

Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



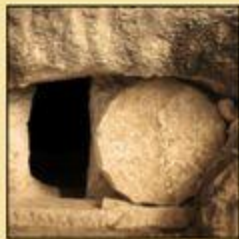
Maundy Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.



NAME _____
GRADE _____
CLASS DAY/TIME _____

EASTER REFLECTION

I celebrated Easter with _____

The church I celebrated Easter was _____ in
_____. (city/state)

What did you notice about the decorations of the church?

What was the tone of the music? _____

Easter celebrates the _____ of Christ.

What spoke to your heart at the mass?

Describe your family's Easter traditions.

THE BETRAYAL AND TRIAL OF JESUS

READ MATTHEW 26:47-56; 27:1-66

_____ betrayed Jesus for _____ silver pieces. He had arranged a sign with the chief priests, saying, "The man I shall _____ is the one; arrest him."

After he found out that Jesus was condemned, he regretted his actions. What did Judas do?

What did the chief priests do with the money from the silver pieces? Why?

Who was Pontius Pilate?

Pontius Pilate asked Jesus if he was the King of the _____

Since it was the feast of the governor, Pilate could release one prisoner to the crowd. Who did the crowd choose to release? _____

What message did Pilate's wife send to him? Why?

Questioning the crowd as to what evil Jesus had done, they shouted

To prevent a riot, Pilate took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd and said _____

They placed a crown of _____ on his head and mocked him saying

Jesus carried his _____ to his crucifixion.

Jesus was crucified at _____ (which means place of the skull)

INRI was written over his head on the cross. What does it stand

for? _____

What happened when Jesus died upon the cross?

The centurion and others keeping watch were frightened and said, "Truly this was the _____ of _____."