



A Look at the Easter Narrative

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

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- If we are not careful, we can reduce the bible to simple stories that we observe much in the same way that we do movies. This can be especially true around the events of Easter.

- Betraying Jesus for our own gain (Mark 14:10,11, 18-21)

- Defending Jesus in ways that we would not approve (John 18:1-11)

- Denying Jesus (Mark 14:66-72)

- What does this mean for us?

Small Group Questions: A Look at the Easter Narrative

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1. What is a bible story that you have tended to view like a storybook or movie, without pausing to ask deeper questions about the nature of God and the implications it may have about our own lives?
2. Why is it hard to see ourselves in the bible characters that are typically viewed as villains?
3. While we may never want to think of ourselves as being like Judas, what are some ways that it is way too easy for us to “exchange” Jesus for something we want more?
4. What are some examples you’ve seen of Christians “defending” God in a manner that might grieve him?
5. Can you think of a time that you have actually done this?
6. Talk about moments in your life that might seem to deny your relationship with Jesus?
7. In all of the things that we have talked about, were there relational consequences to your interactions? In what way?
8. Do you think that God could be asking you to take steps that would allow him to heal these situations?
9. Does this sermon and discussion have any impact on the way you will approach Easter?



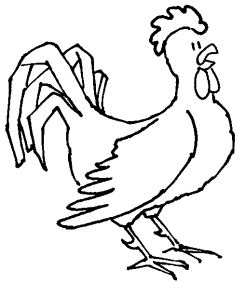
Jesus had told the disciples that one of them would betray Him and one of them would deny Him three times before the rooster crowed. Judas betrayed Him.

Who denied Him? Use the code to find out.

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P = 18	R = 21	S = 24	T = 27	

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And, after the third time that early morning, the rooster crowed.

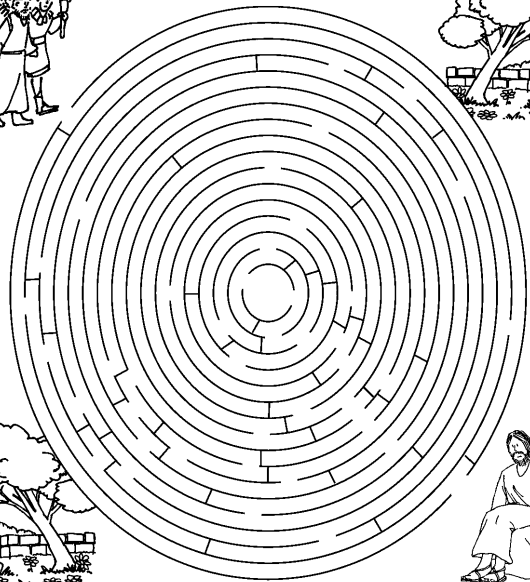
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Jesus Arrested

Jesus and His disciples went to an olive grove. Judas knew the place and guided soldiers and officials there, carrying torches, lanterns and weapons.

Find Judas' path to Jesus.



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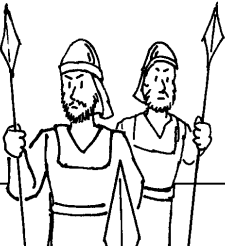
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Jesus asked the soldiers who they wanted.

Use the code to find out.

	4	5	6	7	8
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2	C	H	M	R	U
3	E	I	N	S	Z



Who did the soldiers want?

1,6 3,4 3,7 2,8 3,7

1,7 1,5

3,6 1,4 3,8 1,4 2,7 3,4 1,8 2,5



What did Jesus say?

“ 3,5 1,4 2,6 2,5 3,4 ”

The soldiers arrested Jesus and took Him away.
Where did they take Him?

Write a word to fit each definition. Move the letters to the boxes.

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Opposite of "that"

20 4 14 19

The place you live

26 10 8 30

A light made of wax and wick

12 18 _____ _____ 22

Land covered with trees

_____ 2 28 9 31 32

A place where plants grow

25 15 _____ _____ 5 _____

Opposite of bottom

1 7 27

Skinny

3 21 29 _____

Not near

11 15 _____

Informal greeting

23 24

Joyful

17 13 16 _____ _____

Opposite of "she"

6 9