

# Palm Sunday to *Pentecost*



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## “Hosanna in the Highest!”

### Palm Sunday: Israel Prepares for the Passover

Teachers: There is a Take Home Activity sheet for each child. Please encourage them to try to memorize one of the verses or to read and discuss them with a parent throughout the week.

For your convenience there is a collection of small activities to do at the conclusion of the lesson. In addition to the coloring page, there is a cutting and gluing activity that they might enjoy with some assistance. Please take creative freedom over the activity after the lesson. There are plenty of different Online craft ideas to consider if you have time after the teaching, you're welcome to make the activity unique and fun.

Optional: Bring in a palm branch (real or paper cut out) to class to share, or make a small pathway of palm branches for the students to set the 'stage'.

.... **Others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. (Matthew 21:8b)**

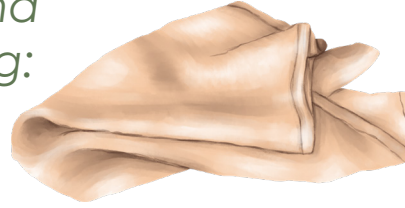
**Who knows what day it is today?** That's right, today is called Palm Sunday.

Palm Sunday occurs ONE WEEK before another special day. Do you know what next Sunday is? Correct! Resurrection Day — the day when Jesus rose from the dead.

Matthew Chapter 21 tells us all about the events of Palm Sunday but for today we are going to read v6-11. Let's be sure to listen closely:

*6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt,*

*laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. 8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:*

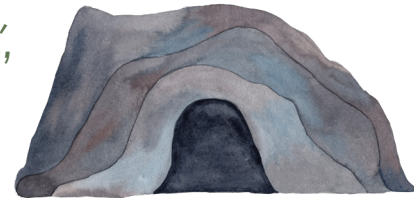


*“Hosanna to the Son of David!  
‘Blessed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord!’  
Hosanna in the highest!”*



*10 And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, “Who is this?”*

*11 So the multitudes said, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.”*



Palm Sunday, the day Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, to Resurrection Day, the day Jesus rose from the dead, one week later — is often referred to as ‘Holy Week’.

## Holy Week

As Christians this is a special week that we study and celebrate because it leads to **Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross and His sacrifice has brought us salvation!** Before we come to Jesus’ crucifixion on the cross and His resurrection on the third day. Resurrection means to rise or stand up, and what Jesus stood up from was the dead! But before we get to that there are many important details we should also know.



For example, do you remember that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey? Do you think that is significant?

It is very important! And Scripture will always tell us why!

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the donkey, He was fulfilling a prophecy!

And the people that were there on that Palm Sunday knew God's Word, that is why they called out:

**Remember:**

**A prophecy in Scripture was given for a specific purpose. The fulfilment of the prophecy is often many years in the future. When God gave a prophecy it was important. Sometimes a prophecy can be fulfilled more than once!**

“Hosanna to the Son of David!

‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’

Hosanna in the highest!”

**Do you know what Hosanna means?**

Hosanna

‘Hosanna’ means “save now”,

The people joyfully cheered and praised Jesus with this special name. They recognized Jesus was the One prophesied to come – the Son of God, Who would deliver and save them.

One prophecy was fulfilled Palm Sunday but there were many other important events that occurred the following days. Let's learn about

- Christ was applauded as He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, [applaud with the students].
- He was tested by the chief priests of Israel 4 days in the Temple [count to 4 with the students].

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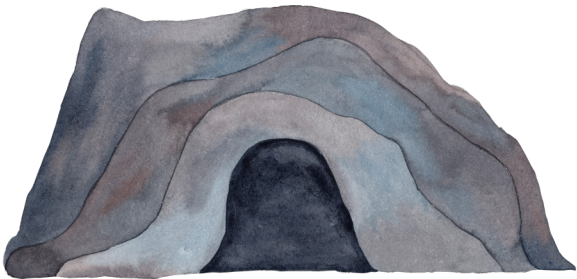
- He celebrated the Lord's Supper as part of the Passover for the last time with His Disciples on the Thursday evening [re-mind students of the bread and wine we participate in the first Sunday of every month].



- He was crucified the next morning [Ask the student what they think it means that Jesus was crucified].



- He rose from the dead on the Sunday (The 3rd Day) by the power of the Holy Spirit [You can mention that the 3rd day is also the 7th day, repetition is key!].



Why did Jesus do all of this? Did He need to? Why did Israel need someone to save them? Why did the chief priests of Israel test Jesus? Why did Jesus celebrate the Lord's Supper one last time? Why must He die and rise again?

