

HAPPY EASTER

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God loves us so much that he sent his son Jesus to Earth to do something very important for us.

Jesus was going to a big city riding a donkey. Many people loved him and followed him wherever he went.



They stood along the road  
and waved palm branches

to show that they thought he would make a wonderful King.

When Jesus was near the city, he arranged to have a special meal for twelve friends he called disciples. At the meal

he served them  
bread and wine.



He told them that he wanted them to serve a meal like this often and remember him. Jesus told his disciples that he knew one of them would do something that very night that would make many sad. The friends were surprised! But Judas knew what Jesus was talking about.

After they ate, Jesus then took his special friends to the garden of Gethsemane. Jesus wanted to pray there. He prayed to his Father God that he would have the strength to do the important thing that God had planned for him to do. His friends were tired and kept falling asleep. This made Jesus feel very lonely, but he knew that his Father God was always with him.

All of a sudden Jesus and his friends heard many bad men coming carrying torches and swords. The men wanted to hurt Jesus. But how would they know which one was Jesus?

**Judas had been paid thirty pieces of silver to kiss Jesus on the cheek.**



This was the sign that Jesus was the one that they should take away. Jesus was right. Judas did a mean thing that would cause many to be sad.

The bad men wanted Jesus to die because they did not like what Jesus said to the people.



The men tied Jesus and took him to several judges.

Men made up stories about him to make the leaders angry, but the leaders could not find anything that Jesus had done wrong.

A lot of people were shouting loudly at the leader, "Crucify him. Crucify him." This meant that they wanted to

have Jesus nailed on  
a cross...



and left to die. The leader was frightened by the angry noise of the crowd and decided that he would let the soldiers do what the people wanted.

The soldiers took Jesus away and they beat him.

They put a robe around  
his shoulders

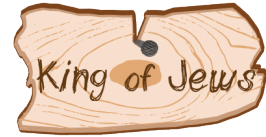


and put a crown of thorns on his head to make fun of him.



They nailed him to the cross and

put a sign over his head  
that said,  
"King of the Jews".



Jesus was not angry. He prayed for all those who were doing bad things to him.

There was lightning and the earth shook.

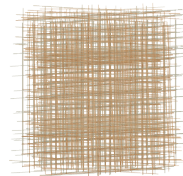


As Jesus was hanging on the cross, in the middle of the day, it got very dark.

This was Father God's plan. When Jesus died he paid for all the bad things we have done. Our sins were taken away. This was God's way to show us how much he loves us.

Some good men came and asked for Jesus' body

so they could wrap it up  
in clean cloths



and put it into a tomb.

When they were done, they  
rolled a big stone in front of  
the door of the tomb.



They made sure no one came close.

On the third day, Easter morning, the earth shook and

a very bright angel came  
to the tomb.



The angel rolled away the big stone. The soldiers were so afraid that they fell down and couldn't move.

Some women who knew Jesus came to the tomb because they were sad. When they came near they saw that the stone had been rolled away. They went closer and the angel spoke to them. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. Jesus is not here. He is alive again."

The tomb was empty.



Jesus was not dead anymore, but he was alive.

The women were happy and ran to tell Jesus' best friends.

This is why we celebrate Easter! Jesus is alive!

We are especially happy that Jesus did what God wanted him to do. This shows us that Father God and Jesus his son loved us by paying the price for the wrong things we have done.

God so loved the world that he  
gave his one and only son, that  
whoever believes in him shall not  
perish, but have eternal life.

John 3: 16

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## Third Day - "Creed"

I believe in God the Father,  
Almighty Maker of heaven and Maker of earth, And in  
Jesus Christ His only begotten Son our Lord.  
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilot  
Where he was crucified dead and buried

[Chorus:]

I believe what I believe  
Is what makes me what I am  
And I did not make it,  
No it is making me  
It is the very truth of God  
And not the invention of any man

I believe that He who suffered  
Was crucified, buried and dead.  
He descended into hell  
And on the third day He rose again  
He ascended into heaven  
Where He sits at God's mighty right hand.  
I believe that He's returning to judge  
The quick and the dead of the sons of men.

I believe it, I believe it  
I believe it...

I believe in God the Father,  
Almighty Maker of Heaven and Maker of earth And in Jesus  
Christ His Only begotten Son our Lord.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
One Holy Church  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sin  
I believe in the resurrection  
I believe in a life that never ends