

Passion Week Devotional

Daily Devotionals from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday for the Whole Family

Egg 12: Empty

Mark 16:1-20
Jesus Has Risen

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb 3 and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter. 8 He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." 8 Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

9 When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. 10 She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping. 11 When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it. 12 Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country. 13 These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either.

14 Later, Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. 15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

19 After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. 20 Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

VISIT WITH YOUR KIDS ABOUT THIS BEING THE REASON WE CELEBRATE ON EASTER!

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Egg 10: White Cloth & Herbs



Mark 15:42-47

The Burial of Jesus

⁴² It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. ⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. ⁴⁵ When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

Talk to your kids about Jesus having a borrowed grave and how they use to bury people in those times.

Tuesday

Mark 12:28-34;41-44



Eggs 4 & 5

The exchange that takes place here between the teacher of the law and Jesus is intriguing because it is one of the few times where both Jesus and those who challenged Him come to an agreement. While it is okay to have differences on certain issues, it is imperative that we are uniform on certain distinct matters such as who the Messiah is, His death, burial, and resurrection, and His mission He carried out and left to us to continue.

Does Jesus' answer go against the ten commandments (Exodus 20)? How does it fit into the law they were following?

Why do you think Jesus says love the lord your God first? Do you think this is important?

Why do you think Jesus was so impressed with the widow?

How can we be more like the widow?

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Wednesday

Mark 14:1-11



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Some scholars believe that this is Mary Magdalene who came and carried out this offering to Jesus. While the disciples who were upset about this had good intentions in saying this could be given to the poor, this was also Jesus pointing them to the greatest commands and their order of importance. While loving our neighbor (or in this case the poor) is very important, our number one command and priority must be loving God above all else.

Discussion Questions

This was extremely expensive perfume, do you think you would struggle watching this woman pour it on Jesus' feet? Why or why not?

Verse 8 “She did what she could” what does Jesus mean when he says this?

Do you think Jesus would describe you in that same way? What are some ways that we could be more like the woman with the perfume?

EGG 8: SIGN READING KING OF THE JEWS



Mark 15:26-32

26 They wrote out the charge against him. It read, **THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

27-28 They crucified with him two rebels against Rome. One was on his right and one was on his left. 29 Those who passed by shouted at Jesus and made fun of him. They shook their heads and said, “So you are going to destroy the temple and build it again in three days?” 30 Then come down from the cross! Save yourself! 31 In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law made fun of him among themselves. “He saved others,” they said. “But he can’t save himself! 32 Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross! When we see that, we will believe.” Those who were being crucified with Jesus also made fun of him.

**TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT
HOW JESUS COULD HAVE
SAVED HIMSELF, BUT HE CHOSE
TO SAVE THEM INSTEAD.**

THURSDAY

MARK 12:14-26



EGGS 8 & 9

WE OFTEN CONSIDER THE TIME THAT WE SHOULD TAKE COMMUNION BE ON SUNDAYS ONLY AND WHILE THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH THIS, WE TEND TO FORGET THAT THE FIRST LORD'S SUPPER WAS VERY LIKELY INSTITUTED ON A THURSDAY EVENING. JESUS SPOKE ABOUT THIS COMMUNION TIME ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING HIS MINISTRY. THIS WAS MONUMENTAL BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY COMMUNION TIME THAT EVER HAPPENED BEFORE JESUS' DEATH, EVEN THOUGH THAT TIME WAS TO COMMEMORATE THAT VERY THING. THIS COULD POTENTIALLY BE A GREAT TIME TO TAKE COMMUNION WITH LOVED ONES AND REMEMBER WHAT JESUS WAS ABOUT TO GO THROUGH AROUND THIS TIME A LITTLE MORE THAN 2000 YEARS AGO.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THIS MEAL IS SUPPOSED TO BE CELEBRATING THE PASSOVER, WHAT IS THE PASSOVER? DOES THIS ADD ANY MEANING TO THE LAST SUPPER?

WHY IS THE LAST SUPPER IMPORTANT? WHY DID JESUS WANT US TO TAKE THE BREAD AND THE CUP?

