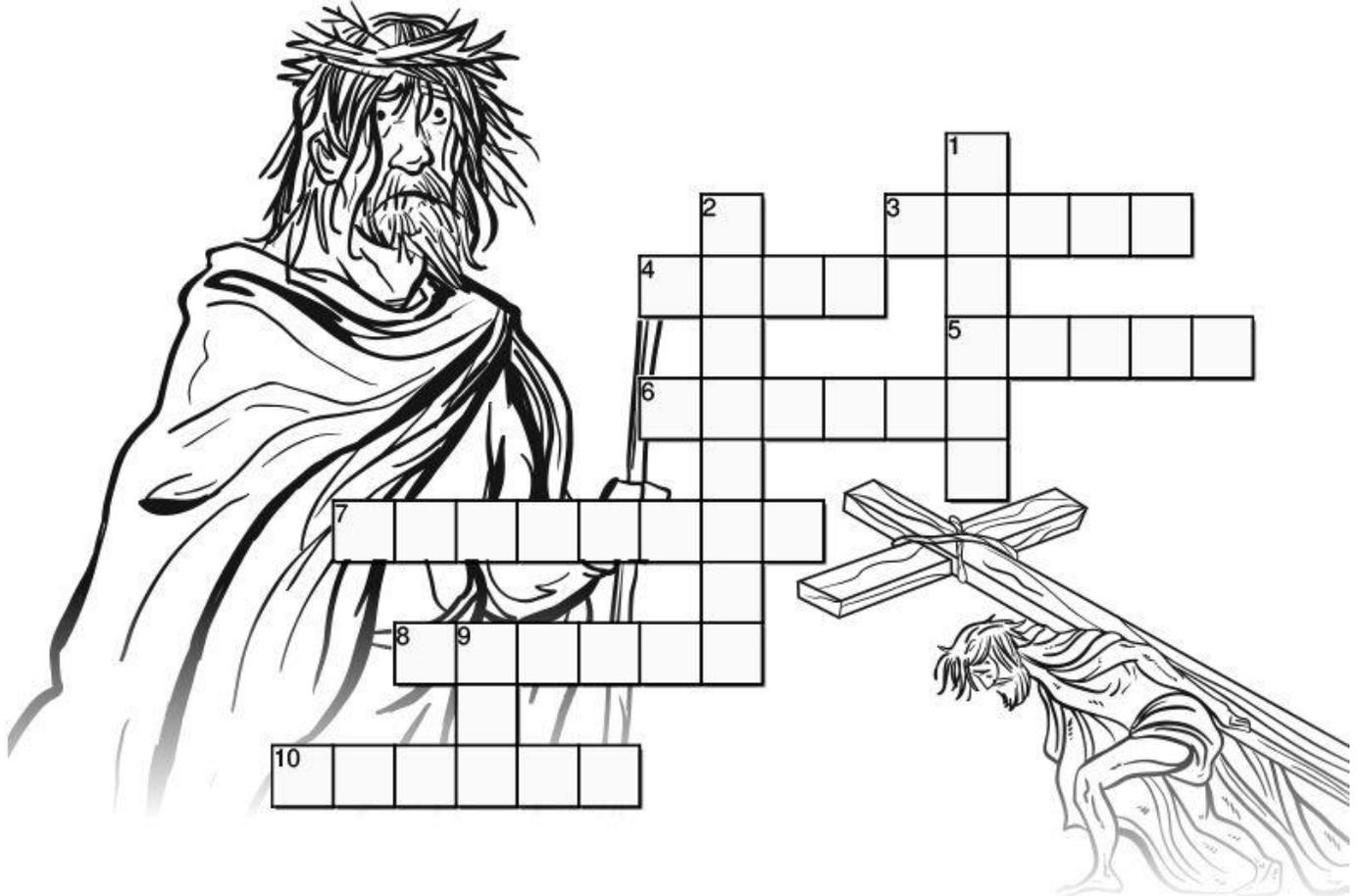


# THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

**Matthew 26:1-27:55,  
Mark 14:22-15:40;  
Luke 22:1-23:56; John 18:1-19:37**



## Across

- The disciple who betrayed Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus died for the \_\_\_\_\_ of everyone in the world
- Who denied knowing Jesus?
- What was the Roman leader's name?
- Jesus was crucified on a hill called \_\_\_\_\_, which means 'Hill of the Skull.'
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the injured soldier.
- Jesus told his disciples that one of them would \_\_\_\_\_ him.

