

# Palm Sunday

As Jesus approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethany. Jesus asked his disciples to fetch him a young donkey that was tied up in the village.

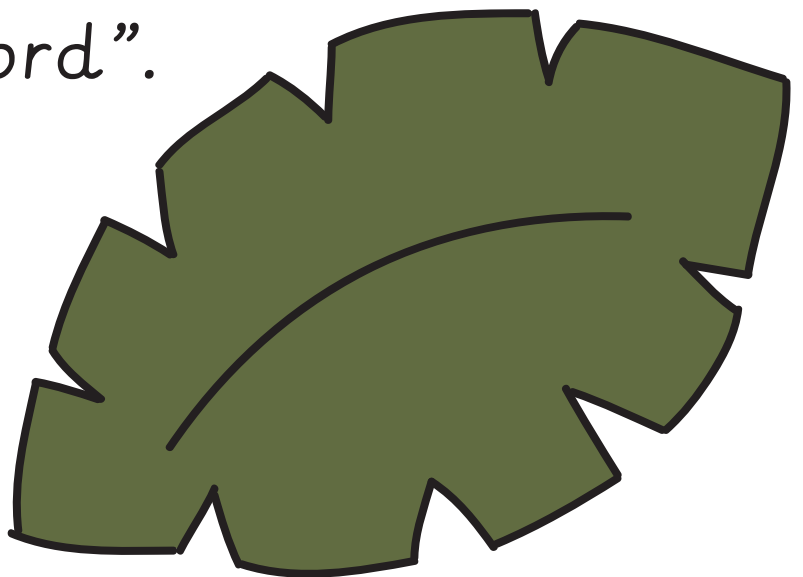
Most of the crowd spread their coats on the road ahead of Jesus, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Matthew 21:8

“Hossanah!” they cried.

“Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord”.

The entire city of Jerusalem was stirred as he entered.

“Who is this?” they asked.



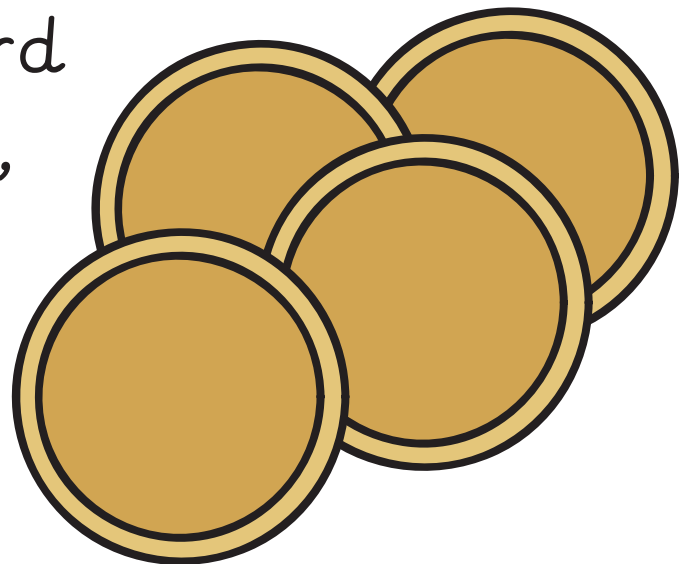
# Jesus Clears the temple

As Jesus entered the temple he began to drive out the merchants and their customers. He knocked over the tables of money and the stalls selling doves.

“The scriptures declare, ‘My temple will be called a place of prayer,’ but you have turned into a den of thieves!” Matthew 22:13

Jesus then began healing people inside the temple.

When the chief priests & teachers of the temple heard about the outburst, they were more determined than ever to kill Jesus.