2000 YEARS LATER, DO YOU THINK THAT OUR COMMUNION NOW LOOKS DIFFERENT THAN IT DID WHEN JESUS FIRST INSTITUTED IT? IS THAT A GOOD THING?

Egg 7: 3 Small Nails



Mark 15:24-25

24 They nailed him to the cross. Then they divided up his clothes. They cast lots to see what each of them would get.

25 It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him.

Talk to your kids about what sin is and forgiveness.

Explain how animals were used as sacrifices for sins, before Jesus died on the cross.

Good Friday



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Mark 15

There are so many emotions and feelings that come from this chapter of scripture. Jesus knew that all of these things were going to come and chose to go through with the suffering, mocking, and rejection that He endured repeatedly. May today be a time in which we reflect on the heart of Jesus on the day that He was crucified.

Discussion Questions

What does Pilate appear to want for Jesus? Does he go about it the right way? Why or why not?

The crowds mock Jesus for not saving himself, could Jesus have saved himself? Why didn't he?

Do you think the people had any idea what they had just done? Do you think they felt ashamed?

If this was the end of Jesus' story do you think we'd still be talking about him today? Why or why not?

EGG 6: CROSS



Mark 15:21-23

21 A man named Simon was passing by. He was from Cyrene. He was the father of Alexander and Rufus. Simon was on his way in from the country. The soldiers forced him to carry the cross. 22 They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha. The word Golgotha means the Place of the Skull. 23 Then they gave him wine mixed with spices. But he did not take it.

Talk to your kids about how heavy the cross would be and how weak Jesus would be after being beaten.

Saturday

Nothing is really mentioned in Scripture about that Saturday and that is why today is a good day for a time of silence and reflection on the cross.

Consider the thoughts of His disciples who had followed Him for three years and gave their lives to Him only to now be sitting in an upper room feeling lost and wondering what to do now.



Egg 5: Purple Cloth & Crown of Thorns

Mark 15:16-20

The Soldiers Make Fun of Jesus

16 The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace. It was called the Praetorium. They called together the whole company of soldiers. 17 The soldiers put a purple robe on Jesus. Then they twisted thorns together to make a crown. They placed it on his head. 18 They began to call out to him, "We honor you, king of the Jews!" 19 Again and again they hit him on the head with a stick. They spit on him. They fell on their knees and pretended to honor him. 20 After they had made fun of him, they took off the purple robe. They put his own clothes back on him. Then they led him out to nail him to a cross.

Talk to your kids about purple being a royal color and how they were making fun of Jesus.

Easter Sunday

Mark 16



Egg 12

There is not just a ton of detail in Mark's gospel account about the resurrection but He has indeed risen! This is why we meet together. This is why we worship. We are creatures of habit who get into a routine and forget the mindset of what our focus is supposed to be on. Let this day be a day of celebration and thanksgiving for our Savior is risen. He has defeated sin and death. He is ours and we are His. His name is Jesus!

Discussion Questions

What do you think your reaction would be when the stone was rolled away and a man told you Jesus is risen? Would you believe or be skeptical?

What do you think spoke more to the disciples, Jesus' words or Jesus' actions?

What does the resurrection of Jesus mean to you? How does it affect your life today?