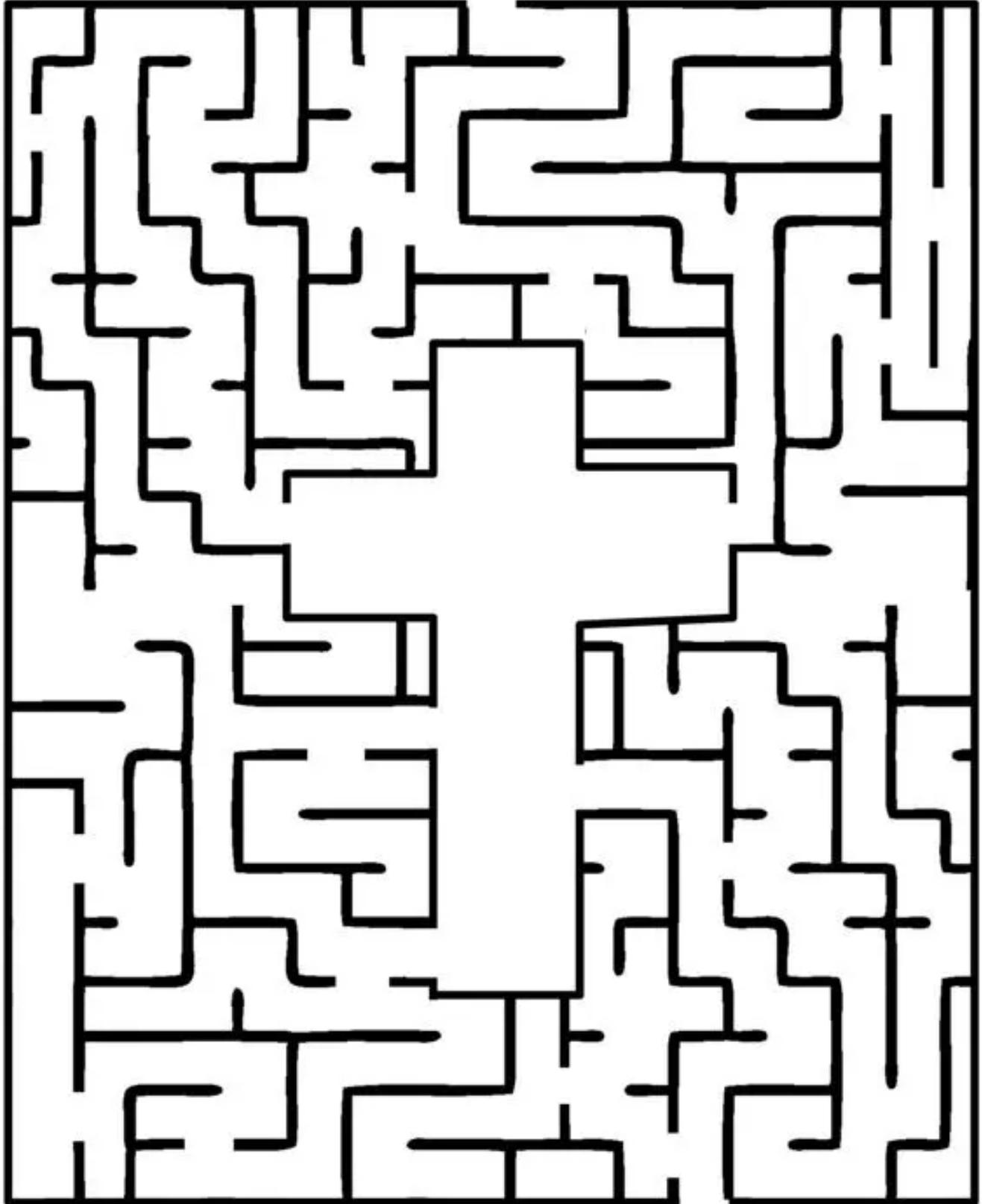
## Down

- During the festival of Passover, Jesus and his disciples had their last \_\_\_\_\_ together.
- Jesus's last words were 'It is \_\_\_\_\_.'
- When Peter was trying to protect Jesus from the soldiers he cut off the \_\_\_\_\_ of one soldier.



# Cross Maze Activity Page

Finish



Start

## Crown of Thorns Maze

Use a crayon or pencil to find your way through the crown of thorns.



# He is Risen!

Y P X W J Y N S I O T S O L K  
Y H G L O E U R V U Y D R U S  
Y E F N S N S T J A J C M T E  
X A T I D Z S A K N N A H O R  
Z S R A I L O P E C R G N M S  
A T Y E L O R J Y Y Q X E B A  
Y E Q W J I C K U A S A D L C  
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F A I T H U F C F D I O R H G  
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Q X Z X B H B B L S K R Y N I  
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Angels