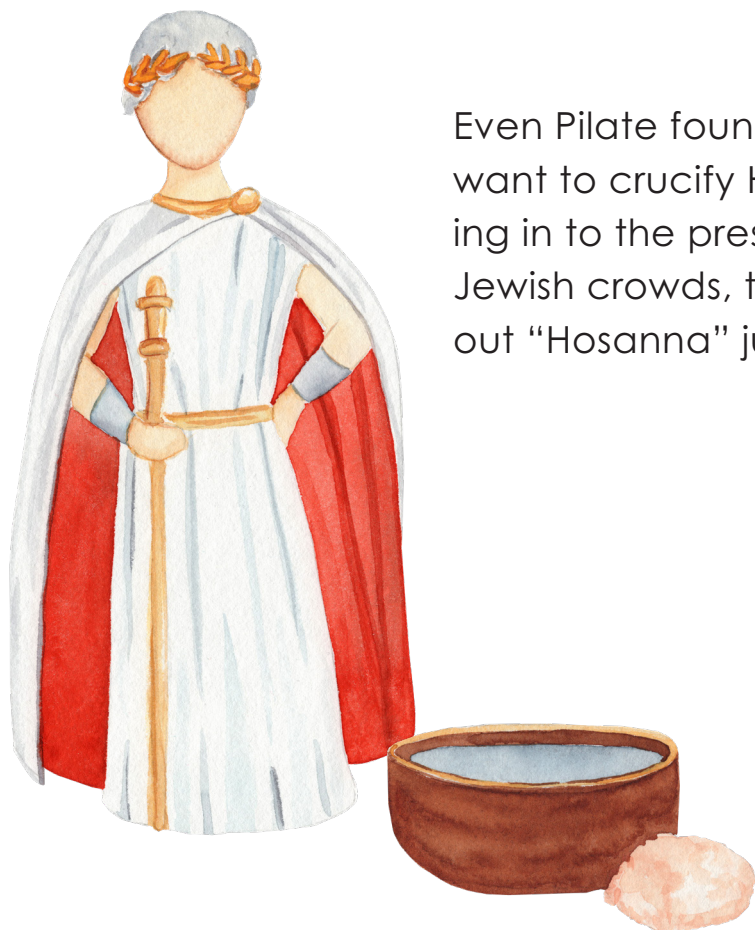
What do you think? .... (Teacher: Let the students share their thoughts before proceeding)

Jesus did all of these things for a very specific reason... Jesus is the only One who could have brought Israel salvation. Jesus would prove to be the perfect sacrifice. He was the nation's Passover Lamb, perfect in all His ways, without blemish. Being the perfect sacrifice Jesus would be the One that God would accept on their behalf!



## BUT...

The chief priests did not think Jesus was perfect. Because of their hardened hearts full of sin they eventually brought Jesus before Pilate, the Roman Governor, to be killed.



Even Pilate found no fault in Jesus and he did not want to crucify Him. But Pilate found himself giving in to the pressure of the chief priests, and the Jewish crowds, the very ones who were crying out "Hosanna" just days before.



### **Conclusion:**

This might seem sad that in just a few short days many of the people in Israel went from praising Christ and shouting out 'Save now!' to then crying out "Crucify Him!"

Jesus is the Lamb of God and He was thoroughly examined during those 4 days of testing and He was found to be without blemish. He was the perfect sacrifice to bring salvation to the nation of Israel.



There will come a time when Israel will look upon their King, the One who they pierced and repent, in that Day all Israel will be saved.

Hallelujah!

Let's end our lesson today praying for the peace and salvation of the nation of Israel and thanking Jesus for being the perfect sacrifice for our salvation as well.

## Take Home Activity

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### Day 1:

**Matthew 21:9** Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

### Day 2:

**Exodus 12:5** 'Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

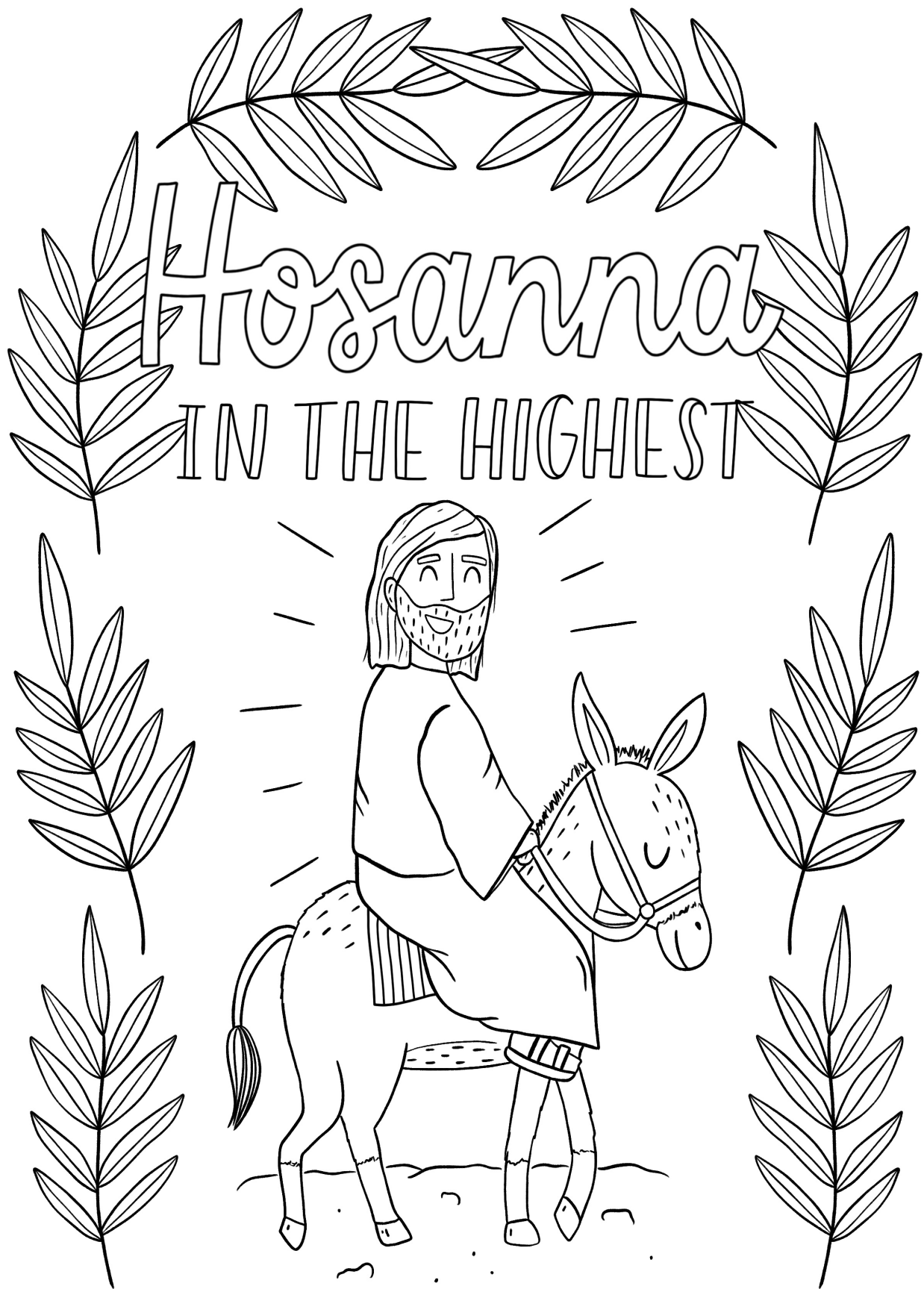
### Day 3:

