



Remembering Jesus

PALM SUNDAY CHILDRENS LITURGY

Jesus before the Court

- When day came, the elders of the people, the leading priests, and the teachers of the law came together. They led Jesus away to their highest court.
- They said, "If you are the Christ, then tell us that you are!"
- Jesus said to them, "If I tell you I am the Christ, you will not believe me."

Jesus is found innocent

- Then the whole group stood up and led Jesus to Pilate. They began to accuse Jesus.
- Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Yes, that is right."
- Pilate said to the leading priests and the people, "I find nothing wrong with this man."
- They said again and again, "But Jesus is making trouble with the people!"

The Crowd shouts

- Pilate wanted to let Jesus go free. So he told this to the crowd. But they shouted again, “Kill him! Kill him on a cross!”
- Pilate said to them, “Why? What wrong has he done? I can find no reason to kill him. So I will have him punished and set him free.”
- But they continued to shout. They demanded that Jesus be killed on the cross. Their yelling became so loud that Pilate decided to give them what they wanted.

Simon helps

- The soldiers led Jesus away. The soldiers forced a man called Simon to carry Jesus' cross and walk behind him.
- A large crowd of people was following Jesus. Some of the women were sad and crying. But Jesus turned and said to them, "Don't cry for me. Cry for yourselves and for your children too!"
- There were also two thieves led out with Jesus to be killed. There the soldiers nailed Jesus to his cross.
- Jesus said, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they are doing."

The soldiers make fun of Jesus

- The soldiers played a game to decide who would get his clothes. The people stood there watching. The leaders made fun of Jesus. They said, "If he is God's Chosen One, the Christ, then let him save himself. He saved other people, didn't he?"
- Even the soldiers made fun of him. They came to Jesus and offered him some vinegar. They said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself!"
- At the top of the cross these words were written: "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."
- One of the thieves began to shout insults at Jesus: "Aren't you the Christ? Then save yourself! And save us too!"

Jesus helps the thief

- But the other thief stopped him. He said, “You should fear God! You are getting the same punishment as he is. We are punished justly; we should die. But this man has done nothing wrong!”
- Then this criminal said to Jesus, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom!”
- Then Jesus said to him, “Listen! Today you will be with me in paradise!”

Jesus gives up his life

- It was about noon, and the whole land became dark until three o'clock in the afternoon.
- There was no sun! The curtain in the Temple^[1] was torn into two pieces.
- Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Father, I give you my life.”

A good man

- After Jesus said this, he died.
- The army officer there saw what happened.
- He praised God, saying,
- “I know this was a good man!”



Mary and John
stood with
Jesus at the
cross

How do you think they felt?

*If you were there, what would
you say to Jesus?*



We remember and sing

*Jesus remember me
When you come into your kingdom*

*Jesus remember me
When you come into your kingdom*



*We remember his
death was not the end*

*We look forward to Easter Sunday when
we hear all about his new life*