

The Story of Easter Matthew 21-28

In today's lesson, your child learned that Jesus Came to Save Sinners!

Jesus came into Jerusalem riding on the back of a young donkey. A huge crowd with lots and lots of people came to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem. They laid their coats down on the ground and waved their palm branches and said, "Hosanna, Hosanna" which means, "Hooray, the Savior is here!"

Four days later, Jesus and His disciples shared a very special meal together. This was the last meal they ate together before Jesus died on the cross. At the meal, Jesus gave the disciples a cup of wine and some bread and told them, "Eat and drink to remember me."

After the special meal, Jesus and the disciples went to a garden to pray. Jesus prayed and prayed because He knew it was almost time for Him to die and He knew it would not be easy.

Judas led the leaders of Jerusalem to the garden to find Jesus. They wrapped the rope around His arms to take Him away. Jesus had the power to make them stop, but He chose to go with them. Jesus knew it was time to die on the cross for sin. **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!**

They wanted to kill Jesus, so they took a long piece of leather called a whip and hit Jesus with it on His back. They made a crown of thorns and laughed at Jesus as they put it on His head. Jesus had cuts and blood all over His body. Then they made Jesus carry a big, heavy cross on His back up a hill. They nailed Jesus' hands and feet to the cross. Jesus breathed His last breath and died on the cross to save sinners.

One of Jesus' friends took Jesus' body off of the cross and wrapped His body with cloth and put Him in a tomb. They rolled a huge rock in front of Jesus' tomb and soldiers stood outside so no one would take Jesus' body. On the third day after Jesus died, two women who were friends of Jesus came to visit the tomb. The ground shook and an angel rolled away the huge rock that was in front of Jesus' tomb.

Matthew 28:5-6 "But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay."

When Jesus rose from the dead, He showed everyone that He was the Savior that God promised from the very beginning! **Jesus Came to Save Sinners!**

Review & Discussion

- 1. After Jesus died on the cross, where did they put His body? (Inside of a tomb)
- 2. Was Jesus inside of the tomb? (No! Jesus is alive!)
- 3. Was Jesus the promised Savior? (Yes!)