**John 1:29** The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

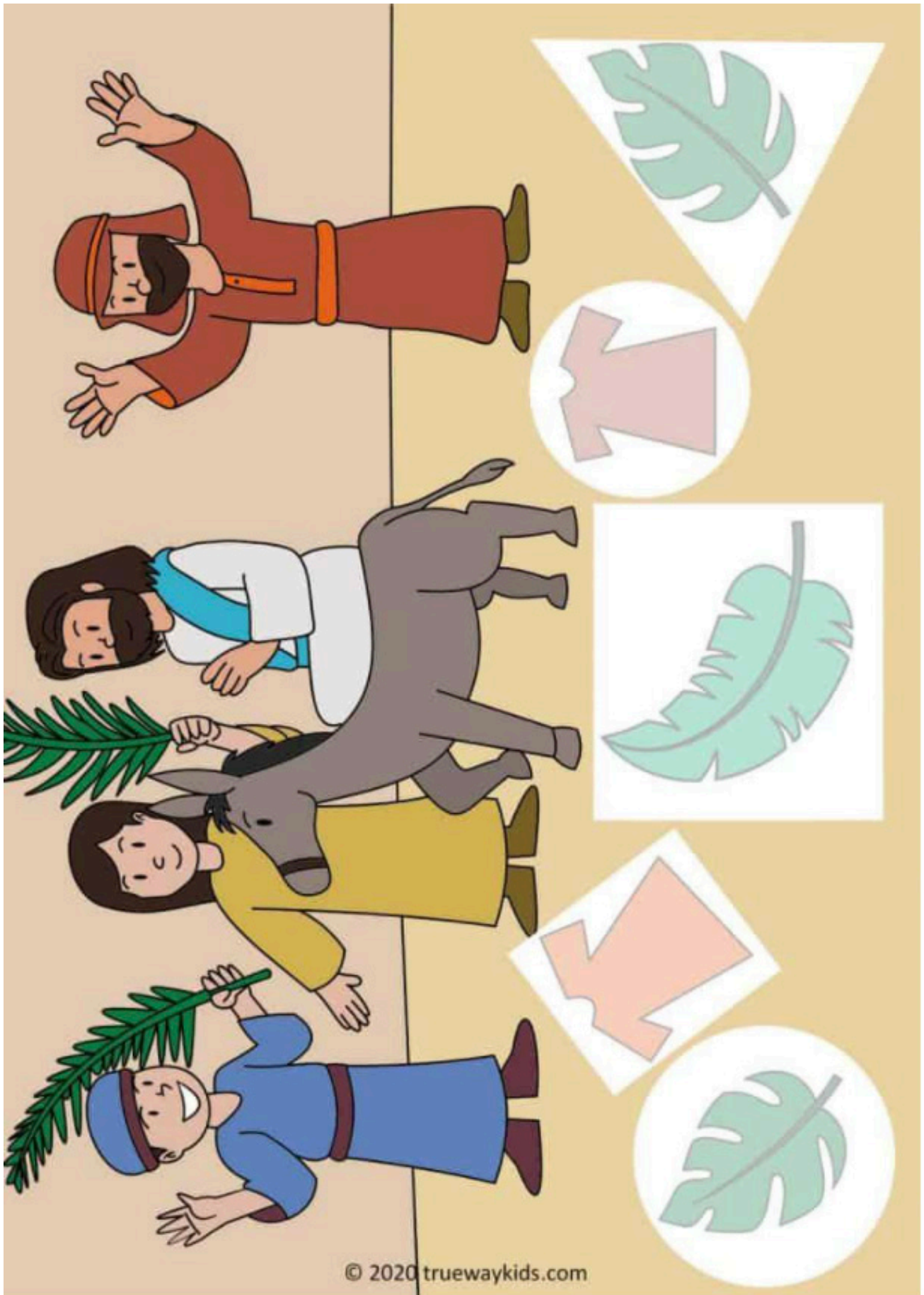
### Day 4:

**1 Corinthians 5:7** Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.



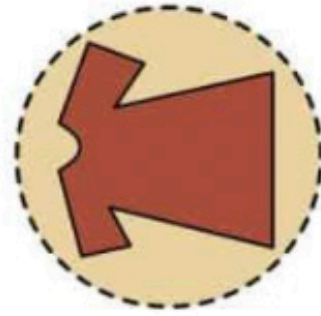




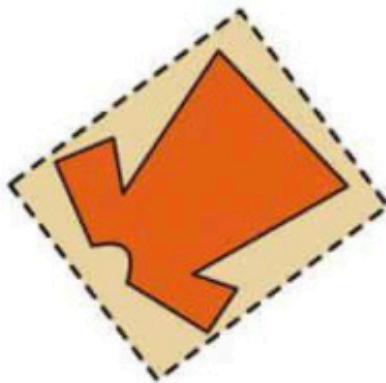


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to finish the picture



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# “He is Risen!”

## Resurrection Sunday: Jesus is Resurrected!

Today we celebrate a most important day! (Perhaps the most important day in the history of Mankind yet to date!) It is Resurrection Day – the day that Jesus was raised from the dead.

Does anyone have any idea as to why this day is so important? (Let the children share their thoughts.)

Today we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead! In His resurrection He brings salvation to Israel and to us! Let’s put together a few pieces that bring us to here. From our study last week, you will remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey, correct?



Last Sunday we will recall was ‘Palm Sunday’, the first day of the Holy week that leads up to the cross, death and resurrection of Jesus. Why do we call it Palm Sunday? Do you remember? That’s right! The people were laying down palm branches for Jesus to walk on.

