

Easter



The Resurrection Story



Jesus was traveling to Jerusalem with his friends. He sent two friends ahead of him to get a donkey for him, he told to tell the owner that he needed the donkey.



His disciples returned with a donkey for Jesus. He rode the donkey into Jerusalem, when people saw him coming they covered the path with garments and leaves.



But, not everyone was happy to see Jesus. Some of the priests were jealous of him and his popularity so they wanted to find a way to arrest and kill him!



One of Jesus' disciples called Judas went to the jealous priests and told them he would betray Jesus. They gave Judas 30 pieces of silver for helping them.



The next night Jesus sat with 12 of his friends for a meal, this would become known as the last supper. He told his friends he was sad because tomorrow he would have to go away to Heaven with his Father.



The disciples told Jesus they would not let anything happen to him but Jesus told them that he knew one of them had already betrayed him for money.



Judas was embarrassed, he stood up and walked out. Jesus told his friends that some people in Jerusalem did not like him and tomorrow he would be arrested and nailed to a cross.



Jesus wanted his friends to remember him so he passed them some bread and told them "this is my body, take it and eat it." Then he handed them wine, "this is my blood, drink it and remember me."



Jesus went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray. His friends Peter, James and John watched over him but they soon fell asleep.



While his friends slept, Judas arrived with men carrying swords. They had been sent by the priests to arrest Jesus.



Judas walked up to Jesus and kissed him on the cheek. This was so that the guards would know which man was Jesus. Two of the guards quickly grabbed Jesus.



Suddenly, Peter was awake. He drew his sword and cut off a ear from one of the soldiers.



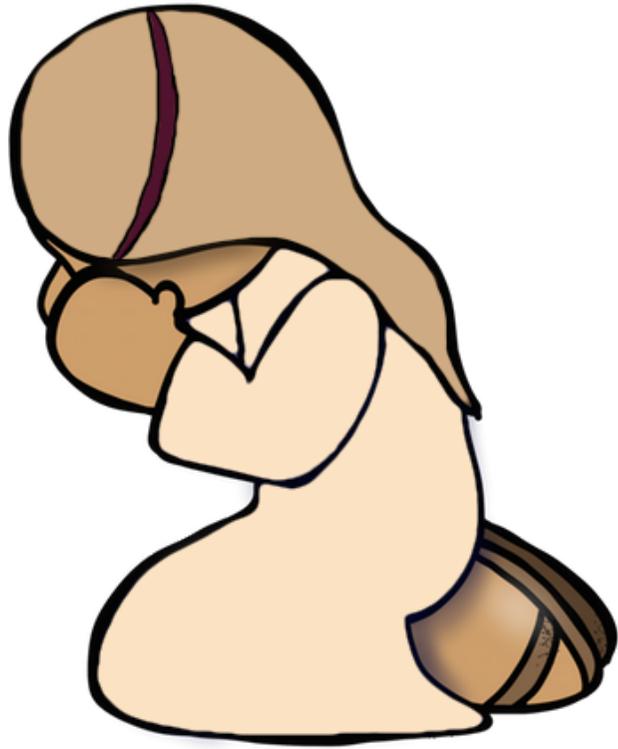
Jesus told Peter he shouldn't have done that. He touched the soldiers ear and it healed. The soldiers were terrified and ran away!



Jesus had predicted that his disciples would betray him. Peter told him it would never happen. Jesus told him “before the cock crows at dawn you will have betrayed me three times.”



Peter watched Jesus being questioned from a distance. People asked him if he knew him and he told them no, this happened 3 times. After the 3rd time, the cock crowed.



Peter started to cry as he remembered Jesus' words of betrayal.



The Jewish leaders were desperate to find Jesus guilty, they even paid people to lie about him but this didn't work!



Finally, they asked Jesus if he was the son of God, he replied "yes." They all agreed this was an insult to God and this was enough to take him to the Roman Governor.



