

1. Jesus' Ministry

Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. And the news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding countryside. (Matthew 4:23, Luke 7:17)



2 Jesus Predicts His Death

As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside privately and told them what was going to happen to him. "Listen," he said, "we're going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die. Then they will hand him over to the Romans to be mocked, flogged with a whip, and crucified. But on the third day he will be raised from the dead." (Matthew 20:17-19)



3. The Donkey

As Jesus and the disciples approached Jerusalem, they came to the town of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of them on ahead. "Go into the village over there," he said. "As soon as you enter it, you will see a donkey tied there, with its colt beside it. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone asks what you are doing, just say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will immediately let you take them." (Matthew 21:1-3)



4. Taking the Donkey

The followers went into the town. They found a young donkey tied in the street near the door of a house, and they untied it. Some people were standing there and saw this. They asked, "What are you doing? Why are you untying that donkey?" The followers answered the way Jesus told them, and the people let them take the donkey. (Mark 11:4-6)



5. Jesus is King

The followers brought the donkey to Jesus. They put their coats on it, and Jesus sat on it. Many people spread their coats on the road for Jesus. Others cut branches in the fields and spread the branches on the road. Some of them were walking ahead of Jesus. Others were walking behind him. Everyone shouted, "Praise Him! Welcome! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Mark 11:7-9)



6. The Leaders Plot to Kill Jesus

It was now two days before Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The leading priests and the teachers of religious law were still looking for an opportunity to capture Jesus secretly and kill him. "But not during the Passover celebration," they agreed, "or the people may riot." (Mark 14:1-2)



7. Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests to arrange to betray Jesus to them. They were delighted when they heard why he had come, and they promised to give him money. So he began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus. (Mark 14:10-11)



8. Preparing the Passover

On the first day of the Passover, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to prepare the Passover meal for you?" "As you go into the city," he told them, "you will see a certain man. Tell him, 'The Teacher says: My time has come, and I will eat the Passover meal with my disciples at your house.'" So the disciples did as Jesus told them and prepared the Passover meal there. (Matthew 26:17-19)



9. Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

The time came for them to eat the Passover meal. Jesus and the apostles were together at the table. Then Jesus stood up and took off his robe. He got a towel and wrapped it around his waist. Then he poured water into a bowl and began to wash the followers' feet. He dried their feet with the towel that was wrapped around his waist. (Luke 22:14, John 13:4-5)



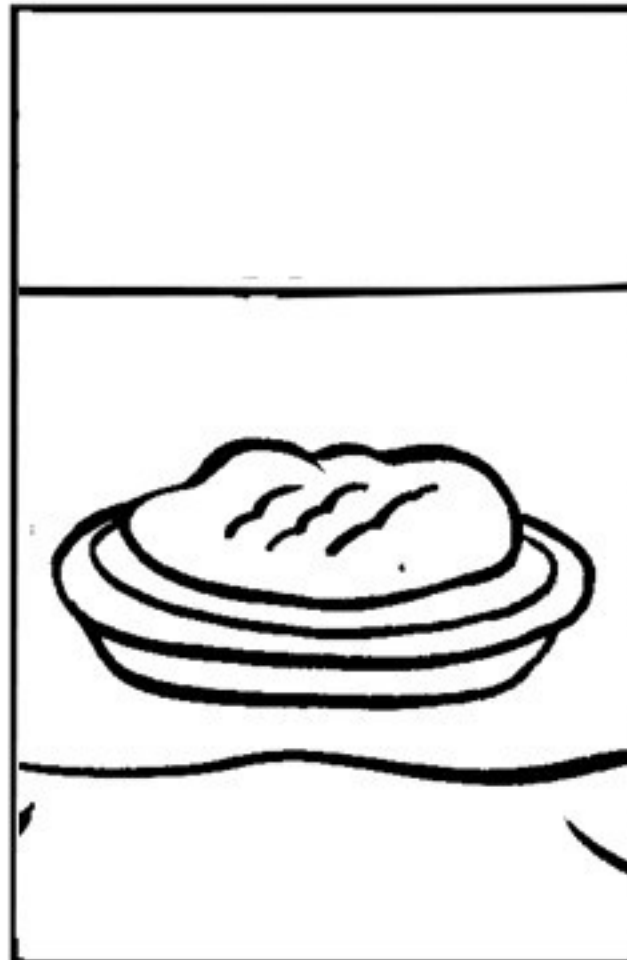
10. The Call to Love

After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. (John 13:12-15)