# The plot against Jesus

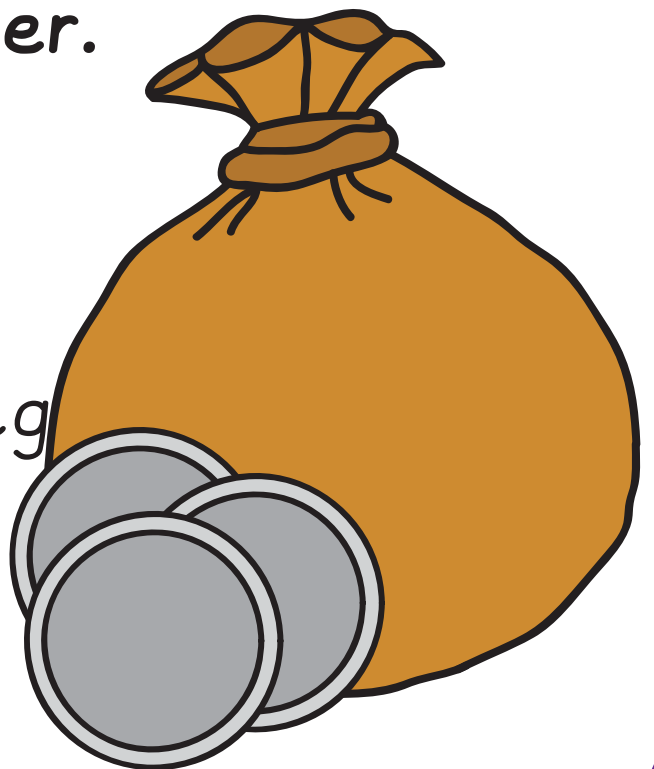
From then on, the Pharisees and chief priests watched for any possible way to trick Jesus.

They wanted to arrest him, but knew they would have to have a good reason to do so in front of the people.

Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests and asked, "How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?" And they gave him thirty pieces of silver.

Matthew 26:14-15

From that time on, Judas began looking for the right time and place to betray Jesus.



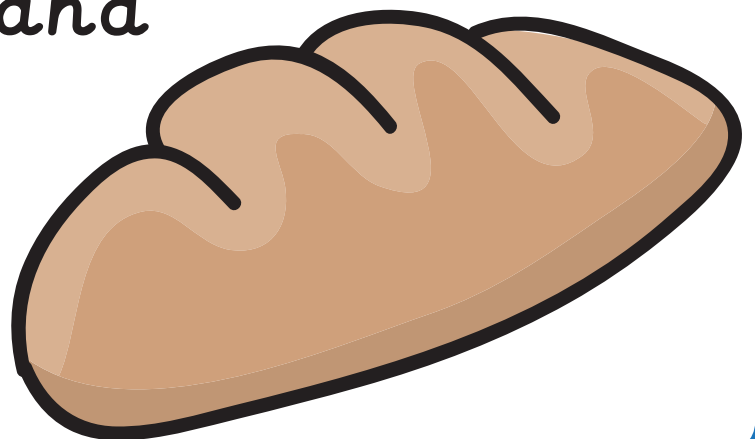
# The Last Supper

On the first day of the festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked him where they should prepare the passover meal.

When the meal was prepared, Jesus sat down at the table with the twelve disciples. While they were eating, he told them that one of them would betray him.

As they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread and asked God's blessing on it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take it and eat it for this is my body."

Matthew 26:26



# Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Jesus brought the disciples to an olive grove called Gethsemane. He asked them to sit whilst he went on ahead to pray.

He went on a little farther and fell face down on the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will, not mine.

Matthew 26:39

Just as Jesus had finished praying, Judas arrived with armed men ready to arrest Jesus and take him away.



