

1. RIBBON AND TITLE.

John 13:1

It was now the day before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. He had always loved those in the world who were his own, and he loved them to the very end.

Jesus knew it was time to leave this world and go to his father.

Do you think he knew about the awful things that were about to happen to him?

Look at the title picture. Can you explain what each of the pictures shows?

2. PALM SUNDAY

Matthew 21:8

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"



- How would you celebrate if a famous person came into your town?

3. THE LAST SUPPER

Luke 22:19

Then he took a piece of bread, gave thanks to God, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in memory of me"



Jesus shared a meal with his friends. What do you think he meant when he said that his body was given for them?

4. GETHSEMENE

Matthew 26:36

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee. Grief and anguish came over him, and he said to them, "The sorrow in my heart is so great that it almost crushes me. Stay here and keep watch with me."

- Jesus was very sad. Why do you think he felt like this?

5. JUDAS BETRAYS JESUS.

Matthew 26:14

Then one of the twelve disciples—the one named Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests ¹⁵ and asked, “What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?” They counted out thirty silver coins and gave them to him. ¹⁶ From then on Judas was looking for a good chance to hand Jesus over to them.

- Why do you think Judas decided to betray Jesus?



6. JESUS IS MOCKED BY THE SOLDIERS

John 19:2

The soldiers made a crown out of thorny branches and put it on his head; then they put a purple robe on him and came to him and said, “Long live the King of the Jews!” And they went up and slapped him.



- The soldiers were so horrible to Jesus. Why do you think they were like this?

7. THE CRUCIFIXION

Matthew 27:35

They crucified him and then divided his clothes among them by throwing dice.

- Why do you think that the soldiers (who had just been so horrible to Jesus) wanted his clothes?

8. JESUS DIES

Matthew 27:48

Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink.

- Jesus didn't drink the vinegar, but he died just after this. In the temple a huge curtain tore in half from the TOP to the BOTTOM. What do you think about this?

9. THE BURIAL

Luke 23:55

The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it.⁵⁶ Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

- Smell the spices. What do they make you think of?

10. THE TOMB

Matthew 27:59

Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,⁶⁰ and placed it in his own 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.

- This Joseph (not his dad) was a friend of Jesus. Why do you think he put Jesus' body in a tomb that had been prepared for his own burial?

11. WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED YOUR HOLY WEEK RIBBON

- Think about which part of the story that you think is most important. Why do you think this?