Cross

Easter

Faith

Judas

Mary

Passover

Pilate

Risen

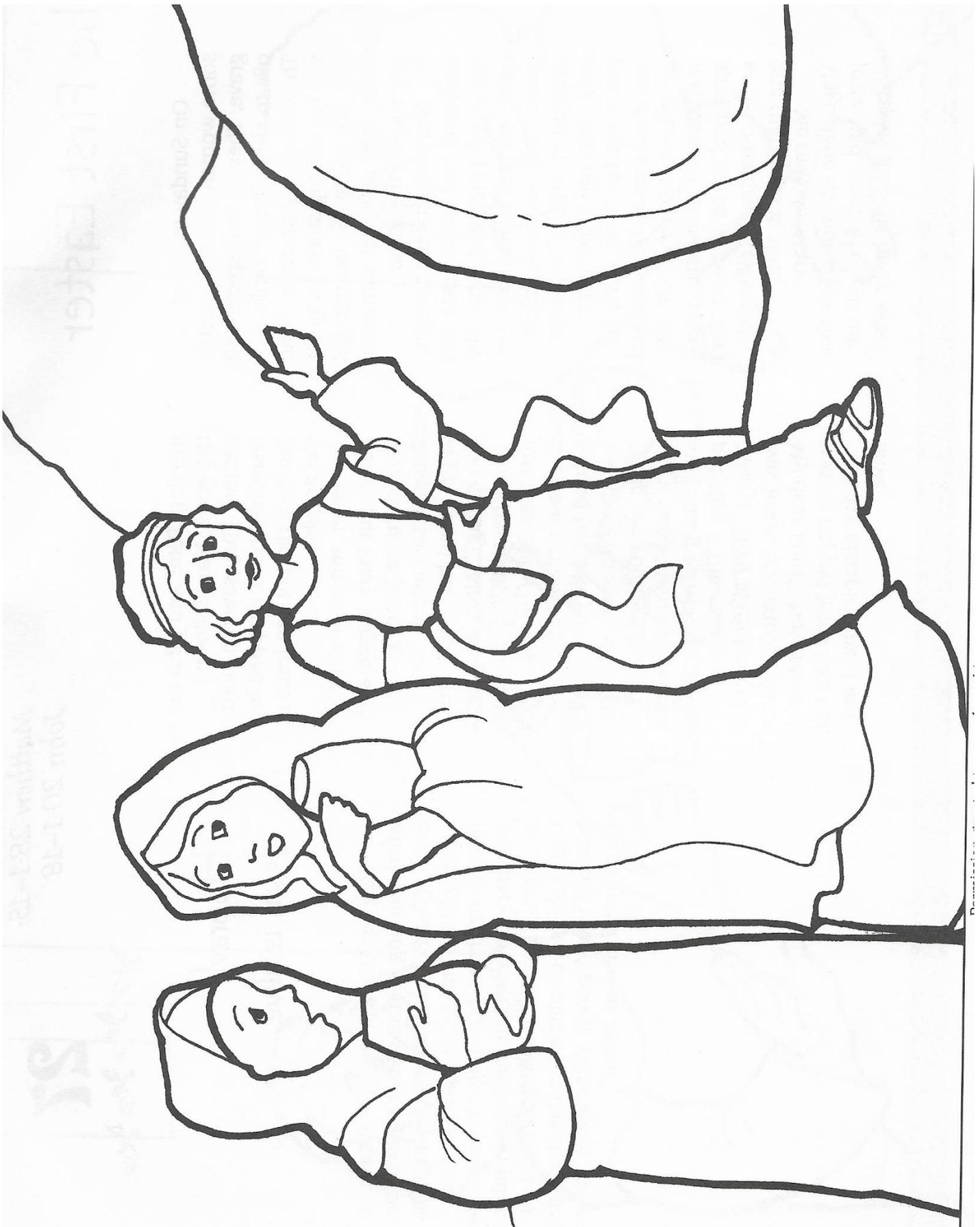
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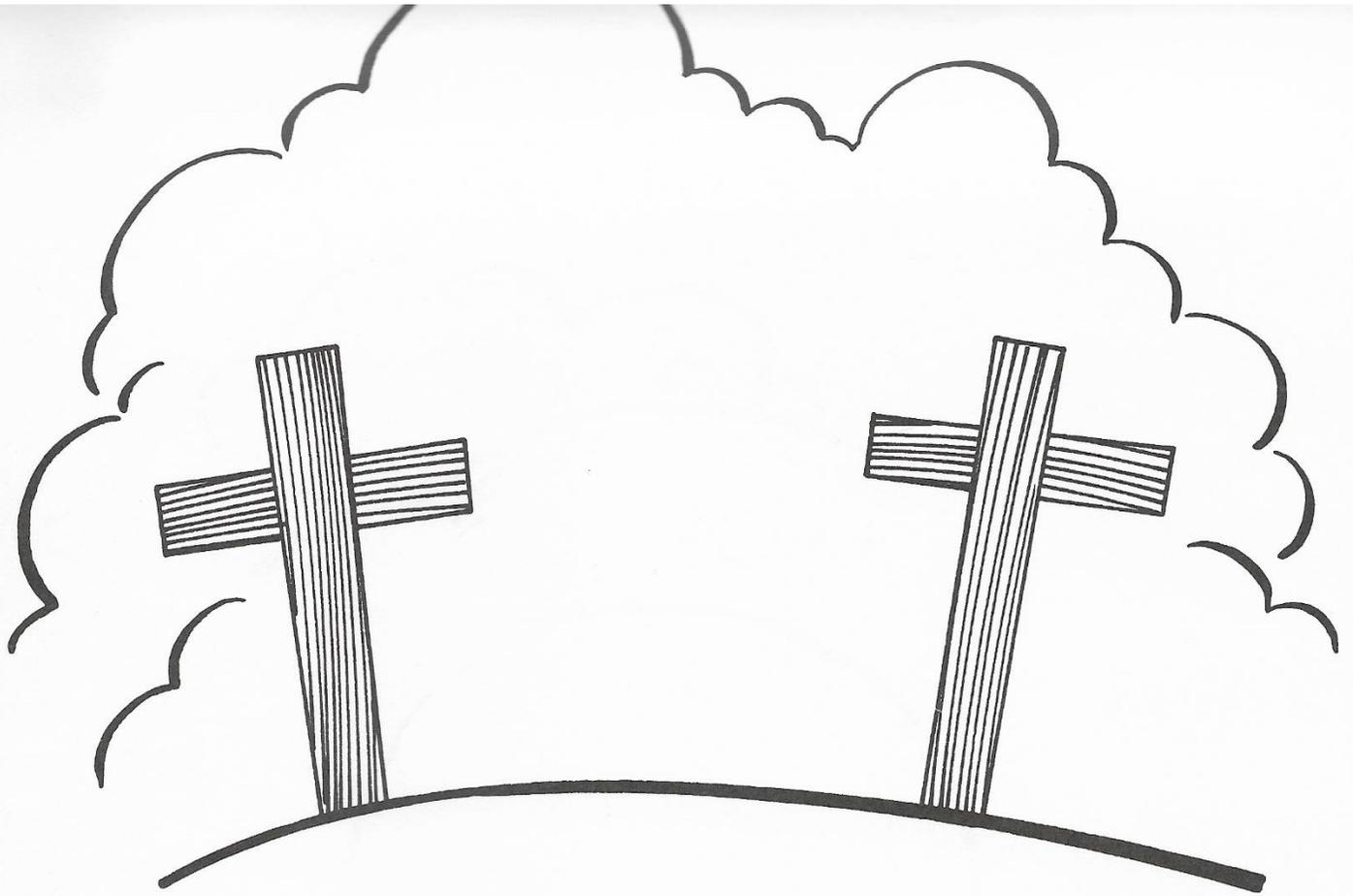
Sunday