**And do you remember what the people were saying as Jesus came into Jerusalem?**

Hosanna

They were saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David!  
'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'  
Hosanna in the highest!"

**What does the word Hosanna mean?**

That is right! It means, "save us".

By cheering "Hosanna" 'save us now' the people knew exactly who Jesus was, because they knew what God said about their coming Savior.



Jesus is the Lamb of God, He needed to be thoroughly examined and tested to prove he was the perfect sacrifice that God would accept. And He was!

Did you know that Jesus knew He was going to be the sacrifice that would save the nation? What do you think it means to sacrifice? What do you think it means for Jesus to be a sacrifice? (Let the children share their thoughts before explaining that it involves giving up something for someone else. What Jesus gave up was His life.)

Lamb of God



Jesus knew He was going to die on the cross and He knew that would be very sad for those who loved Him dearly. Knowing this was set before Him, He encouraged and strengthened His disciples with teaching and prayer.

Jesus STILL lovingly encourages us and strengthens us while He is away. How do you think He does it? Through the Word of God, through His Holy Spirit. When we spend time in reading and studying the Bible, Jesus is strengthen and encouraging us. And He also strengthens and encourages us through other Christians alongside us.

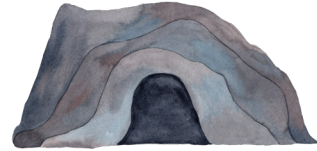


Let's remember Jesus is the **only** One who could have brought Israel salvation that day. And He is still the only One who can provide salvation for us, the Church.

The day He died on the cross, He experienced death so that you will not have to experience death in the age to come. If Jesus didn't die, He couldn't have been raised on the 3rd day.

Luke 24:1 Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they [women who had prepared spices for Jesus' body mentioned in the previous chapter], and certain other women with them, came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared.

2 But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb.



3 Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.



4 And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments.



5 Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"



6 "He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee,

7 "saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'"

8 And they remembered His words.

9 Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.

Let's take a few moments to talk about what happens here.

There were a group of women who went to Jesus's tomb with spices to put on Jesus' body. When they arrived, they found the stone rolled away, but Jesus was not there. Then, two men in shining garments appeared and told the women that Jesus was no longer there because He was risen from the dead.

Who do you think the two men in shining garments might be? They were angels, and they reminded the women that Jesus said He would rise from the dead on the third day. This was the Third Day since He died!

**Why did Jesus rise from the dead? Or you could say, why was Jesus Resurrected?**

## Resurrection

RESURRECTION is for the purpose of being able to rule and reign in His coming Kingdom. And not just for Him to reign but others with Him also. Which can ONLY happen IF He was raised from the dead.

Do you think dead people can rule? No, they cannot not.

There is something for us to learn in this as well. We too must be brought to life through having God breath His Spirit, His life, into us. When we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ so our spirit is no longer dead but alive.



When we have decided to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, can then we make

a choice to...

**listen closely**

(Teacher, be enthusiastic and take your time)



**to put our flesh, our sinful behavior, to death by choosing not to do something bad.** (visual aids help, use arms to convey death, going under something, ask for examples of sin and show how we put it off/away)

When we do this we are choosing to walk in newness of life, in the power of Jesus' resurrection. We can choose to do this because we have spiritual life, and that is something we can never ever lose, whatever we might do!

Following our spiritual birth we must **now** choose to be continually being filled with the Holy Spirit. When we are in God's Word daily, praying, being together with our church, the Holy Spirit encourages and strengthens and teaches us. The Spirit is doing it for a very specific purpose! So that we can rule and reign with Christ in His coming Kingdom. As we have learned today, that can ONLY happen IF Jesus was raised from the dead and we believe in Him. Do you believe in Jesus? If you do then God's Spirit, His breath has made your dead spirit alive to Him. *Hallelujah!*



### Conclusion:

As we celebrate today, let's remember that it took a perfect sacrifice for us to receive salvation. Jesus's death and resurrection provides everything you need to remain encouraged and strong in your faith. IT is good to remember this always, but it is special to celebrate it with your family and friends! Let's rejoice for Christ IS risen from the dead. And TODAY – we celebrate His Resurrection!

He is Risen! He is risen indeed!  
Let's celebrate together with dance and singing!

Teacher, find this Song on the INTERNET to play:  
**"ONE TWO THREE" BY YANCY & LITTLE PRAISE PARTY**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hAn3NbXCBU>

Play a few times on repeat. If you play more music, please keep it central to the lesson taught today. Our sweet Preschool and Toddlers are sponges!

