’”

MATTHEW 28:5-7



Discussion

“TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU. AND BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE END OF THE AGE.”

MATTHEW 28:20



Read
TOGETHER

MATTHEW 28:1-20

What does Jesus promise us in this verse?

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