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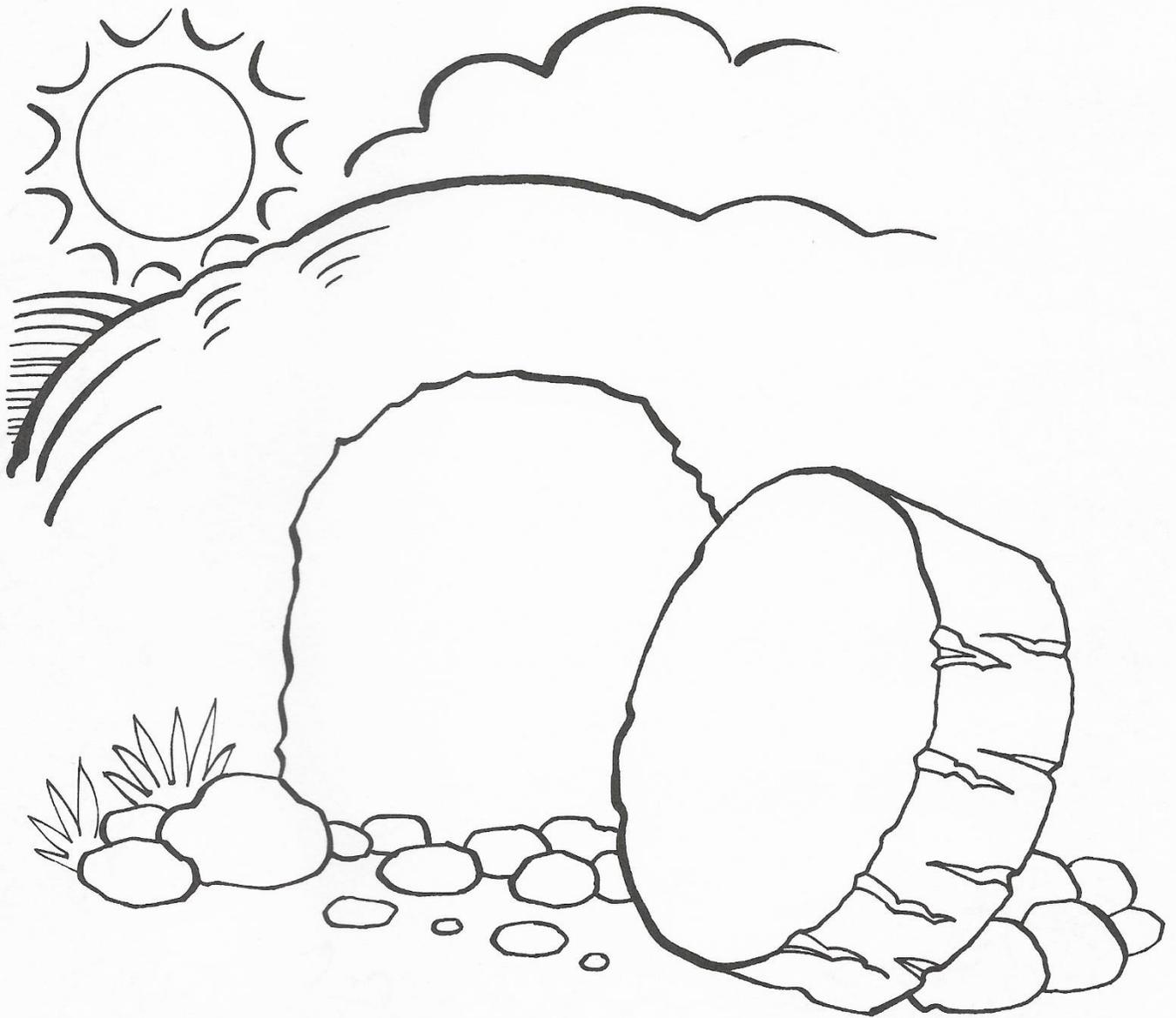








