

Luke 19:29-40; 22:1-6, 14-23; 23:32-47

HOLY WEEK

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Key Verse:

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Luke 19:38

Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Luke 22:19

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed his last.

Luke 23:46

The Point:

We celebrate Jesus as our savior, who suffers and dies for us.

Making Connections:

Journey to the Cross

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

The Messiah

Spiritual Practice:

Prayer



BACKGROUND

Note for leaders about this extended lesson:

As many congregations do not hold Christian education during Holy Week, this lesson is designed to be used flexibly to cover as much of the story of Jesus' final week as you would like. You will not be able to cover all of the components in one week, but you can choose based on the time frame that you have. If you do meet during Holy Week, there are enough components, and the components are slightly more involved, so they can be used throughout the week.

Making Connections

Last week, we heard the story of Jesus' visit to Jericho and his transformational interactions with a man who was blind and a despised tax collector. Two men from seemingly opposite ends of the social spectrum are noticed, welcomed, and healed by Jesus. On his journey to the cross, Jesus seeks to draw all people to himself. This journey reaches its climax as Jesus enters Jerusalem and continues through the events of Holy Week. He will continue to react with humility, compassion, and power to all those he meets.

Story Summary:

Holy Week

In the first of today's stories, Jesus prepares to leave Jericho and enter Jerusalem. In the city, a large crowd cheers his arrival, calling him a king and praising heaven for his mighty deeds. The crowds that gather at his entry include some Pharisees, religious leaders who are troubled by the disciples' cries. They tell him to order the crowd to stop, but Jesus refuses, claiming that even the rocks would shout out his praises. Judas conspires with the Pharisees and betrays Jesus for money.

While celebrating Passover with his disciples, Jesus tells them about the events that will come, including his betrayal and crucifixion. This is the Last Supper that we remember in our celebration of Holy Communion.

As he is dying on the cross, the two men being crucified with him take different views of what is happening. One mocks Jesus, while the other seeks forgiveness from him. Even at his death, Jesus reaches out to comfort and forgive the criminal. At the moment of Jesus' death, a Roman guard is turned from his disbelief to understanding. Those who encounter Jesus realize that they are encountering God.

The Point

We celebrate Jesus as our savior, who suffers and dies for us. After the long journey to the cross, Jesus has finally reached the end of the road. He must have been in mourning and heart-heavy at the events he knew lay ahead, yet he maintained his commitment to the journey. The excitement of the disciples does not change his self-awareness or his mercy, even as he faces his death.



The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
Luke 19:38 (NIV)