Egg 4: String

MARK 15:1-15

JESUS IS BROUGHT TO PILATE

15 IT WAS VERY EARLY IN THE MORNING. THE CHIEF PRIESTS, WITH THE ELDER'S, THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW, AND THE WHOLE SANHEDRIN, MADE THEIR PLANS. SO THEY TIED JESUS UP AND LED HIM AWAY. THEN THEY HANDED HIM OVER TO PILATE. 2 "ARE YOU THE KING OF THE JEWS?" ASKED PILATE. "YOU HAVE SAID SO." JESUS REPLIED. 3 THE CHIEF PRIESTS BROUGHT MANY CHARGES AGAINST HIM. 4 SO PILATE ASKED HIM AGAIN, "AREN'T YOU GOING TO ANSWER? SEE HOW MANY THINGS THEY CHARGE YOU WITH." 5 BUT JESUS STILL DID NOT REPLY. PILATE WAS AMAZED. 6 IT WAS THE USUAL PRACTICE AT THE PASSOVER FEAST TO LET ONE PRISONER GO FREE. THE PEOPLE COULD CHOOSE THE ONE THEY WANTED. 7 A MAN NAMED BARABBAS WAS IN PRISON. HE WAS THERE WITH SOME OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAD FOUGHT AGAINST THE COUNTRY'S RULERS. 8 THE CROWD CAME UP AND ASKED PILATE TO DO FOR THEM WHAT HE USUALLY DID. 9 "DO YOU WANT ME TO LET THE KING OF THE JEWS GO FREE?" ASKED PILATE. 10 HE KNEW THAT THE CHIEF PRIESTS HAD HANDED JESUS OVER TO HIM BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO GET THEIR OWN WAY. 11 BUT THE CHIEF PRIESTS STIRRED UP THE CROWD. SO THE CROWD ASKED PILATE TO LET BARABBAS GO FREE INSTEAD. 12 "THEN WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THE ONE YOU CALL THE KING OF THE JEWS?" PILATE ASKED THEM. 13 "CRUCIFY HIM!" THE CROWD SHOUTED. 14 "WHY? WHAT WRONG HAS HE DONE?" ASKED PILATE. BUT THEY SHOUTED EVEN LOUDER, "CRUCIFY HIM!" 15 PILATE WANTED TO SATISFY THE CROWD. SO HE LET BARABBAS GO FREE. HE ORDERED THAT JESUS BE WHIPPED. THEN HE HANDED HIM OVER TO BE NAILED TO A CROSS.

Talk to your kids about how Jesus was punished for a crime he didn't commit and how that might feel.

Egg 3: 3 Dimes

MATTHEW 26:14-16

JUDAS AGREES TO BETRAY JESUS

14 THEN ONE OF THE TWELVE—THE ONE CALLED JUDAS ISCA RIOT—WENT TO THE CHIEF PRIESTS¹⁵ AND ASKED, “WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO GIVE ME IF I DELIVER HIM OVER TO YOU?” SO THEY COUNTED OUT FOR HIM THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER. 16 FROM THEN ON JUDAS WATCHED FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAND HIM OVER.

MARK 14:17-21

17 WHEN EVENING CAME, JESUS ARRIVED WITH THE TWELVE. 18 WHILE THEY WERE RECLINING AT THE TABLE EATING, HE SAID, “TRULY I TELL YOU, ONE OF YOU WILL BETRAY ME—ONE WHO IS EATING WITH ME.” 19 THEY WERE SADDENED, AND ONE BY ONE THEY SAID TO HIM, “SURELY YOU DON’T MEAN ME?” 20 “IT IS ONE OF THE TWELVE,” HE REPLIED, “ONE WHO DIPS BREAD INTO THE BOWL WITH ME.²¹ THE SON OF MAN WILL GO JUST AS IT IS WRITTEN ABOUT HIM. BUT WOE TO THAT MAN WHO BETRAYS THE SON OF MAN! IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HIM IF HE HAD NOT BEEN BORN.”



Egg 2: Bread

MARK 14:12-25

The Last Supper

12 On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus’ disciples asked him, “Where do you want us to go and make

preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

13 So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. 14 Say to the owner of the house he enters, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’

15 He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” 16 The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. 17 When evening came, Jesus arrived with the

Twelve. 18 While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.” 19 They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, “Surely you don’t mean me?” 20 “It is one of the Twelve,” he replied, “one who dips bread into the bowl with me.²¹ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

22 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.” 23 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. 24 “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them. 25 “Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

TALK WITH YOUR KIDS ABOUT WHY WE STILL TODAY
TAKE COMMUNION EACH SUNDAY AND THE
IMPORTANCE OF THIS.



Egg 1: Donkey & Palm Branch

Mark 11:1-11 Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King
11 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" 4 They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, 5 some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" 6 They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. 7 When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. 9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" 10 "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"
11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

Talk with your kids about how the people thought Jesus was going to be an earthly king, but God had a perfect plan!