

The Road to Calvary

Events Before the Resurrection Eggs

These passages fill in the story leading up to the cross — use alongside your Resurrection Eggs for the full picture of Holy Week. This is a great addition for older kids.

■ Events in this document

Events NOT in the Resurrection Eggs — the full story around them.

● Resurrection Eggs #1 & #2

Marked where they fall in the story — connect this doc to your Egg cards!

EVENT 1 — PALM SUNDAY — THE TRIUMPHANT ENTRY

📖 Matthew 21:8–11 (NIV)

⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

¹¹ The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

EVENT 2 — THE ANOINTING AT BETHANY

📖 Matthew 26:6–13 (NIV)

⁶ While Jesus was in Bethany in the home of Simon the Leper,

⁷ a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table.

⁸ When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked.

⁹ "This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor."

¹⁰ Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me.

¹¹ The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me.

¹² When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial.

¹³ Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

EVENT 3 — JESUS WASHES HIS DISCIPLES' FEET

📖 John 13:4–17 (NIV)

⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

- 5 *After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.*
- 6 *He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"*
- 7 *Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."*
- 8 *"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."*
- 9 *"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"*
- 10 *Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you."*
- 11 *For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.*
- 12 *When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them.*
- 13 *"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.*
- 14 *Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.*
- 15 *I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.*
- 16 *Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.*
- 17 *Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."*

EVENT 4 — JUDAS AGREES TO BETRAY JESUS

 **Matthew 26:14–16 (NIV)**

- 14 *Then one of the Twelve — the one called Judas Iscariot — went to the chief priests*
- 15 *and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty silver coins.*
- 16 *From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.*

● RESURRECTION EGGS #1 & #2 FALL HERE ●

Egg #1 — Bread & Grape (Communion) — Matthew 26:26–28

Egg #2 — 3 Dimes (Silver Coins) — Matthew 26:14–15

EVENT 5 — JESUS PREDICTS PETER'S BETRAYAL

 **Matthew 26:33–35 (NIV)**

- 33 *Peter answered and said to him, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."*
- 34 *"Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."*
- 35 *But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.*

EVENT 6 — THE ARREST OF JESUS

Matthew 26:47–56 (NIV)

- 47 *While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people.*
- 48 *Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him."*
- 49 *Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him.*
- 50 *Jesus replied, "Do what you came for, friend." Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.*
- 51 *With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.*
- 52 *"Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword.*
- 53 *Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?*
- 54 *But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"*
- 55 *In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me.*
- 56 *But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.*

EVENT 7 — PETER DENIES JESUS

Matthew 26:69–75 (NIV)

- 69 *Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said.*
- 70 *But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said.*
- 71 *Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth."*
- 72 *He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!"*
- 73 *After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away."*
- 74 *Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!" Immediately a rooster crowed.*
- 75 *Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.*

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