

Easter Advent (Begin the Monday before Easter Sunday)

1. Matt 26:26-28

26 ¶And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Before he was crucified, Christ gave bread and wine to the apostles. They ate bread and drank wine to remember Christ's body that suffered and died and His blood that was spilt for their sins.

2. Matt 26: 36-39

36 ¶Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Christ suffered pain and temptation for all our sins. He overcame all the pain and suffering of the world and if we turn to Him, so can we.

3. Matt 26:47-50

47 ¶And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48 Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.

49 And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.

50 And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

One of Jesus' apostles, Judas, betrayed him and told the soldiers where to find Jesus in exchange for 30 pieces of silver. The soldiers took Jesus to prison.

4. Matt: 27: 29-31

29 ¶And when they had plaited a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a breed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!

30 And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

31 And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.

The soldiers were not very nice to Jesus. Before they crucified Him, they put a crown of thorns on His head and made fun of Him. Even though they were mean, Jesus was not mean to them.

5. Matt. 27:46-50

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias.

48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.

50 ¶Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

Jesus was crucified on the cross. Though He could have saved his own life, He loved us enough to die for all our sins.

6. Matt 27:57-60

57 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathæa, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

61 And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

After Jesus died, a man named Joseph took Jesus' body and put it in his own tomb. He rolled a large rock in front of the tomb door so no one could get in. Mary Magdalene and Jesus' mom, Mary sat outside the tomb.

7. Matt. 28:1-2, 5-7, 9-10

1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

6 He is not here: for he is arisen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

9 ¶And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

The third day after Jesus Christ was crucified, He was resurrected, meaning he came back to life. Because Jesus suffered and died for all our sins, we can live again just like Jesus.