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We came for the Passover festival and I was so excited about my first visit to the Holy City.



Do you know why Jerusalem is called the 'holy city'?

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Gabbling and pushing, the crowd drew back. Some laid palm fronds on the dusty road. Whoever was coming, he had to be really important.



What is a 'palm frond'?
Why did people lay them on the ground?
Who do you think is coming?

3

Then, we saw him: a man riding on a donkey. He didn't look rich, powerful or special in any way, but all around, the crowd began to shout, "Blessed is the king! Peace in heaven!"



Why do you think that it is significant that Jesus did not look rich or ride on a posh horse?

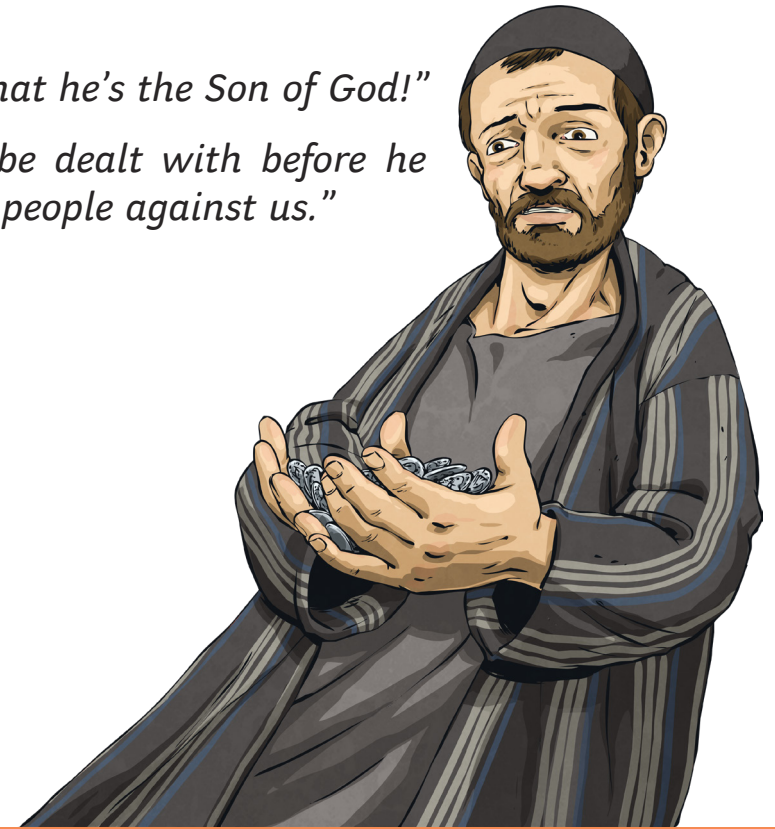
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While the crowd heard Jesus preach, the High Priest Caiaphas met with all the elders of the Jewish temple. They had gathered at his palace to discuss how they could arrest Jesus – arrest him and kill him.

"That young upstart! Who does he think he is?"

"He says that he's the Son of God!"

"He must be dealt with before he turns the people against us."



How do you think the elders of the city were feeling?

Why do you think Judas betrayed Jesus?

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As Peter sat speechless, Jesus continued. "What's more, one person here will be my betrayer. This is the last supper that I will share with you, for tomorrow I will die."



How do you think Judas felt at that moment?

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Some say he prayed so earnestly that an angel appeared to him and blessed him with strength for the trials ahead. He prayed so feverishly that sweat poured down his face. He prayed for so long that when he returned to his disciples, they were sleeping.



What might Jesus have been praying for?

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As Jesus turned to face the light, Judas stepped forwards from among them and greeted him with a kiss on the cheek.



How do you think Jesus felt at this point?

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*“You’re one of Jesus’ men, aren’t you?” she asked.
Peter jumped. “I don’t know what you’re talking about!” he said at once.*



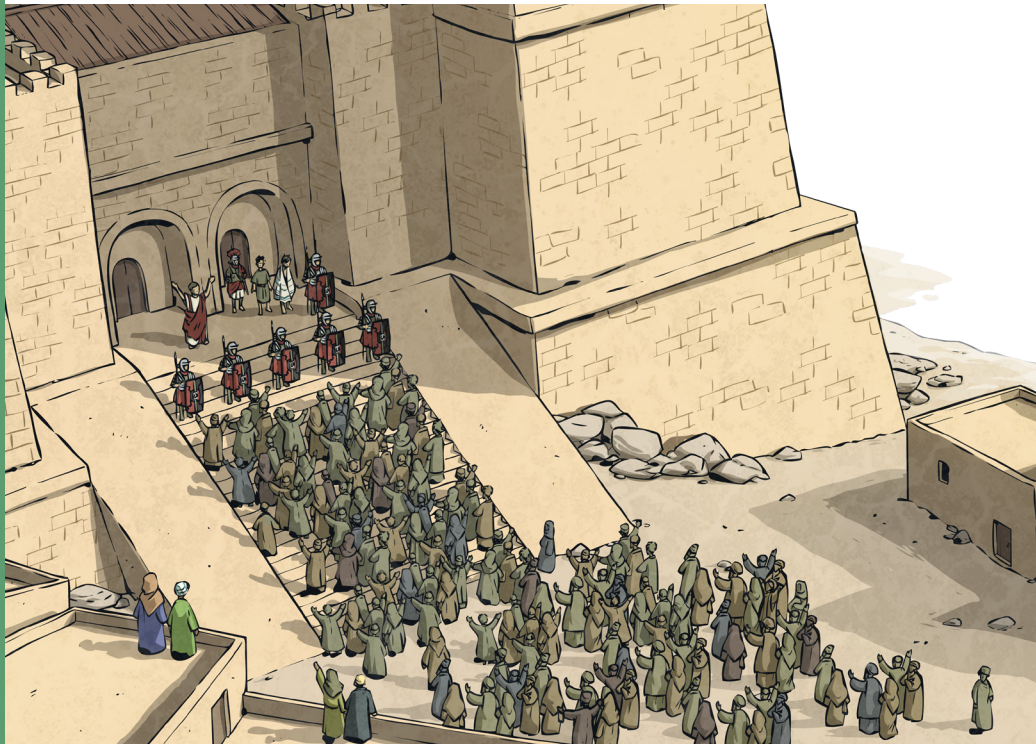
Why do you think that Peter denied knowing Jesus?