**Jesus** was crucified on a cross between two criminals.  
Draw the cross for Jesus in the middle.



**Jesus** did not stay dead. He rose again on Easter.  
There was an earthquake and the stone was rolled away.  
Friends of Jesus saw an angel. Draw the angel by the tomb.

# Searching for Jesus' Crucifixion Words

E Q K C Q M Y Z R F H U L O L H R N O L  
 U F O Q F Z T D O H V K R S I M O N T G  
 N Y F C H H G E O C J I S O S R A T E I  
 K Q T O M B H E O Q B N L P I G W Q O U  
 L X D A R K N E S S K G T E S H G N I I  
 L T H R K X C A C J P O O E R R M Y L F  
 S R U R Z J B P H S I A H R Y F J Q I D  
 R N A O N A I L S C I O R E U A R S J I  
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 S M U T D C R I M I N A L S K G E C T L  
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Earthquake

Criminals

Paradise

Darkness

Forgive

Father

Joseph

Thorns

Rulers

Cross

Suffer

Simon

Death

Nails

Blood

Mary

Tomb

King

# CAN YOU GUESS WHO I AM?

Draw a line from the clue to the person it describes.



Mary Magdalene

I was crying, but then I heard Jesus say my name and saw Him standing in front of me!



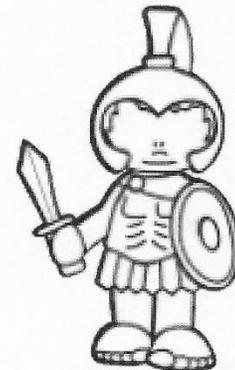
Simon Peter

I was guarding Jesus' tomb. When I saw the angel, I got very scared.



Angel

Jesus asked me if I loved Him three times - and I said "Yes".

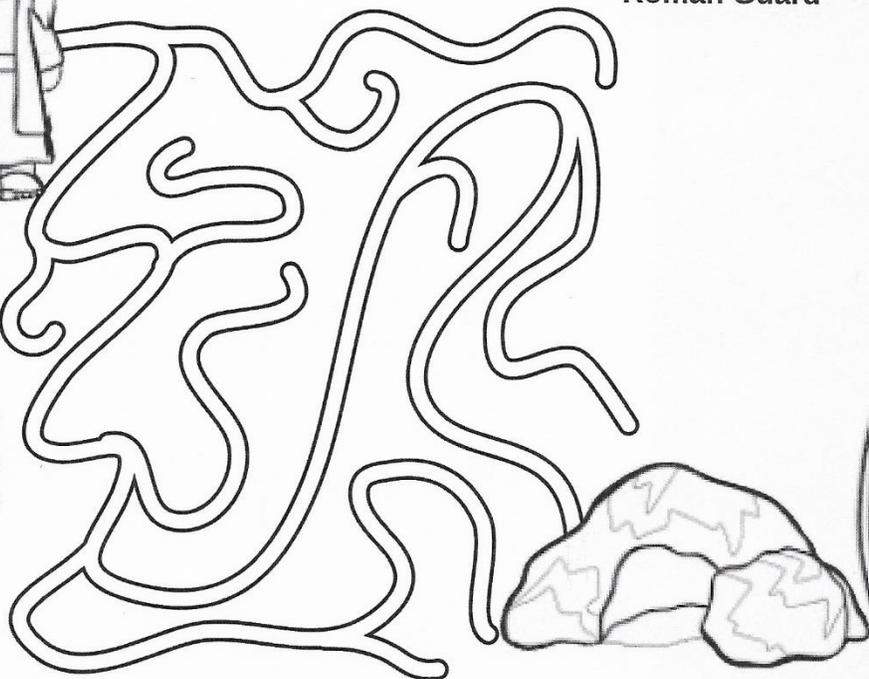


Roman Guard

I told the women, "Do not be afraid; Jesus has risen from the dead!"



Can you help the disciples and the women get to the empty tomb?





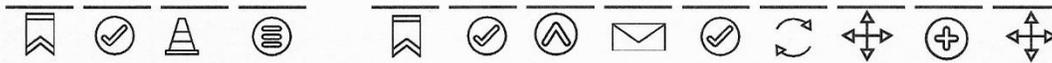
# JESUS' RESURRECTION

Use the clues and the secret code below to figure out the answers to the questions. Then, see if you can find each of the words that you wrote in the word search.