# Peter Denies Jesus

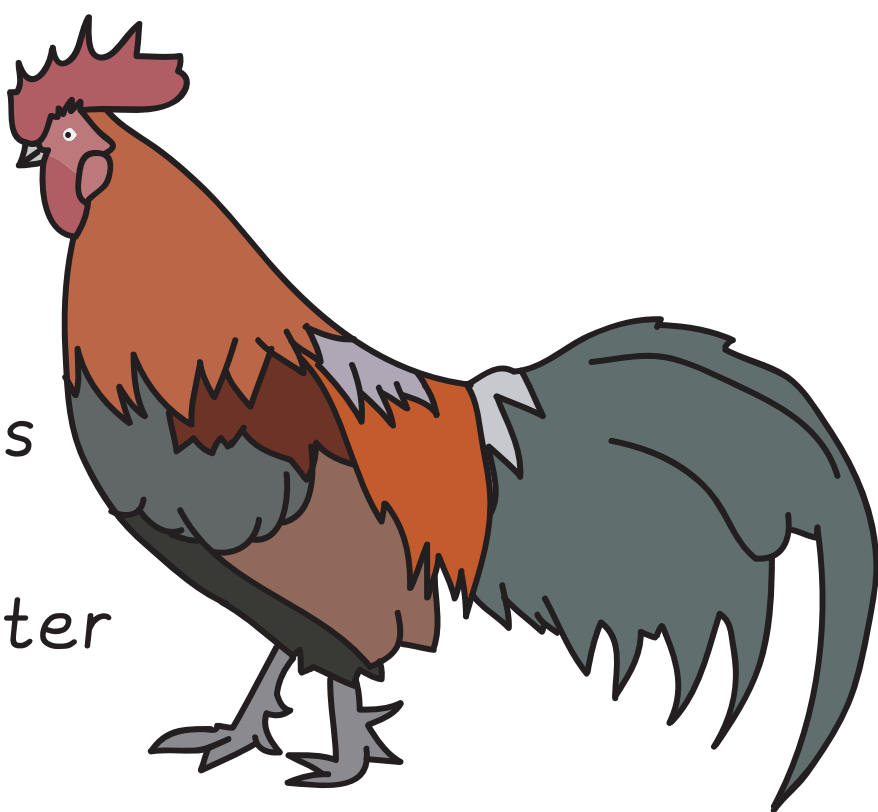
Peter declared, "Even if everyone else deserts you, I never will."

"Peter," Jesus replied, "the truth is, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." Matthew 26:33-34

Peter watched to see where the crowd took his master & followed at a safe distance.

A servant girl asked Peter if he knew Jesus but Peter denied it in front of everyone.

He denied knowing Jesus three times, then the rooster crowed.



# The Soldiers Mock Jesus

After the soldiers hurt Jesus, they took him into the courtyard of the palace to mock him.

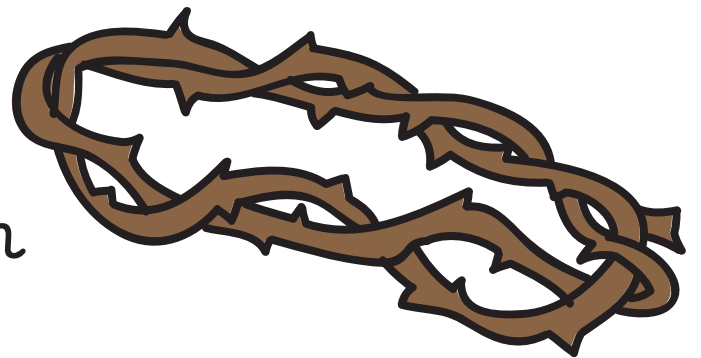
The soldiers made a crown of long, sharp thorns and put it on his head and they put a royal purple robe on him.

John 19:2

They knelt before him yelling "Hail! King of the Jews!"

Jesus was then made to carry his cross outside the city to a hill called Golgotha (Skull Hill).

He was so weak that he could not carry it so the guards made a man named Simon carry it for him.