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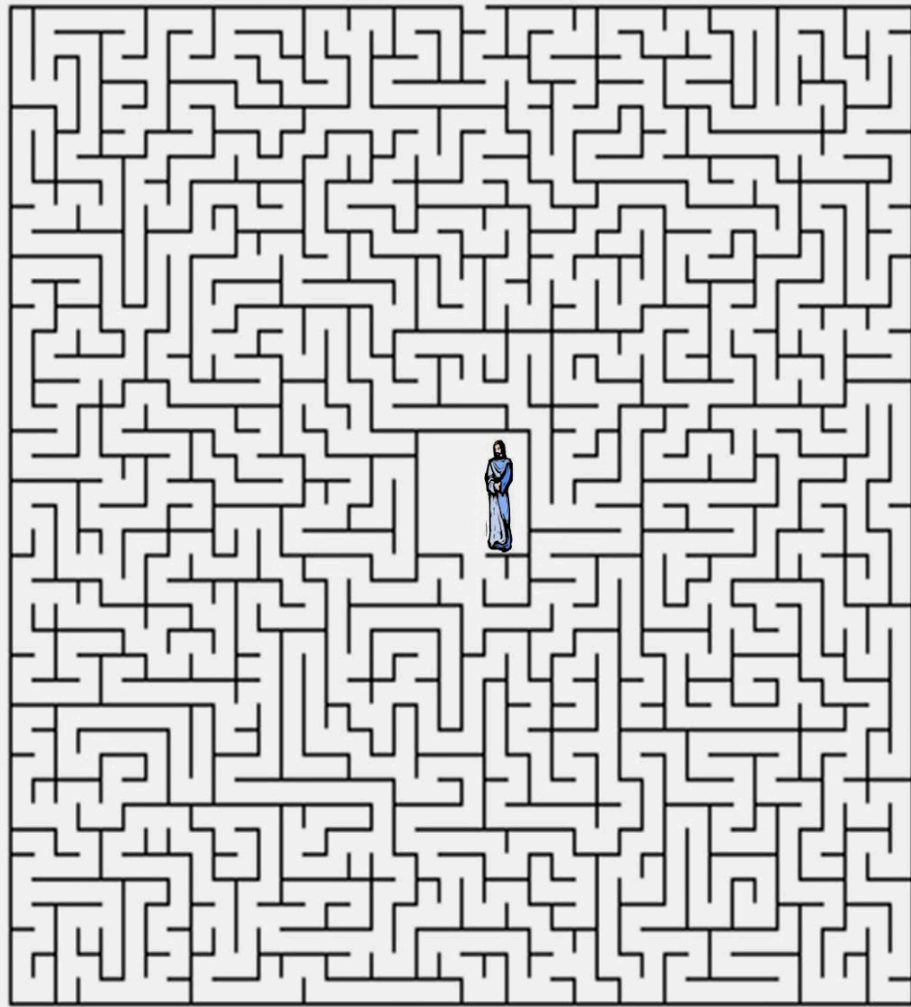
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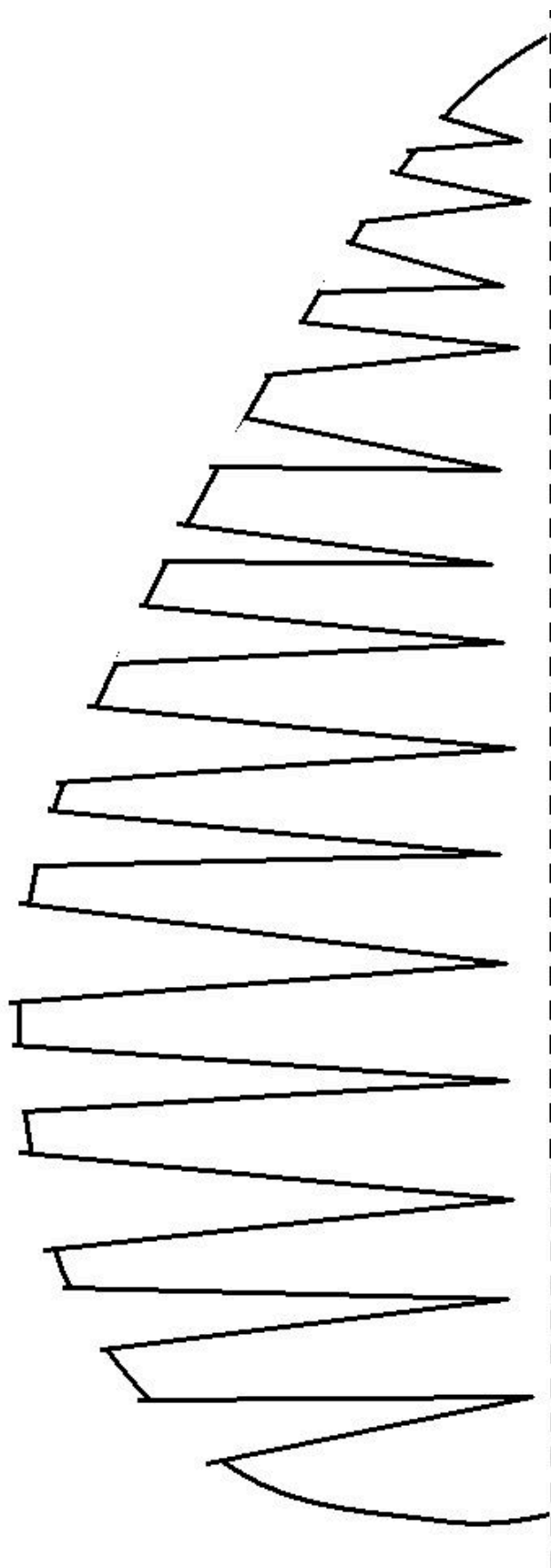
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Start ➤





Paper Palm Leaf

Cut this template along the dotted line.