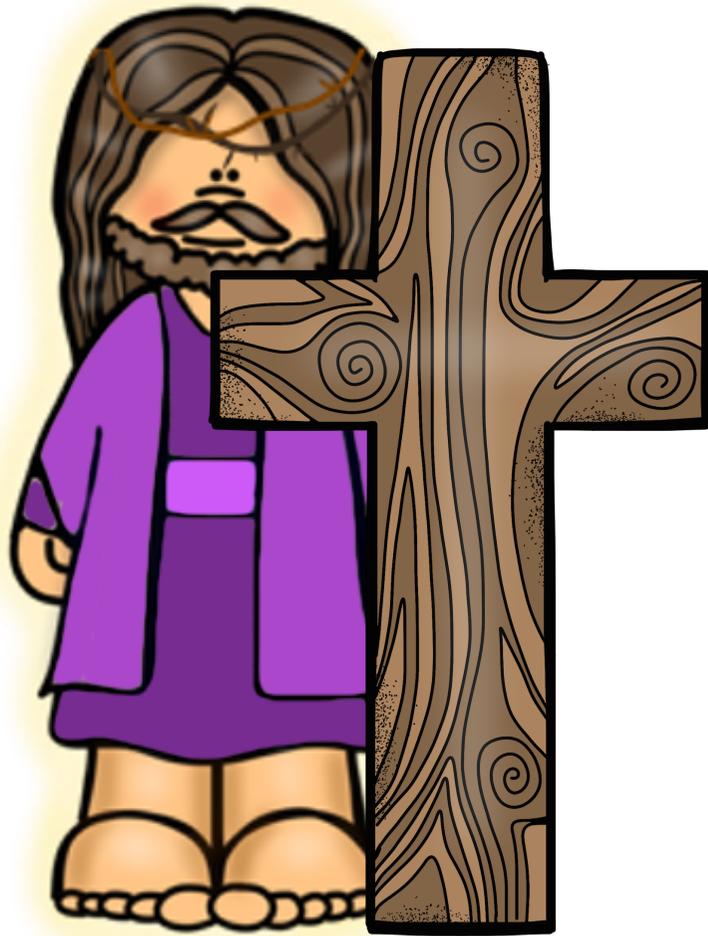
The people told the Governor to crucify Jesus but he saw that Jesus had done nothing wrong. Instead he washed his hands in front of everyone because he did not want to be responsible for sending Jesus to his death.



The soldiers took Jesus away, they removed his clothes and dressed him in a purple robe. They put a crown of thorns on his head and made him bow to them.



They made lots of fun of Jesus while blood poured from his head because of the crown of thorns. Jesus never said a word.



Then they made Jesus carry a large wooden cross out of the city gates and up a hill. Lots of people cheered but lots of people were upset too.



When they reached the top of the hill, the soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross, putting nails through his hands and feet. There were also two robbers next to Jesus also put on crosses.



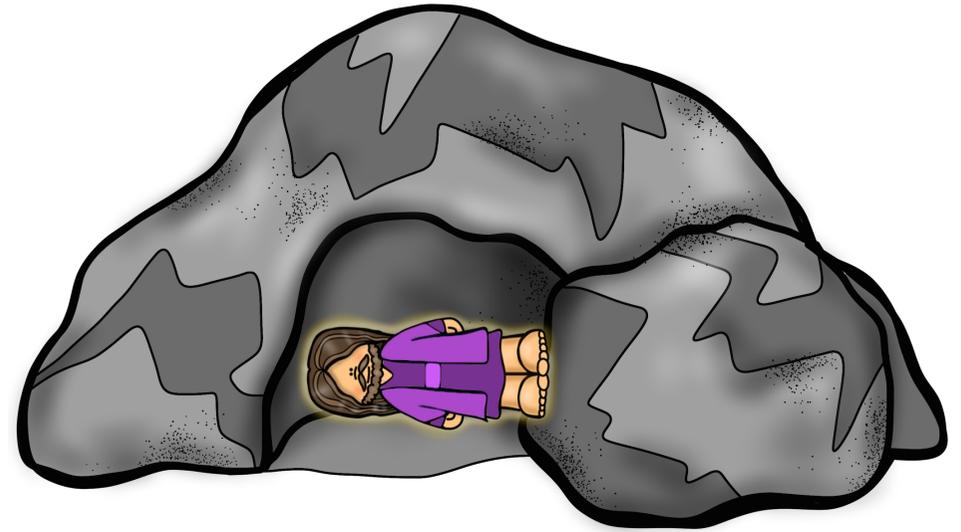
One of the robbers was very afraid, Jesus comforted him. Jesus' mother came to see him on the cross, he asked his friends to look after her for him.



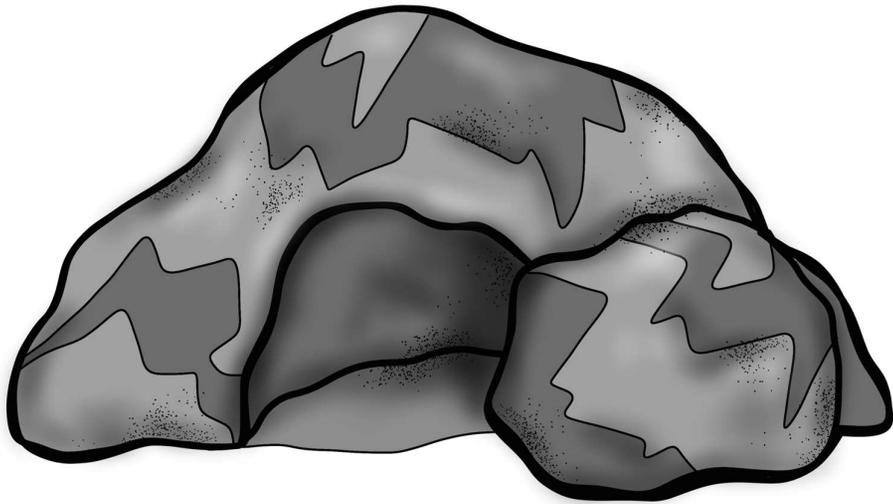
People in the crowd shouted at Jesus "you have saved other people, why won't you save yourself?" When dark came, he cried "God, why have you abandoned me?" and then he died.