11. The Bread

Then Jesus took some bread and thanked God for it. He broke off some pieces, gave them to the apostles and said, "This bread is my body that I am giving for you. Eat this to remember me." (Luke 22:19)



12. The Wine

In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup of wine and said, "This wine represents the new agreement from God to his people. It will begin when my blood is poured out for you." (Luke 22:20)



13. Judas Betrays Jesus

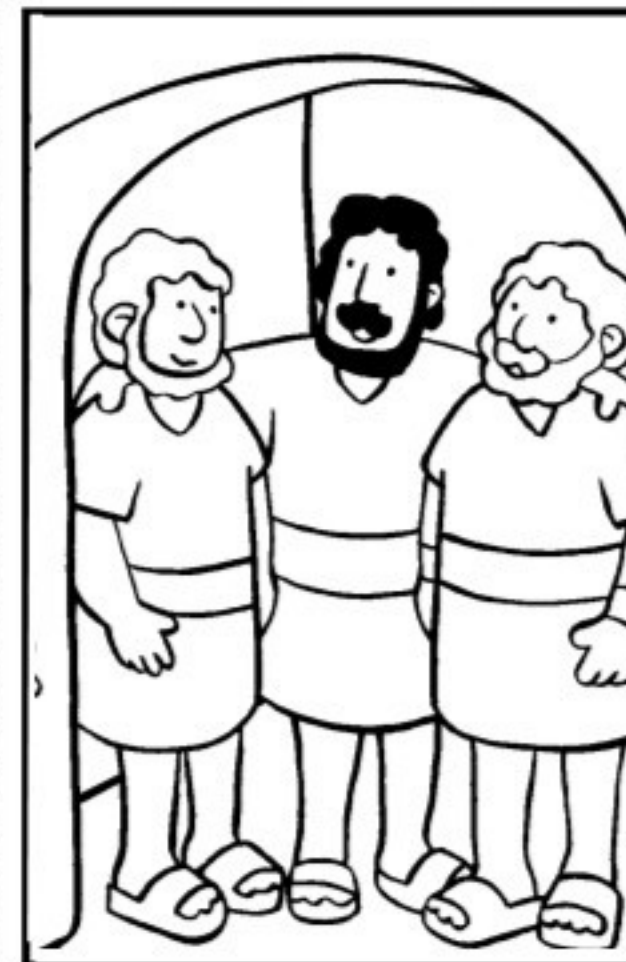
Now Jesus was deeply troubled, and he exclaimed, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me!" The disciples looked at each other, wondering whom he could mean.

Then Jesus told Judas, "Hurry and do what you're going to do." So Judas left at once, going out into the night. (John 13:21,22,25,26, 30)



14. A New Commandment

As soon as Judas left the room, Jesus said, "Dear children, I will be with you only a little longer. And as I told the Jewish leaders, you will search for me, but you can't come where I am going. So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." (John 13:31, 33-35)



15. Peter's Denial Foretold

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, I am ready to go to jail with you. I will even die with you!" But Jesus said, "Peter, before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will say you don't know me. You will say this three times." (Luke 22:33-34)



16. "Don't be Troubled"

Jesus said, "Don't be troubled. Trust in God, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house. I would not tell you this if it were not true. I am going there to prepare a place for you. After I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back. Then I will take you with me, so that you can be where I am." (John 14:1-4)



17. Jesus Prays for His Disciples

After Jesus said these things, he looked toward heaven and prayed, "Father, the time has come. You gave me some people from the world. I have shown them what you are like. They have obeyed your teaching. I am asking that you keep them safe from the Evil One. Make them ready for your service through your truth. Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth. (John 17:1,6, 15,17-19)



18. Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane

Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, "Sit here while I go over there to pray." He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." (Matthew 26:36, 39)



19. Judas leads the Soldiers to Jesus

Judas, the one responsible for handing Jesus over, knew where this place was. He knew because Jesus often met there with his followers. So Judas led a group of soldiers to the garden, along with some guards from the leading priests and the Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns, and weapons. (John 18:2-3)



20. Jesus is Arrested

The soldiers with their commander and the Jewish guards arrested Jesus. They tied him and brought him to Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas. Caiaphas was the high priest that year. (John 18:12-13)



21. The High Priest Questions Jesus

The high priest asked Jesus questions about his followers and what he taught them. Jesus answered, "I have always spoken openly to all people. I always taught in the synagogues and in the Temple area. All the Jews come together there. I never said anything in secret. So why do you question me? Ask the people who heard my teaching. They know what I said." (John 18:19-21)



22. Peter Denies Jesus

Meanwhile, Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant girl came over and said to him, "You were one of those with Jesus." But Peter denied it. Later, another servant girl said to those standing around, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again Peter denied it. A little later some of the other bystanders came over to Peter and said, "You must be one of them." Peter swore, "I don't know the man!" And immediately the rooster crowed.

