

# THE HOLY WORD

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## Palm Sunday

There were tons and tons of people carrying palms. The palms were also on the ground.

The people were walking to a big place, like the center of town. Then, the people saw Jesus and he blessed the palms. Then everyone prayed.

This took place on the first day of the week.

## *The Last Supper*

Jesus and his disciples were looking for a place to celebrate the Passover. Jesus told them to find a man carrying a jug of water. Follow him and this is the house we will use, he told them. The disciples found this man and began preparing.

Jesus gave bread to his disciples and said, "Take and eat this bread, for it is my body. Do this in memory of me."



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The disciples took the bread and ate with Jesus. After the disciples ate, Jesus took a cup of wine made from grapes and said, "Take and drink this. For this is my blood."

The disciples drank the wine.

After he said a blessing over the bread and wine, Jesus said, "For I will not eat this food again until I rise from the dead."

The disciples did not know what Jesus meant by saying that, but tried to listen and understand.

Jesus ate the Last Supper with his disciples.

## The Agony in the Garden

Jesus went to a place called Gethsemane. He went out with Peter and a couple other disciples.

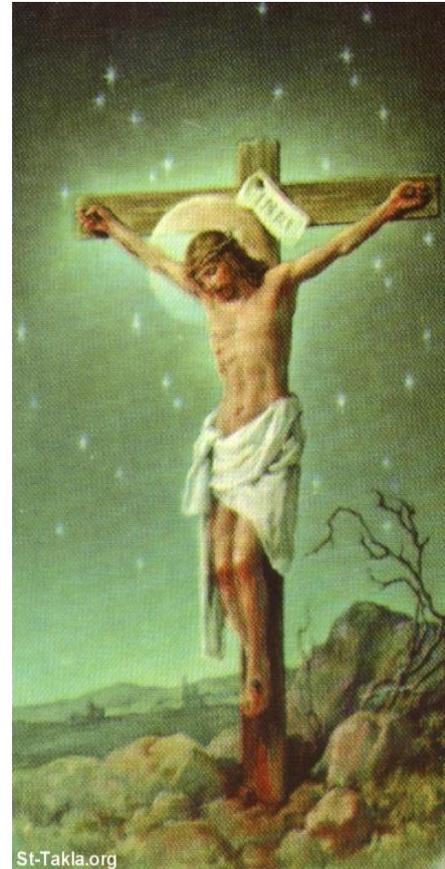
Jesus told Peter to stay awake while he prayed in the garden. He came back and he saw the disciples asleep. He told Peter, "You could not stay awake for one hour?"

So Jesus went back and prayed a second time, saying the same words. Then he came back again saying, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Wake up. My betrayer is here."

## *The Arrest of Jesus*

Judas, one of Jesus' disciples, came up to Jesus with many elders of the church, carrying weapons. Judas kissed Jesus and soldiers arrested Jesus.

Someone with Jesus cut off a servant's ear. Jesus touched the man's ear and healed him. Jesus told the crowd his arrest fulfilled the prophet's writings. Then all of Jesus' friends left him.



Jesus dies on the cross.

## Jesus is Sentenced to Death on a Cross

Jesus was standing in front of people and Pontius Pilate. Pilate asked the crowd if he should release Jesus. They shouted "No!"

They wanted Barabbas, a murderer, released instead. Pilate said, "Jesus has done nothing wrong."

The people shouted louder, "Crucify him, crucify him."

So Pilate listened to the people.

He handed Jesus over and he was beaten.

## *The Crucifixion*

Jesus was brought to Golgotha, nailed to the cross and charged with being the King of the Jews. People walked by and mocked him.

"Save yourself by coming down from the cross," they shouted. At noon, it became very, very dark. Around 3 p.m., Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit."

Then he died.

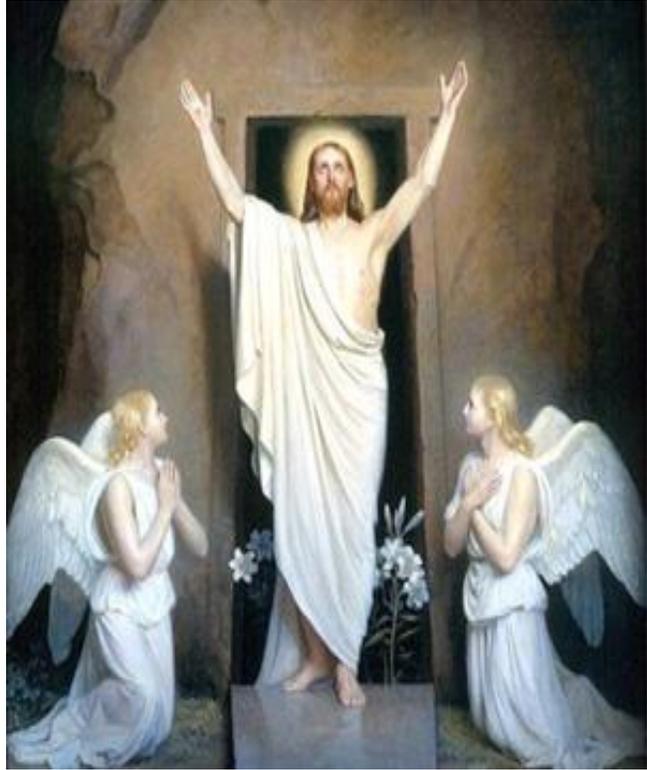
# Easter

Some of the women Jesus knew came to his tomb early on Sunday morning.

They found the stone rolled back and an angel at the tomb. The angel said, "Jesus is not here. He has risen from the dead. Go and tell the disciples.

"He is on his way to Galilee and will meet you there."

The women told the disciples who then ran to the tomb and went inside. Jesus was not there but they found the burial clothes off to the side, just as the angels said.



Jesus rises from the dead.



The empty tomb on Easter morning.

## *Editorial*

I don't think it is fair that Jesus had to be nailed to the cross when he didn't do anything wrong and could perform miracles. Performing miracles meant he could heal people, too.

But when he died on the cross, no miracles could happen. Plus, it was not right to save Barabbas, because he committed murder. This means people don't always make good choices, like making Jesus die on the cross. His resurrection must mean something important

# Weather

Today: Sunny with a high of 67 degrees. Tonight: clear and chilly, with a low of 48 degrees. Chance of precipitation is 0%.

Tomorrow: Sunny and warm with a high of 69 degrees. Tuesday night's low is 49 degrees.

Wednesday and Thursday look nice, too, with mostly sunny skies and high temperatures around 60 degrees.