I was told to watch the tomb containing Jesus' body. I thought it would be easy, until I felt the earth quake and saw an angel. Later, I was paid a lot of money to lie and say that Jesus' disciples had stolen His body while I slept. (Matthew 28:2-4 & 11-15)



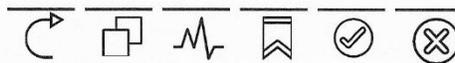
I was crying because I thought someone had moved Jesus' body, but then I heard Jesus say my name and saw Him standing before me! (John 20:1, 11-16)



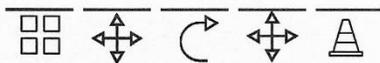
I spoke to some women and told them, "Do not be afraid; Jesus has risen from the dead!" (Matthew 28:5-6)



I said I would not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until I could see and touch the nail prints in His hands and the place where the sword had pierced His side. (John 20:24-29)



Jesus asked me if I loved Him three times. In this way, He helped me to know that I was forgiven for denying that I knew Him three times before His death. (John 21:15-17)



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R	S	T	U	Y

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H	E	D	U	L	A	H	A	O

Pilate

Mary Magdalene

JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA

Nicodemus

Roman Centurion

# CAN YOU GUESS WHO I AM?

## People of the Resurrection

How much do you know about the people who saw Jesus die and rise again? See if you can answer the questions below. (Need some help? The answers are in the frame!)

It was my job to crucify people for the Roman government. But, when I saw Jesus die, I was very frightened. Jesus is, truly, the Son of God! (Matthew 27:54)

\_\_\_\_\_

I was an insurrectionist and a murderer. I should have died on the cross, but I was set free and Jesus was crucified. (Luke 23:17-19 & 25)

\_\_\_\_\_

I watched Jesus die from a nearby cross - and came to believe in Him while He died. I was forgiven of my sins and got to see Jesus in paradise a short time later. (Luke 23:39-43)

\_\_\_\_\_

At least two other women who shared my name were with me at the foot of the cross. (John 19:25)

\_\_\_\_\_

I was surprised when people told me that Jesus had already died. It happened faster than normal, which led me to ask for a second opinion, just to make sure that He was really dead. (Mark 15:44-45)

\_\_\_\_\_

I was a rich man and a prominent member of the Council. I believed in Jesus, but I was too scared to tell anyone. After Jesus died, God gave me the courage to ask Pilate for Jesus' body and bury Him. (John 19:38)

\_\_\_\_\_

I was also too scared to admit that I believed in Jesus while He was alive. Jesus had told me that He would be "lifted up" so that whoever believed in Him would have eternal life. After Jesus died, I courageously identified myself as His follower and brought the myrrh and aloes to bury Jesus with. (John 3:1-21 & 19:39)

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A CRIMINAL (OR MALEFACTOR)

ROMAN GUARD

BARABBAS

CLEOPAS

Simon Peter

(Your Name)

CHIEF PRIESTS AND PHARISEES

Mary

THOMAS

Angel

Nicodemus

Pilate

Mary Magdalene

JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA

Roman Centurion

I was appointed to guard a tomb containing a dead body. I thought it would be easy, until I felt the earth quake and saw an angel who looked like lightening coming towards me. Later, I was paid a lot of money to lie and say that Jesus' disciples had stolen the body while I slept.  
(Matthew 28:2-4 & 11-15)

BARABBAS

I was one of the first people to see the stone rolled away from the tomb. I thought someone had stolen Jesus' body, until I heard Jesus say my name and saw Him standing before me!  
(John 20:1, 11-16)

CLEOPAS

We asked Pilate for a Roman guard to keep Jesus' disciples from stealing His body - but Jesus' body still ended up missing! We later had to pay the Roman guards a lot of money to tell a lie. (Matthew 27:62-66 & Matthew 28:11-15)

A CRIMINAL (OR MALEFACTOR)

I spoke to some women and told them, "Do not be afraid; You are looking for Jesus Who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. (Matthew 28:5-6)

Simon Peter

I saw Jesus as I was walking to Emmaus. He talked to me and explained the Scriptures to me about why the Messiah needed to die, but I didn't recognize Him until we sat down to eat.  
(Luke 24:17-18, 28-35)

ROMAN GUARD

I said I would not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until I could see and touch the nail prints in His hands and the place where the sword had pierced His side. My Lord and my God, Jesus Christ, showed them to me! (John 20:24-29)

(Your Name)

Jesus asked me if I loved Him three times after He rose from the dead. In this way, He helped me to know that I was forgiven for denying that I knew Him three times before His death.  
(John 21:15-17)

Jesus said that I am blessed if I believe, even though I have not actually seen Him with my eyes.  
(John 20:29)

CHIEF PRIESTS AND PHARISEES

Mary

THOMAS

Angel

# Jesus Dies and Rises

## Matthew 27:11–28:10

Jesus fed and taught people. He protected and healed people. But most of all, He came to earth to suffer punishment for our sins and to provide forgiveness for the whole world.

God sent Jesus to die for us. He was accused, laughed at, beaten, and put on a cross to bear our sin. In a tomb, He lay dead for three days.