Suddenly, Jesus' words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me." And he went away, weeping bitterly. (Matthew 26:69-75)



23. Jesus is Sent to Pilate

Then the guards took Jesus from Caiaphas' house to the Roman governor's palace. Pilate went outside to them and asked, "What do you say this man has done wrong?" They answered, "He is a bad man. That is why we brought him to you." (John 18:28-30)



24. Pilate Questions Jesus

Pilate went back inside the palace. He called for Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus said, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If it did, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jewish leaders. No, my kingdom is not an earthly one."

Pilate said, "So you are a king." Jesus answered, "You are right to say that I am a king. I was born for this: to tell people about the truth. That is why I came into the world. And everyone who belongs to the truth listens to me." (John 18:32-37)



25. "Set Barabbas Free! "

Pilate went out to the Jewish leaders again and said to them, "I can find nothing against this man. But it is one of your customs for me to free one prisoner to you at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to free this 'king of the Jews'?"

They shouted back, "No, not him! Let Barabbas go free!" (Barabbas was a rebel.) (John 18:38-40)



26. "Kill him on a cross!"

Pilate asked, "So what should I do with Jesus, the one called the Messiah?"

All the people said, "Kill him on a cross!"

Then Pilate set Barabbas free. And he told some soldiers to beat Jesus with whips. Then he handed him over to the soldiers to be killed on a cross. (Matthew 27:22,26)



27. Jesus is Led Away

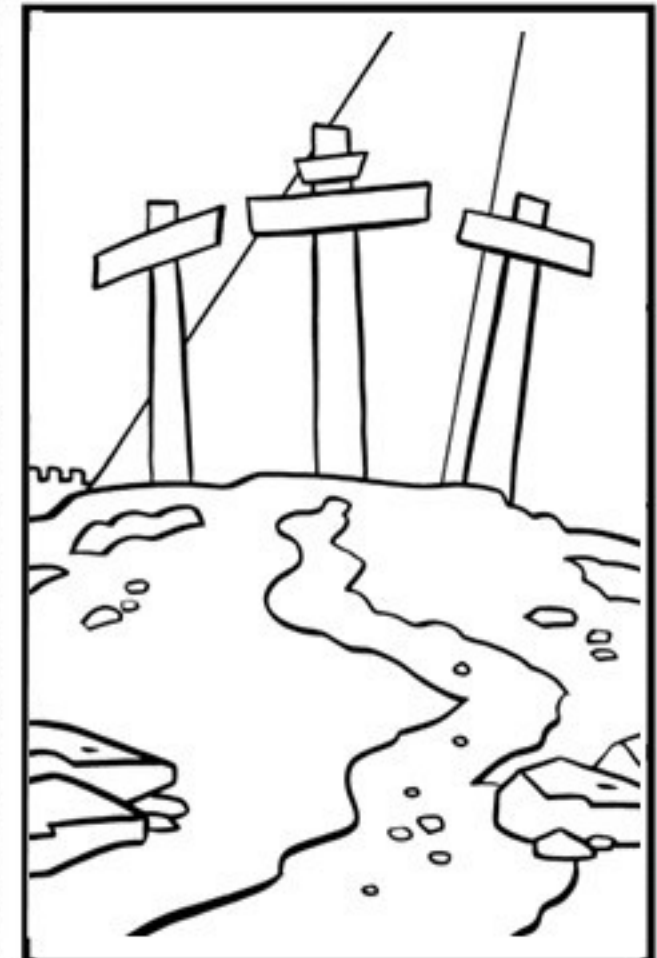
The soldiers led Jesus away. A large crowd followed Jesus. Some of the women were sad and crying. They felt sorry for him. (Luke 23:26-27)



28. Jesus is Crucified

There were also two criminals led out with Jesus to be killed. They were led to a place called "The Skull." There the soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross. They also nailed the criminals to crosses beside Jesus—one on the right and the other on the left.