When Jesus died, the Earth shook. One of the soldiers told the others "He was the son of God." Everyone became very afraid.



Jesus' mother and friends waited for permission from the guards to take his body down from the cross. They laid his body in a tomb, sealed with a large rock.



Three days later, a friend of Jesus called Mary Magdalen went to visit his body in the tomb. She was shocked to find the stone had been moved and the body was gone!



Mary was crying when a man she did not know came to her and asked why she was crying. She told him it was because they had taken the Lord away!



Mary thought the man was a gardener, but really he was Jesus, risen from the dead! She asked the man if he knew where they had taken the body.



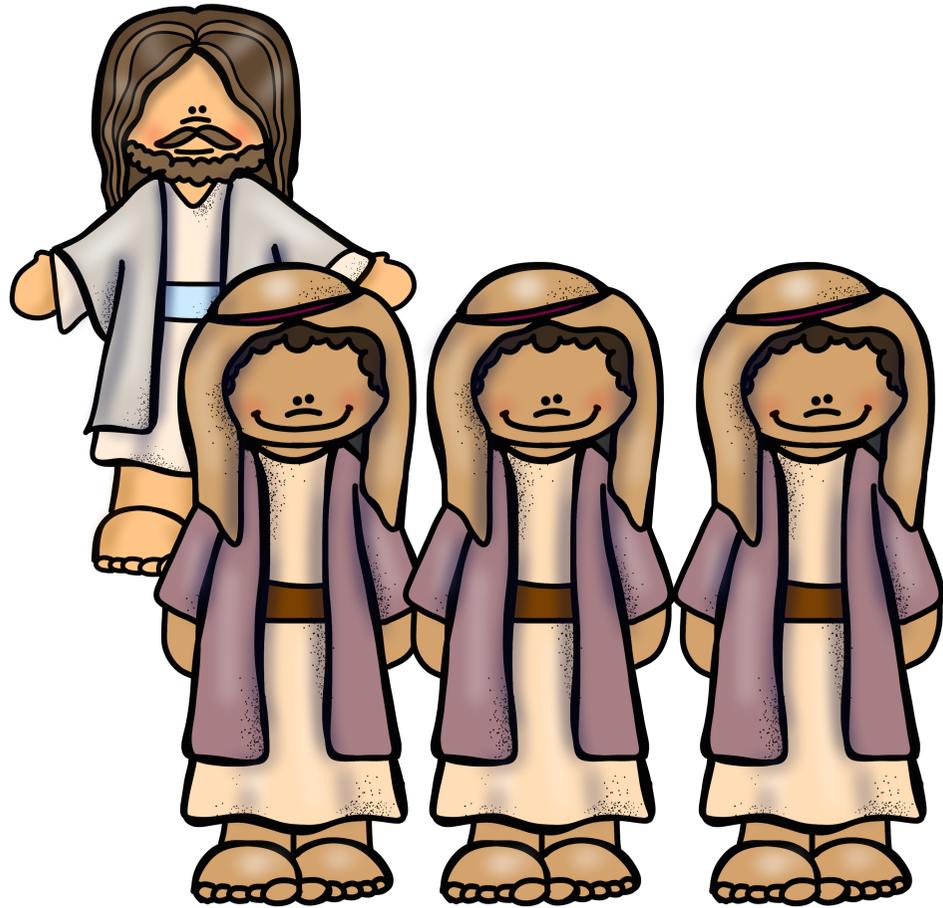
The man told her "Mary, it is me, Jesus." He told her to tell everyone she had seen him, and so she did. However, not everyone believed her.



Jesus went to visit the disciples, once he visited them when they were out fishing. He asked if they had caught anything, they had not. He told them to put the net the other side, their nets were soon full!



The men soon noticed that the man was Jesus! They came ashore and they had a meal full of fish to celebrate his return.



Jesus told them that once he had left them they would receive the power of the Holy Spirit. He wanted them to tell everyone around the World about God.



Then, Jesus was taken to Heaven. Two angels arrived to comfort his friends. They told his friends that Jesus would return one day.