Fold a piece of green construction paper in half and paper clip the template so the dotted line is along the fold.

Cut through the template and both layers of construction paper along the black lines.

Discard the template (unless you want to make more leaves).

Unfold the construction paper to see your finished palm leaf.

Optional: Tape a green pipe cleaner or thin rolled tube of construction paper to the center as a stem.



Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✚ Where do you see the message that "It is GOOD" in this Scripture?
- ✚ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✚ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Holy Week (Intended for 4/13/2025 through 4/19/2025):

<p>Sunday—Read Luke 19:29-44 Jesus enters Jerusalem with triumph and praise. Gather objects from around your house that can make noise. Have your own triumphal procession.</p>
<p>Monday—Read Luke 19:45-48 Jesus enters the temple and makes it a house of teaching and prayer. What do you think the inside of the temple looked like? Draw or color a picture of the temple.</p>
<p>Tuesday—Read Luke 21:5-18 Jesus gives us an idea of what is to come. Use materials around your home to build what you think the temple looks like. Why would Jesus talk about the temple being destroyed?</p>
<p>Wednesday—Read Luke 21:25-38 Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God is coming—we must watch and wait for its arrival. Sit by a window and watch what happens outside. Is it easy or hard to watch and wait for something?</p>
<p>Thursday—Read Luke 22:1-27 Jesus and his disciples share a special meal together. Read the story of the Lord's Supper as you share a meal together.</p>
<p>Friday—Read Luke 23:32-47 Jesus is crucified. Jesus' journey in Jerusalem comes to an end with his trial and crucifixion. How many crosses can you find in your home? Gather some of these crosses or make some and create a display.</p>
<p>Saturday—Read Luke 23:44-56 Jesus dies on the cross and is buried in the tomb. Gather around your cross display. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for Jesus' life and death.</p>

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Easter Week (Intended for 4/20/2025 through 4/26/2025):

<p>Sunday—Read Luke 24:1-12</p> <p>The women arrive on Easter morning and find Jesus' body gone from the tomb. Angels tell them that he is risen! They share the good news with the apostles. Think of one way you can share the good news of Easter with the world.</p>
<p>Monday—Read Romans 5:12-21</p> <p>Sin came into the world through Adam, but affected everyone. Jesus, on the other hand, brought grace and love. It is this gift, not the sin, that reigns. What are ways each of you can bring love to the world?</p>
<p>Tuesday—Read Romans 6:1-11</p> <p>Through Christ, we have a new life in which we should turn our back to sin and live fully into God's love. Pick one old negative habit to stop, and a new positive habit to start. Hold each other accountable!</p>
<p>Wednesday—Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26</p> <p>Paul briefly outlines the why and how of communion and encourages us to make it part of our lives. Make time for a family meal. While eating, share one way you sense God in your life.</p>
<p>Thursday—Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11</p> <p>Paul tells how Jesus appeared after his resurrection to many followers, and to Paul, who previously persecuted the church. God's love is for all! Talk about bullying and about ways we can stand up for each other in the face of bullying.</p>
<p>Friday—Read Hebrews 1:1-4</p> <p>We learn about God and about God's plan for us and for all of creation first through the prophets, and then more fully through Jesus. Draw pictures of what you think God might be like.</p>
<p>Saturday—Read Hebrews 10:1-10</p> <p>Christ's sacrifice is all that we need. There is no need to give burnt offerings and sacrifices. Wash a window (or other household item that needs attention) together and reflect on how God's love cleanses us.</p>

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