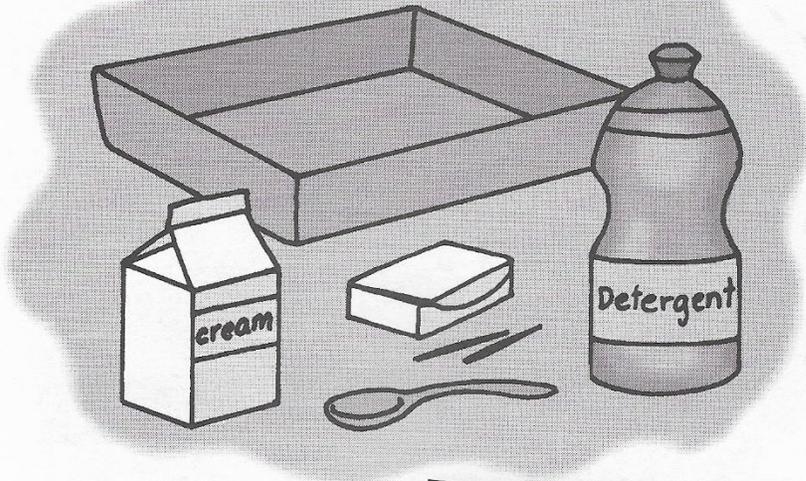
On the third day, early in the morning, caring women came to His grave. They were sad, for Jesus was dear to them.

An angel greeted them: "He is not here! He is alive!"

Jesus had promised that He would rise from the grave. And He did! Truly, He is the Son of God!

## What We Can Learn

God the Son humbled Himself and came to earth to live a holy and perfect life, to bear the weight of all the sin of all the world for all time, and to die under that weight. God's glory is revealed on the cross. This is how He brings forgiveness and salvation to the world. God the Son comes to earth today in the means of grace—His Holy Word and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. On our own, we cannot reach God. But He comes to us and gives us the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life with Him.



## Swirling Mist

Two women came to Jesus' tomb early in the morning, only to find that He had risen from the dead. Let's make a swirling morning "mist."



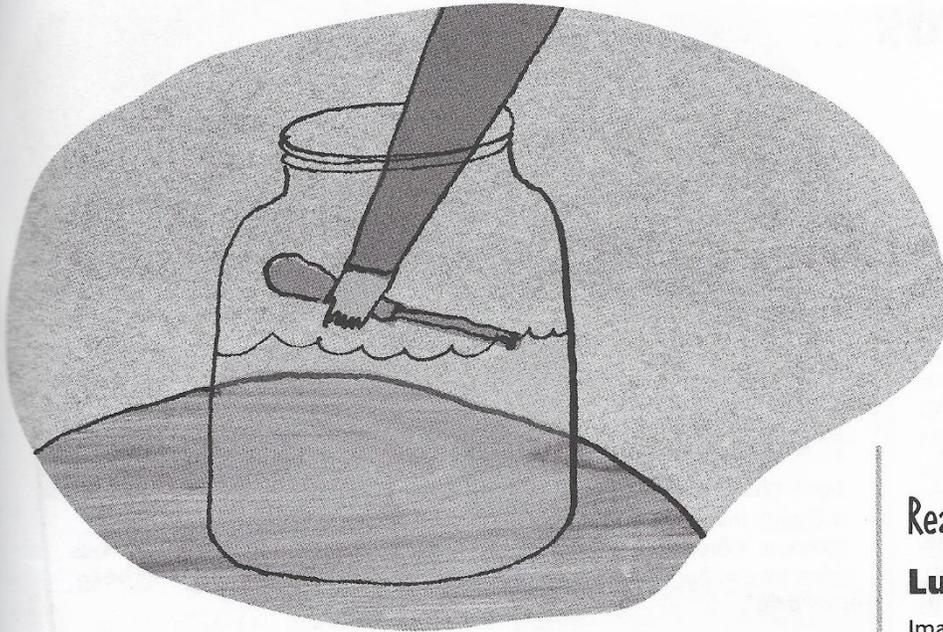
## What You Do

- Pour the cream into the dish. Let it settle. (Milk will work, but cream adds zing.)
- Squeeze drops of a few different food colors into the cream.
- Squeeze a little dish detergent into a spoon. Dip a toothpick in it and then dip the toothpick into the middle of the dish of cream. Watch closely. What happens?

## What's Happening

The food coloring forms solid drops in the cream because the fat in the cream prevents the water-soluble coloring from mixing in. But dish detergent breaks up the fat and loosens the cohesive force between milk molecules, allowing the coloring to swirl around in it. You can keep the swirling motion going by dipping a detergent-coated toothpick into the solid streaks of color that form.

# A Thief Believes



## Floating Drop

*Suspended between life and death on a cross, one thief believed in Jesus. We can make drops of oil look suspended in midair.*

## Do It

1. Fill the glass half-full with water.
2. Tilt the glass slightly, and slowly pour in rubbing alcohol so it runs down the inside of the glass. Keep pouring until the glass is almost full and then carefully set the glass on a tabletop or counter.
3. Fill a medicine dropper with oil and lower the tip into the layer of rubbing alcohol. Squeeze out some drops. Where do they end up?

