

Easter Story Cards



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Happy Easter from Brighter Day Press

These Easter story cards give a simple, visual account of the Easter story as it happened during Holy Week, beginning on Palm Sunday and ending on Easter Sunday.

Here are a few ideas for how to use these cards:

- Use the cards to guide your family devotion time each morning or evening during Holy Week.
- Create a garland of cards that builds during Holy Week by adding a card each day. String the cards using twine and clothespins, or tape to a door or window.
- Prepare a special meal or dessert to celebrate Easter, and use the cards to review the events from Holy Week.
- Play hide and seek. Hide the cards around the house, then when they are found, help your children arrange the cards in the correct order and talk about the Easter story together.

I pray these Easter story cards will help you to impress these deep truths on your children's hearts, and help to open their eyes to the gospel.

He is risen!

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Palm Sunday



Triumphal entry

**Zechariah 9:9,
Luke 19:28-40**

On Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey to symbolize that he was a humble king, unlike the kings of this world. The people waved palm branches to welcome him into the city.

Some thought Jesus was the Messiah because he healed the sick and raised the dead. Others thought the Messiah would wage war against the Romans. But Jesus didn't come to wage war; he came to save his people. His mission was clear, and he knew that he would soon lay down his life for them.

Monday



Cleansing of the temple

Matthew 21:12-17,

John 2:13-22

On Monday, Jesus was filled with righteous anger when he saw people doing business in the temple instead of worshiping God, so he drove them out. The temple was to be set apart as a place of prayer for all nations, and these money changers were hindering this from happening.

The Jewish leaders were not impressed by Jesus' display of power and began plotting to get rid of him.

Tuesday



Teaching

Luke 20:20-26

On Tuesday, Jesus returned to the temple to continue teaching. The Jewish leaders tried to stump him by asking him trick questions, but they did not succeed. They were angered at Jesus' bold authority and growing popularity, so they continued plotting to get rid of him.

What they didn't know was that Jesus would willingly lay down his life for a world of sinners just like them.

Wednesday



Anointing

**Mark 14:1-11,
Matthew 26:14-16**

On Wednesday in the town of Bethany, Jesus' friend Mary anointed him with a very costly oil. To those watching, it seemed wasteful. But Jesus revealed that she was anointing him for his burial and commended her for this beautiful act.

This did not sit well with Judas, the disciple who would betray Jesus. He went straight to the Jewish leaders and offered to deliver Jesus into their hands in exchange for money.

Maundy Thursday



Last Supper

Luke 22:7-65

On Thursday, Jesus washed his disciples' feet and celebrated the Passover meal with them. He told them that his body was the true bread, broken so they might be healed. His blood was the true wine, spilled out for the forgiveness of their sins.

He later entered the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. There he was betrayed by Judas, arrested by Roman soldiers, and abandoned by his disciples. Even his trusted friend Peter denied him three times, just as Jesus had predicted.

Good Friday



Crucifixion

Luke 23:1-54

On Good Friday, Jesus was subjected to a mock trial and given a death sentence. After he was severely beaten, Jesus was nailed to a Roman cross between two criminals. He hung there on the cross, taunted by the crowd, for six hours before he breathed his last. Once Jesus died, he was quickly buried in a borrowed tomb before the Sabbath began.

Saturday



Burial

**Matthew 27:62-66,
Luke 23:55-56**

After Jesus' death, Scripture is nearly silent. Because Saturday was the Sabbath, Jesus' followers had to wait until Sunday to properly prepare his body for burial.

As they waited, many in Jerusalem lost hope. How could the Messiah die? Wasn't he supposed to deliver them? How could this be the end? Or was it?

Easter Sunday



Resurrection

Luke 24

On Easter morning, some women went to Jesus' tomb to anoint his body for burial, but discovered that Jesus wasn't there. Instead, two angels appeared to them and announced that Jesus was alive! Shocked and filled with joy, they hurried to tell the other disciples. Later that day, Jesus himself appeared to his eleven disciples and proved that it was really him.

Because of Jesus' resurrection, death itself has been defeated. He is risen indeed, and that changes everything! Hallelujah!