# The Crucifixion

Then the soldiers nailed him to a cross. Mark 15:24a

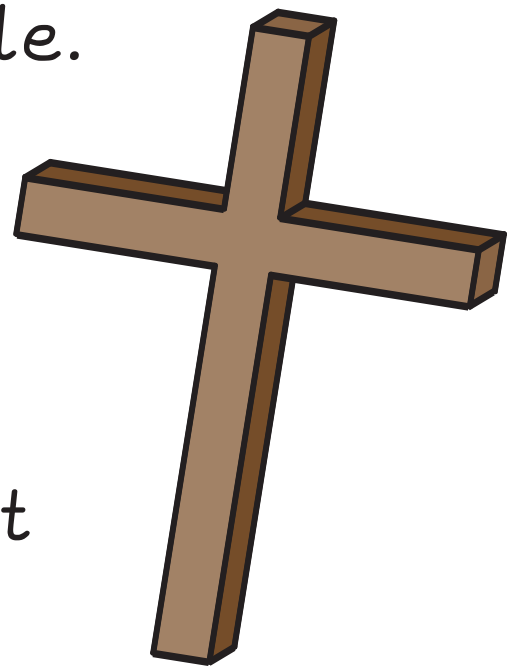
After they nailed him to the cross, the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. They then sat around and kept guard as he hung there.

“He saved others but he can’t save himself! So he is the King of Israel, is he? Let him come down from the cross and we will believe him!” Mocked the people.

He prayed to God and asked him to forgive those mocking him.

“Father I give my spirit to you,” he said.

Then he bowed his head and died.





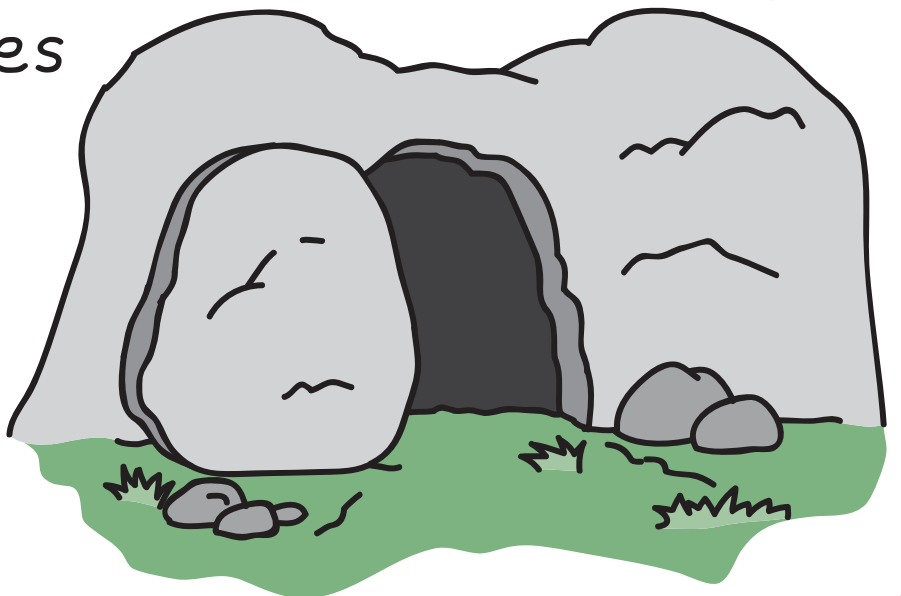
# Jesus is Buried

Joseph, a rich man from Arimathea, who was one of Jesus' followers, went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body.

Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a long linen cloth. He placed it in his own new tomb, which had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance as he left.

Matthew 27:59-60

Pilate placed guards in front of the tomb as the Pharisees thought Jesus' disciples might steal the body and claim Jesus had come back to life.



# Jesus Rises from the Dead

Early on Sunday morning, the women who mourned Jesus made their way to the tomb.

When they arrived, the stone had been rolled away, the guards had disappeared and an angel appeared before them.

He isn't here! He has been raised from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. Matthew 28:6

The women then ran to tell the disciples the good news.

Jesus appeared to the disciples in Galilee before returning to heaven.

