

# Palm Sunday

Jesus came to Jerusalem riding on a donkey.



People laid palm branches on the road. They shouted and sang 'Praise God'.





Not everyone was happy to see Jesus. The religious leaders were angry with the way he acted and wanted to kill him.

Judas, who was one of Jesus' friends agreed to help the religious leaders for thirty silver coins.



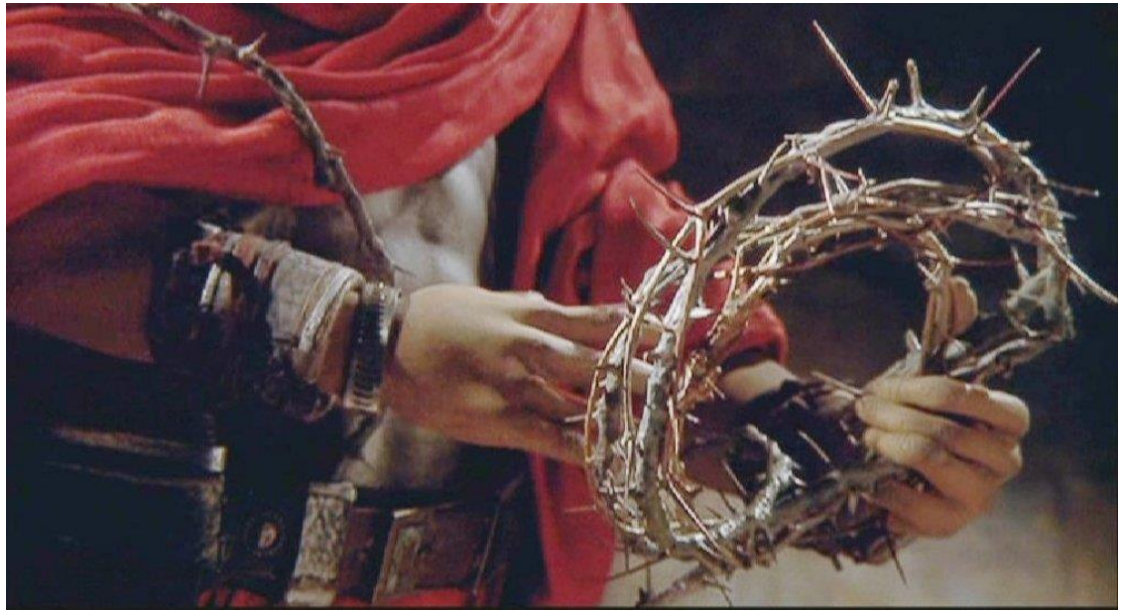


During the week that followed Jesus gathered all his friends together for a special meal. Today this is known as the **Last Supper**.



That night while Jesus was praying in a garden soldiers came, led by Judas to arrest him.

The Roman authorities ordered Jesus to be killed on a cross.



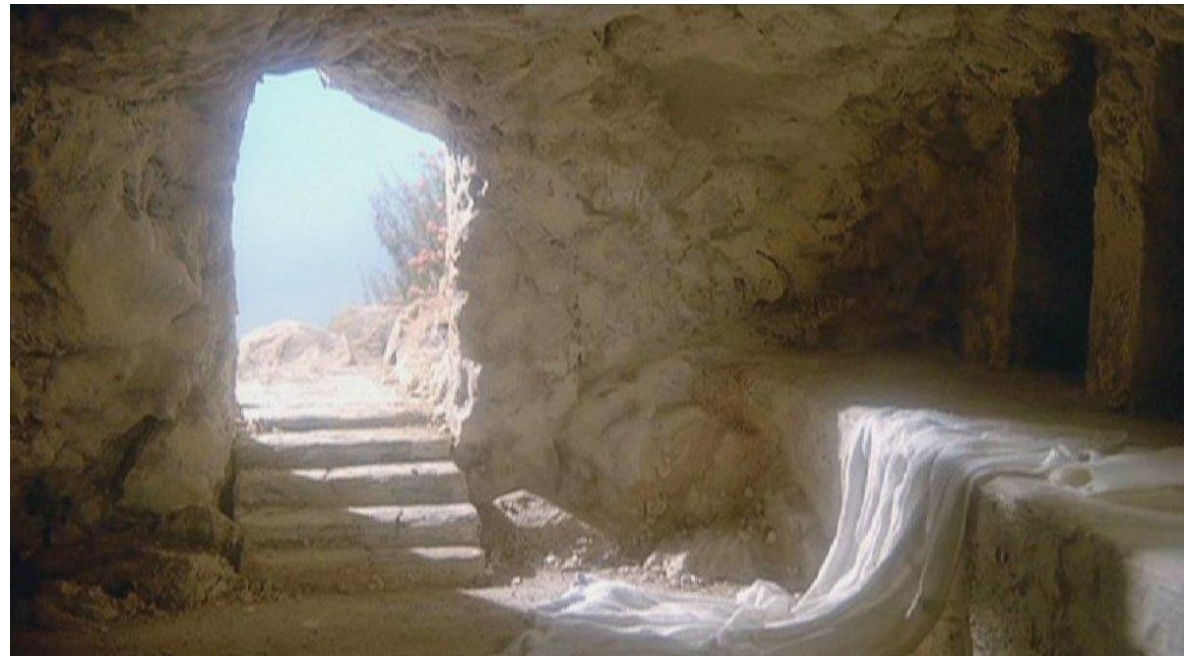


On the Friday they nailed Jesus to a cross between two thieves. Today this is known as **Good Friday**. When Jesus had died his followers buried him in a stone tomb.



Early Sunday morning Mary went to Jesus' tomb.

The big stone was rolled away. The tomb was empty, the body was gone. Mary cried.





‘Why are you crying?’ Someone asked her. Mary thought it was the gardener, but then he called her name and she realised it was Jesus. He was alive!

Three days later, on the first Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead to meet his friends again.



That was about 2000 years ago, but the friends of Jesus still follow him today and know his love in their lives.

Easter eggs are a reminder of this good news. Eggs are a symbol of hope and new life and for many they represent the stone that was rolled away from the tomb of Jesus.



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