

# Resurrection Eggs

Once your class has completed the scavenger hunt, organize the symbols from the color coded bags into 12 piles or stations. The corresponding Scripture messages are included.

Read the Resurrection Story below. Ask the children to identify the symbol that best describes each passage as you come to it in the story. When you finish reading the story, read the Scripture again and distribute the symbols and messages to be put into the eggs.

Every student should have an egg carton and 12 plastic eggs. If not, they can take the symbols and messages home in a plastic Ziploc bag and assemble at home.

Once they have filled (symbol and scripture message) all 12 eggs, please guide students to retell the story as a class, then if time allows, give them a third opportunity to share the story with another student using the eggs.

Our goal is that the children are able to match the symbol with the Bible Scripture, understand and re-tell the Resurrection Story, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, using the Resurrection Eggs as a visual aid.

## The Resurrection Story

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany to visit Lazarus. They gave a dinner for him there, and Martha served. **Mary took costly perfume to anoint the feet of Jesus.** Judas questioned why she would use expensive perfume in this way. Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Let her keep this for the day of my burial". Although they didn't understand it at that time, they later remembered what Jesus had said.

On the next day, Jesus traveled toward Jerusalem, he asked two of his disciples to go ahead of Him. He said, "When you get to the town, you will see a donkey tied up. Untie it, and bring it to me. If anyone asks you about taking the donkey, just tell them, 'The Lord needs it and He will bring it back as soon as He's done with it.'"

When they brought the donkey to Jesus some of the disciples took off their coats and laid them on the donkey's back. They did this out of respect for Jesus. **Then Jesus rode on the donkey towards Jerusalem.**

One by one they laid their coats on the ground for the donkey to step on. Even the people that weren't wearing coats ran to the fields and trees nearby and cut palm branches and laid them down.

These people knew that Jesus was special so they laid their coats, and branches down. Just like rolling out a red carpet when a King or Queen come to town.

As they got even closer to the town more and more people noticed Jesus. A crowd surrounded Him and started to shout praises to Him for all the miracles He had done. "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna, Hosanna!"

The word Hosanna means *save us*. They said this because Jesus was helping them and doing amazing things. They wanted to praise Him, and they wanted Him to keep helping them.

The Pharisees heard the crowd praising God, and they said to Jesus, "Teacher, why don't you tell these people to stop praising you as if you were God?" The Pharisees thought that Jesus was getting too much attention from the people. They wanted to be the most important, but everyone was listening to Jesus instead.

As He rode, Jesus could see Jerusalem and it made Him very sad. He came to help the people, but many people did not recognize that He was God, and they didn't accept Him.

The evening came, and Jesus and the twelve disciples sat to eat a meal. The disciples were eating quietly, they had a lot on their minds. Jesus could see the disciples were worried. He said to them quietly, "I tell you the truth, one of you here will betray me." The disciples looked at each other in shock, and some of them asked Jesus, "It isn't me, is it Lord?"

Jesus replied, "The one who dips his bread into the bowl with me will betray me. I will die, just as it is written, but the man who betrays me will feel sorry forever.

**Jesus broke the bread and shared it with the disciples** and said, "Take this and eat it. This is my body which is given for you". Then he took a full cup, thanked God for it and said, "This is my blood, which will be poured out for many people so their sins may be forgiven." Then they all took a sip from the cup.

After the Passover meal Jesus and his disciples went to a garden called Gethsemane. It was getting to be quite late in the evening, so everyone was whispering. Jesus was especially quiet, and walked a bit ahead of the rest of the group. Later he walked with Peter, James, and John told them, "My heart feels heavy, and I feel very sad. Please stay here and keep watch, I need some company close by." The disciples looked at each other; they had never seen Jesus like this before.

Next to a big tree Jesus knelt down with his face to the ground and began to talk to God. He prayed, "My Father, I know that I am about to go through some horrible things, I wish I wouldn't have to. But Thy will be done".

Judas, one of Jesus' disciples was coming towards Him. He was followed by a large crowd of people who were carrying swords and clubs. Judas walked right up to Jesus and gave Him a kiss on the cheek. **Judas had agreed to betray Jesus for silver.** This was a sign to the chief priests that this was Jesus, and that he was the man that they wanted to arrest.

Very early in the morning, the soldiers brought Jesus to Pilate, the governor at the time. Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "Yes, I am." This upset the chief priests because they were jealous of him and the friends He had made with the Jews.

Pilate listened to the complaints of the people that brought Jesus, but he couldn't find any reason to punish Him. Pilate questioned Jesus, but Jesus didn't stick up for himself (He knew that they wouldn't listen anyway). He had done nothing wrong.

