

Holy Week

Today is the beginning of Holy Week, when we specially remember the last days of Jesus and His death on the cross.

The Sunday before Jesus died, He came riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. All the people cheered for Him. They laid down their cloaks and palm branches on the road to honour Him. That was Palm Sunday.

On the first Holy Thursday Jesus offered the first Mass ever. He took bread and wine and changed them into His Body and Blood and gave them to His Apostles to eat and drink. The same thing happens at every Mass when the priest says Jesus' words at the Consecration. We don't see the bread or wine change, but they are still really Jesus, offering Himself to God for us.

Good Friday is the day that Jesus died on the cross. The leaders of the Jews got the people to turn against Him. After an unfair trial, Jesus was whipped harshly and made to carry a cross up a hill. Then He was nailed to the cross and hung there until He died. Only His mother and a few of His friends were with Him.

Jesus was God and could have stopped the people from killing Him, but He chose to die for you. Because we sin, we don't deserve to go to Heaven. Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins so that we could go to Heaven. That's why it's called "Good" Friday! What is something special you can do on Good Friday to make up for your sins and say "thank you" to Jesus?



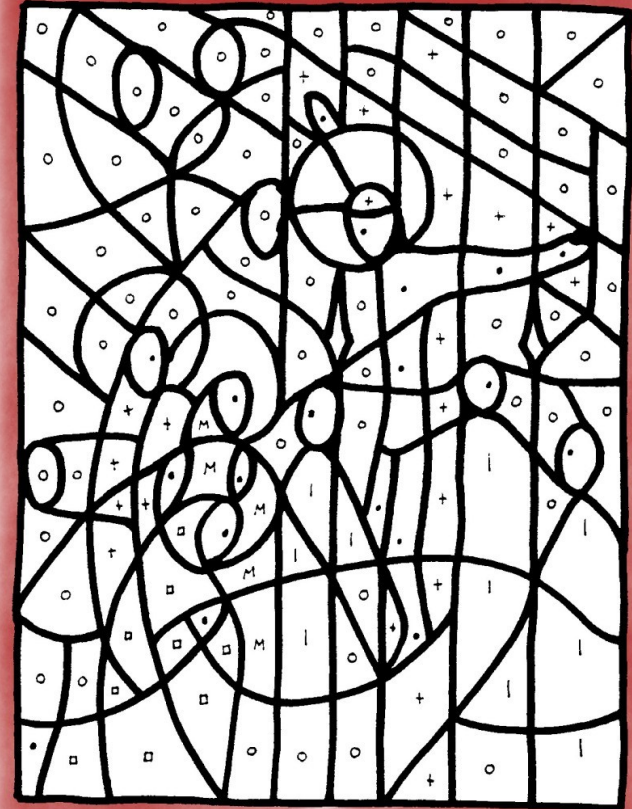
Answers to Holy Thursday Unscramble: before, Passover, disciples, you, afterward, never, hands, bread, last, come, out, world, BODY AND BLOOD.



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PALM SUNDAY
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What did Jesus do for me?

Use the code to colour in the picture and find out!

- skin colour
- a dark colour
- | red
- ◻ green
- Ⓜ blue
- + brown

Holy Thursday Unscramble

*What happened on Holy Thursday?
Unscramble the words to fill in the blanks
and use the letters in circles to fill in the last blanks.*

The day _____ (EFROBF) He died, Jesus
went to celebrate the _____ _____
(SPSVROEA) with His _____.
(ISLEPSCDI)

During the meal, Jesus began to wash their feet, but
Peter would not let Him. Jesus told him, "Now
_____ (UOY) don't understand what I'm doing, but
_____ (DRAWFTRAE) you will."
Peter replied, "You will _____ (VNEER) wash
my feet!" Jesus said, "If I do not wash you then you will
have no part with Me." Then Peter said,
"Then Lord, wash not just my feet but my head and
_____ (DNSHA) too!"

Then Jesus took _____ (EADRB) and made it
into His Body and took wine and made it into His Blood.

This _____ (STLA) Supper was the first Mass.
Jesus wants to _____ (CMOE) to us in Holy
Communion and wants us to go _____ (TOU) and do
His work in the _____ (LWROD)

Jesus finished His work by offering His

to God the Father for us on the cross.

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Today we hear all about how Jesus came into Jerusalem on a Donkey and people put the coats on the ground and some waved branches. Can you colour in the picture of Jesus on the Donkey, while people wave branches?



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