



Jesus' Death & Resurrection

John 12:12-15; Luke 22-24

(Point to Jesus on donkey.)

Jesus was on His way to a town called Jerusalem. (Pronounced: “Juh-roo-suh-luhm”)

A large crowd of people heard He was coming, and they were so excited to meet Him!

Let me see your best excited faces! (Kids will make excited faces.)

That’s it! The people were so excited that they gathered big palm branches (point to branches in picture) ***and waved them as they shouted, “Hosanna!”*** (Pronounced: “Hoh-zan-uh”)

Let’s pretend to wave palm branches and say, “Hosanna!” (Kids will wave pretend branches and say, “Hosanna!”)

These people knew that Jesus was God’s Son, and they wanted to make Him feel EGG-s-tra special!



After Jesus and His friends made it to Jerusalem, they had a special supper together.

At supper, Jesus told them that He was going to die soon, but that this was God's plan for Him.

Jesus' friends were confused and sad to hear this news.

Let me see you make a sad face. (Kids will make sad faces.)

You all look so sad!



You see, there were some leaders who did NOT believe Jesus was really God's Son. They were angry because many people were following Jesus, so they decided to kill Him.

They beat Jesus and nailed Him to a cross. (Point to Jesus on the center cross in the picture.)

And that's where Jesus died.

Jesus never did anything wrong, but He died on the cross to take the punishment for all the wrong things you (point to kids) and I (point to self) do.



After Jesus died on the cross, His friends wrapped up His body and put it in a tomb. (Pronounced: “toom”)

A tomb is a big hole in a cave.

Then the people who didn’t like Jesus put a HUGE rock in front of the tomb, and they had soldiers guard it. They were scared Jesus’ friends would come and take His body away.

Let me see you sit up straight and tall like the guards standing outside of the tomb. (Kids will sit up tall and straight.)

Good job!



Let's all clap three times and count together. (Kids will clap as you count aloud, “One, two, three!”)

Jesus' body had been in the tomb for THREE days when some of His friends came to visit Him.

Now I want to see your best surprised faces! (Kids will make surprised faces.)

EGG-cellent! That's how Jesus' friends looked when they got to the tomb because they found the HUGE rock rolled away, and Jesus was NOT inside!

Suddenly they saw an angel, and the angel said, “Jesus is not here! God has brought Him back to life!”

This is why we celebrate Easter! Jesus loves you so much that He died for you, AND He came back to life! Jesus is ALIVE!

Say that EGG-citing news after me: (Pause to allow kids to repeat)

Jesus Is (point up)

Alive (wave hands)