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them, "I have talked to Jesus, and I find no reason to kill Him."

The chief priests went around telling people lies about Jesus, so that they would be afraid of Him, and want to kill Him).

Pilate didn't like this one bit. He wanted to let Jesus go, so he tried to talk to the people but they didn't let him. They just kept shouting, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

The soldiers led Jesus into the palace and made Him put on an old royal robe and they twisted together a **crown of thorns and placed it on His head**. Next the soldiers led Jesus toward a hill called Golgotha. They made Him **carry the cross** on His back, but Jesus couldn't carry it the whole way, he fell down. The soldiers had whipped His back and it hurt so much that Jesus couldn't handle the weight of the cross on His shoulders.

When they reached the top of the hill **they nailed Jesus to the cross**. There were three crosses, Jesus was in the middle and there was a criminal on His right and on His left. Pilate made a sign to be put on the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.

The soldiers watched Jesus and made fun of him; they even **divided up his clothes and cast lots for His cloak**. Jesus ignored the people, but He did see his mother, his aunt, and some other women he knew. Then Jesus saw one of his disciples close to his mother, and he said, "Mother here is your son, and friend here is your mother." Jesus couldn't say to much, he was very weak. But he wanted his friend, the disciple to be like a son to his mother, and take care of her.

After this, Jesus could not handle the pain any longer and He knew everything was finished, so that scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst." So the **soldiers put a sponge on the end of a long vine up to His mouth**.

Just before the sun went down, they noticed that Jesus was no longer breathing. One of Jesus friends hurriedly went to ask Pilate if he could have Jesus' body so he could bury Him. When Pilate agreed, **Joseph and Nicodemus carefully lowered His body and wrapped Him in burial cloths and spices**. Then they took Him to a tomb to bury Him.

Just before daylight the next day, Mary Magdala and some other women had decided to get up very early in the morning and go to visit the tomb where Jesus was placed. While walking down the road, they were discussing how they were going to get inside the tomb. They had brought along some spices and perfume that they wanted to place on Jesus' body. They knew the huge stone had been placed in the doorway and they had no idea how they were going to move it.

What a SURPRISE they found when they reached the tomb! **The stone had already been moved!** And . . . there was an ANGEL sitting on the stone! The women were quite afraid, but the angel spoke gently to them:

"Don't be afraid. I know that you have come to see Jesus. He is not here; for he is risen just as he said. Come inside and see the place where he lay."

**The women went inside the tomb and found the tomb empty**, just as the angel had told them.

The angel spoke to the women one more time saying, "Go *quickly* and tell the other disciples that **Jesus is risen!**"

### Egg Number 1

Message: Mary poured expensive perfume on Jesus' feet.

Passage: John 12:2-8.

Item: Cotton ball with perfume on it.

### Egg Number 2

Message: Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The people waved palm branches.

Passage: Matthew 21:1-11.

Item: A small plastic leaf or a piece of a palm branch or a blade of grass.

### Egg Number 3

Message: Jesus broke bread and shared it with His disciples at the Last Supper.

Passage: Matthew 26:26.

Item: A small cracker to represent the Passover bread.

### Egg Number 4

Message: Judas was willing to betray Jesus for silver.

Passage: Matthew 26:4.

Item: silver coin

### Egg Number 5

Message: Soldiers placed a crown of thorns on Jesus' head.

Passage: John 19:2.

Item: A small thorny branch

### Egg Number 6

Message: Then the soldiers divided Jesus' garments and cast lots for His coat.

Passage: John 19:23-24.

Item: A two sided coin.

### Egg Number 7

Message: Jesus carried His cross.

Passage: John 19:17.

Item: A toothpick that is cut and glued in the form of a cross.

### Egg Number 8

Message: There they crucified Jesus by nailing Him to a cross.

Passage: John 19:18.

Item: A nail.

### Egg Number 9

Message: The soldiers gave Jesus vinegar mixed with gall on a sponge to drink.

Passage: John 19:29.

Item: A sponge.

### Egg Number 10

Message: They took His body and wrapped it with burial clothes and spices.

Passage: John 19:40.

Item: Gauze and few whole cloves.

### Egg Number 11

Message: Mary Magdalene saw the stone removed from the tomb.

Passage: John 20:1.

Item: A small rock.

### Egg Number 12

Message: When they entered the tomb, they did not find the Body of Jesus. He is risen!

Passage: Luke 24:3-6.

Item: Nothing