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they are doing." (Luke 23:32-34)

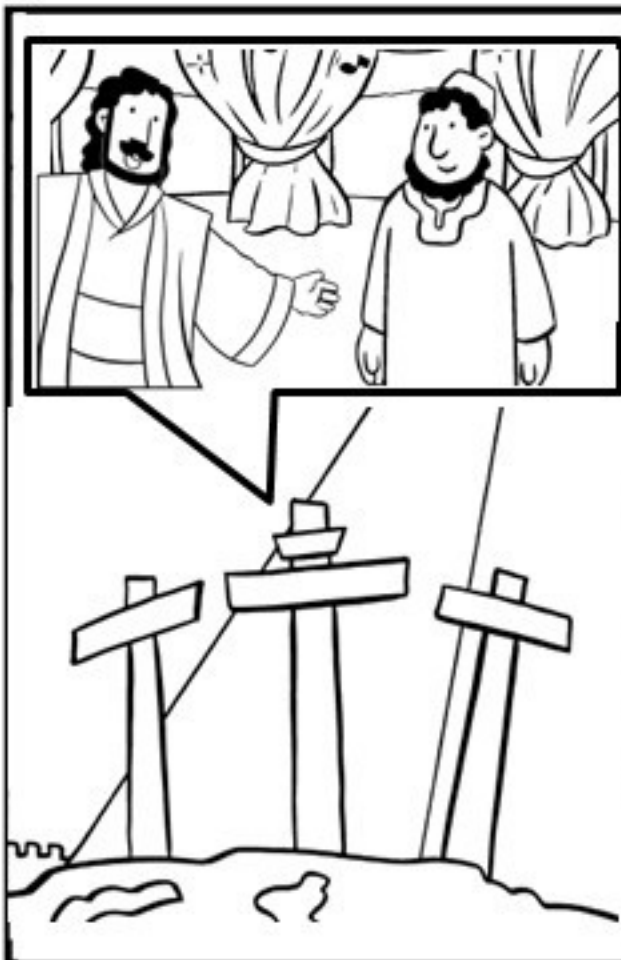


29. Jesus Saves a Criminal

One of the criminals hanging there began to shout insults at Jesus: "Aren't you the Messiah? Then save yourself, and save us too!"

But the other criminal stopped him. He said, "You should fear God. You and I are guilty. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

Jesus said to him, "I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:39-43)



30. Jesus Dies

It was about noon, but it turned dark throughout the land until three o'clock in the afternoon, because the sun stopped shining. The curtain in the Temple was torn into two pieces. Jesus shouted, "Father, I put my life in your hands!" After Jesus said this, he died. (Luke 23:44-46)



31. The Earthquake

When Jesus died, the earth shook and rocks were broken. The army officer and the soldiers guarding Jesus saw this earthquake and everything that happened. They were very afraid and said, "He really was the Son of God!" (Matthew 27:51, 53-54)



32. Joseph Asks for Jesus' Body

That evening a rich man named Joseph came to Jerusalem. He was a follower of Jesus from the town of Arimathea. He went to Pilate and asked to have Jesus' body. Pilate gave orders for the soldiers to give Jesus' body to him. (Matthew 27:57-58)



33. Jesus is Buried

Then Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a new linen cloth.

He put Jesus' body in a new tomb that he had dug in a wall of rock. Then he closed the tomb by rolling a very large stone to cover the entrance. After he did this, he went away. (Matthew 27:59-60)



34. Soldiers Come to the Tomb

The next day, on the Sabbath, the leading priests and Pharisees went to see Pilate. They told him, "Sir, we remember that [Jesus] once said while he was still alive: 'After three days I will rise from the dead.' So we request that you seal the tomb until the third day. This will prevent his disciples from stealing his body and then telling everyone he was raised from the dead!

Pilate replied, "Take guards and secure it the best you can." So they sealed the tomb and posted guards to protect it. (Matthew 27:62-66)



35. An Angel Appears

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, there was a great earthquake! An angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. (Matthew 28:1-2)



36. He is Risen!

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb.

Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead!" (Matthew 28:1,5-6)



37. The Women Share the Good News

The women left the tomb and went to the eleven apostles and the other followers. They told them everything that happened at the tomb. But the apostles did not believe what they said. It sounded like nonsense. (Luke 24:9,11)



38. Jesus Appears to His Disciples

That same evening the followers were together. They had the doors locked because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them. He said, "Peace be with you!" As soon as he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the followers saw the Lord, they were very happy. (John 20:19-20)



39. Jesus Talks with the Disciples

Then Jesus helped the followers understand these Scriptures about him. Jesus said to them, "It is written that the Messiah would be killed and rise from death on the third day. You saw these things happen—you are witnesses. You must go and tell this message in my name to the people of all nations. (Luke 24:45-48)



40. Eternal Life

God—the one who made all things and for whose glory all things exist—wanted many people to be his children and share his glory. So he did what he needed to do.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him would not be lost but have eternal life. (Hebrews 2:10, John 3:16)

