

Palm Sunday

It was the time of the Passover Feast and Jesus was one of many people who went to Jerusalem to celebrate.

Jesus sent two of his friends into a village where he knew a donkey was waiting for them. His friends brought back the donkey so Jesus could ride on it.



Many people were waiting for him in the streets as he rode in and many were expecting a political king, coming to kick out the Romans to take over the town. Large crowds gathered and spread out their cloaks on the road before Jesus. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. They waved and cheered.

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But there were others in the crowd who were unhappy and worried that Jesus might cause trouble. They began to plot his death and days later, the same crowd were shouting “Crucify!”

We are changeable with the famous. Loving them one minute and hating them the next.



- Have a look through some newspapers or think about some news headlines you have seen or read recently. Who is in the public eye? Spend some time praying for them.
- ★ Now think about Jesus, how can you show love for Him and praise Him? Write down words/ draw pictures of praise.

The Last Supper

At the last supper, when Jesus had finished washing the disciples' feet, he took some wine and gave thanks to God for it. Then he said to them, *'Take this cup and give it to everyone here.'*

He then took some bread and again thanked God for it. He broke off some pieces, gave them to the disciples and said, *'this is my body that I am giving for you. Eat this to remember me.'*



Jesus knew that he was soon going to die and that bread and wine would be symbols for his followers to remember him and his death.

- Please take some bread and wine (juice) as you remember Jesus' last meal with his disciples.
- Think of those who are important to you, give thanks to God for them.
- ★ Make a model of those who are important to you out of the pipe cleaners or use the people-shapes as a way of saying thank you to God for them.

Gethsemane

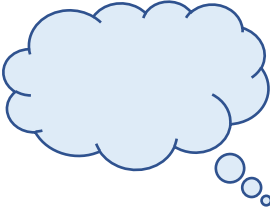
The night before Jesus died, He went with his disciples to an olive garden nearby. It was called Gethsemane. He asked Peter, James and John to stay with him and watch while he prayed.

Jesus asked God to help him. He knew that soon all his friends would leave him, that he would be very alone and that He was going to suffer and die.



He cried out to God in anguish, asking Him to take the cup of suffering away from Him.

But then He added, *“Not my will, but yours be done.”*



Dip your finger into some vinegar and allow the taste to spread over your tongue. Think about the anguish of that moment and the agony that Jesus went through.

- Now think of someone who is afraid today, who is going through the process of making an agonising decision, knowing the “right thing” will be difficult. Pray for them.
- ★ What are you worried about or need help with? Tell God and ask Him to help you.