## Understand It

Rubbing alcohol is slightly less dense than water, so it remains on top of the water if added carefully. (The two liquids will mix if shaken.) Oil is less dense than water but more dense than rubbing alcohol, so the oil drops remain suspended between the two liquids.

## Get It

Clear drinking glass

Water

Rubbing alcohol

Cooking oil

Medicine dropper

## Read It

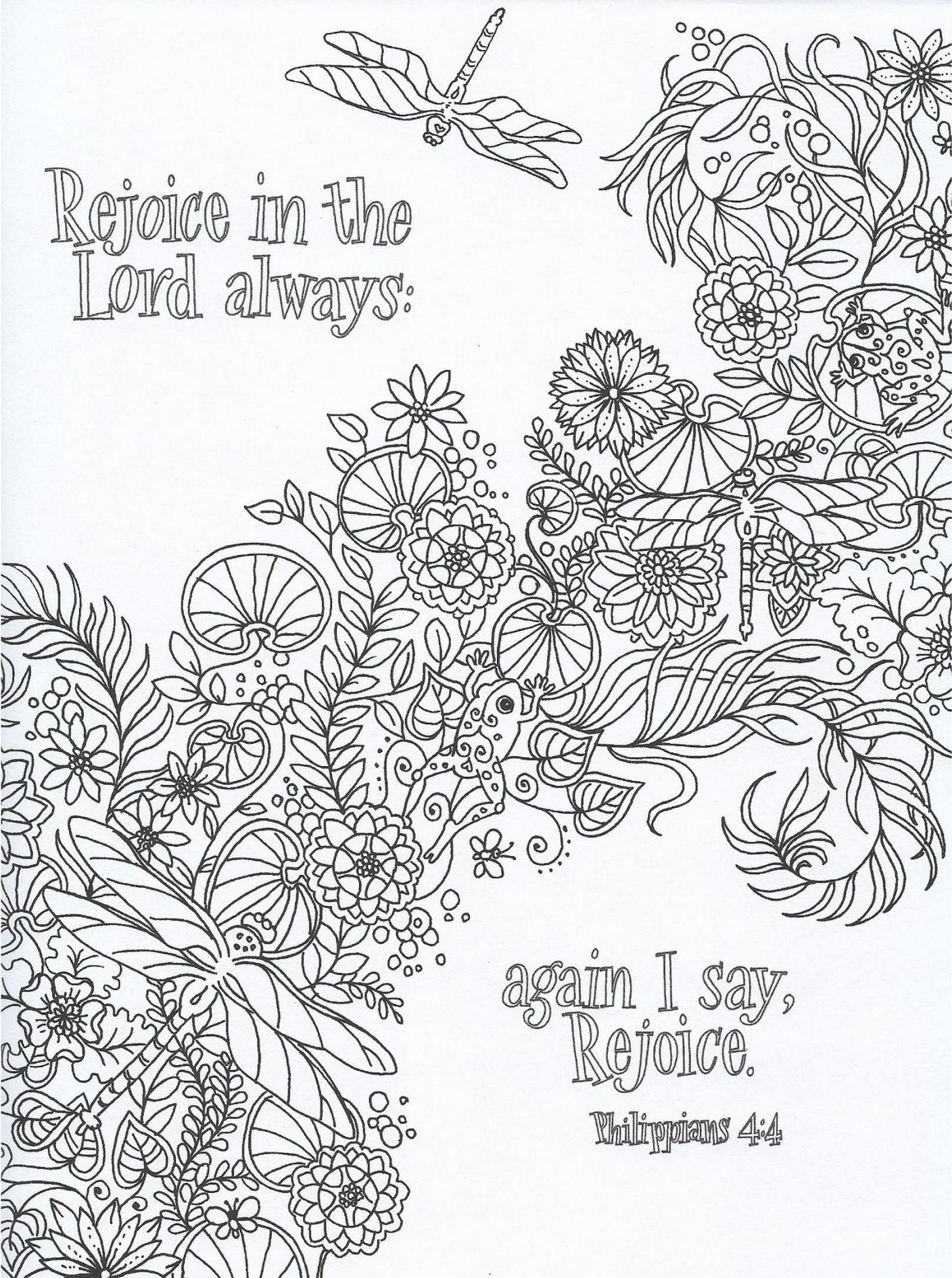
### Luke 23:32–43

Imagine being so hard-hearted that even as your life slipped away, you mocked God. Yet that's what one thief did as he died on a cross next to Jesus. The other thief saw eternity approaching and seized the opportunity to ask for God's mercy. The promise that he would that very day be with Jesus in heaven must have helped him endure his suffering. Don't let your heart become too hard to believe in Jesus' saving work on the cross. "A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise" (Psalm 51:17).

## Learn It

*"We are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong. . . . Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."*

**Luke 23:41–43**



Rejoice in the  
Lord always:

again I say,  
Rejoice.

Philippians 4:4