What does it feel like when you tell a lie?

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Pilate asked the crowd, "What crime is he guilty of?" Undeterred, the crowd chanted louder and louder.

At last, Pilate shrugged. "Fine. Barabbas will be freed and Jesus will be crucified. I wash my hands of this."



Why do you think Pontius Pilate let the crowd decide what to do with Jesus?

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When they pushed Jesus outside, we saw what the soldiers had done. He was dressed in a richly-coloured robe, like a king. On his head rested a crown of thorns.

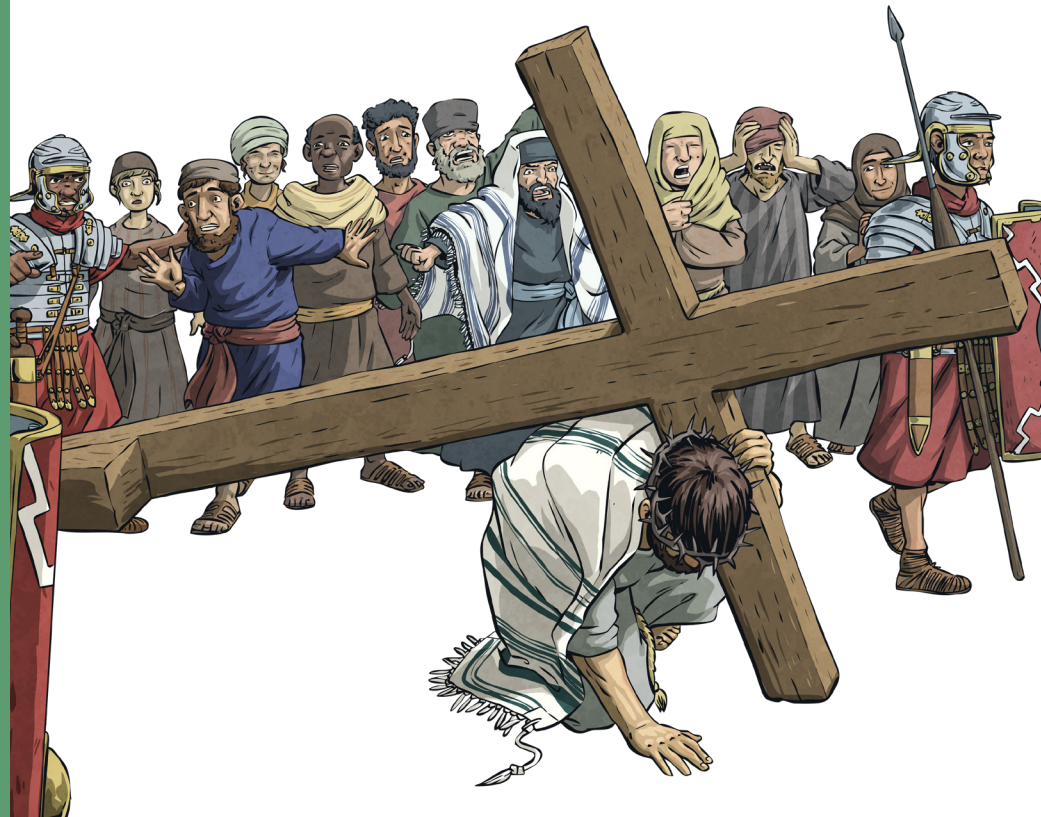


Why do you think the soldiers put a crown on Jesus?

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Above him hung a sign:

This is Jesus, King of the Jews.



Do you think that Jesus gave himself the name 'King of the Jews'?

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The earth shook.

Quaking, the centurion who guarded Jesus cried out, "Surely, he was the Son of God!"



How do you think the centurion felt after this?

13

The women watched somberly as Joseph's servant rolled a huge stone across the entrance of the tomb.



Do you think that Jesus' followers found it easy to believe that he would come back to life?

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As they entered the garden, a sight greeted the women that made them stop in their tracks...

The stone covering the tomb's entrance had been rolled away.



How do you think the women felt when they saw this? What did they think had happened?

15

Inside the tomb, they saw an angel with a face like lightning and robes as white as snow.



How do you think the women felt when they saw what was in the tomb?

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Some say that Jesus appeared to the women right there, in the garden. Some say that he met his disciples on the road to Emmaus, or on a mountain, or at a feast in Galilee. They all say that what he prophesied was fulfilled: that after he was crucified, he rose from the dead.



Why do you think that there are so many different versions of the story?