



# Holy Week Box

*Find a place for your Holy Week box where you can see it.*

## Palm Sunday: Mark 11.1-10

*When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!'*

*Take the green paper and the Jesus figure out of the box. Cut the paper into palm leaves. Place them and Jesus beside the closed box. The people waved palm leaves to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem. How can we welcome Jesus into our home? Say the Lord's Prayer.*

## Monday: Mark 11.15-19

*Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves; and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. He was teaching and saying, 'Is it not written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations"? But you have made it a den of robbers.' And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him; for they were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city.*

*Take one of the coins and the Jesus figure out of the box. Place the coin on the box with Jesus beside it. The people in the Temple were cheating others out of their money and Jesus got very cross. How can we use our money wisely? Say the Lord's Prayer.*

## Tuesday: Mark 12.13-17

*Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. And they came and said to him, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? Should we*



pay them, or should we not?' But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, 'Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.' And they brought one. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's'. Jesus said to them, 'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' And they were utterly amazed at him.

Take a second coin and the Jesus figure out of the box. Place the coin on the box with Jesus beside it. The religious leaders asked Jesus if it was right to pay their taxes. Taxes help to pay for things we need like education and healthcare. I wonder if it is the right thing to pay taxes? Say the Lord's Prayer.

#### Wednesday: Mark 12.41-44

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

Take the third coin and the Jesus figure out of the box. Place the coin on the box with Jesus beside it. Jesus saw rich people putting lots of money into the collection. He knew they could afford more. Then he saw a very poor woman putting a little bit of money in the collection. He knew that she could hardly afford it but she still wanted to give her money to God. How can we give our money to God? Say the Lord's Prayer.

#### Thursday: Mark 14.12-25

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.' So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.' They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, 'Surely, not I?' He said to them, 'It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.'

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to



them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.'

*Draw a cup and plate on the box. Place the Jesus figure next to it. This was the last meal Jesus had with his friends. When do we think about this in church? I wonder how his friends felt when they heard Jesus' words? Say the Lord's Prayer.*

Friday: Mark 15.1, 15, 22-25, 37, 39

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

*Wrap the Jesus figure in the white cloth, place it in the box and close the box. Make a cross out of the wires and place it against the box. Jesus' enemies wanted him out of the way. When he was praying with his friends, they came and had him arrested. They told lies, and Jesus was put to death on the cross. His friends were very sad. They didn't know what was happening. Jesus' friends buried him in a tomb and wondered what would happen next. I wonder what it might be like not to have Jesus with us. Say the Lord's Prayer.*

Saturday: Mark 15: 46-47

Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where the body was laid.

*Keep the box closed today. Jesus' friends put his body in the tomb that belonged to Joseph. The Roman authorities made sure that they guarded the tomb. They didn't want anyone to steal the body. It was a very sad day. The disciples didn't think they would ever see Jesus again. Say the Lord's Prayer.*





Sunday: Mark 16.1-8

*When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.' So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.*

*Open the box. Place the Jesus figure beside it and place the cloth inside it, and place your butterfly sticker on the lid of your box. On the Sunday the women came to the tomb. They were so surprised to find an angel who said, 'Jesus has been raised'. Because Jesus has been raised from death he can be with us now. I wonder when you know that Jesus is with you? Say the Lord's Prayer.*



Sunday



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Tuesday



Wednesday



Thursday



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Saturday



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