

# Year A - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

## Matthew 27:11-54

*Your king is coming to you!*



The Gospel reading for Palm Sunday is quite long so we have included it in a different document called Passion of Jesus YA Matthew 27:11-54. This can be printed or projected to help children follow along with the text. Follow the link below to download.



This and other resources for Holy Week can be found at <https://archdiocesanministries.org.au/children-and-families/holy-week-for-kids/> Resources include:

- Little Holy Week pack (paper dolls)
- Little Holy Week storyboard (a background for your paper dolls)
- Holy Week story wheel (printable)
- Prayer and reflection videos
- Stations of the Cross for kids video
- Stations of the Resurrection for kids video



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Holy Week has begun!



### Message

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week. It's a very special week where we remember what Jesus did in the days before and after he died on the cross. Lent is ending, what we have been preparing our hearts for over the last couple of months is almost here. So, together with the children, walk through what is to come in Holy Week.

### Holy Week

#### Palm Sunday

This was the day Jesus arrived in Jerusalem. He entered the city on a donkey and all the people were so happy to see him, they laid out palms and cloaks so his only would not have to walk on the dirty ground and they sang praises to God.



#### Holy Thursday

Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples. He told them to eat the bread and drink the wine in memory of him - and that is what we do every time we have Mass. Jesus washed his disciples feet, usually this was a job for servants but Jesus told them all, that he had come to serve others and we should do the same. This was also the day Jesus was betrayed by his friend Judas and was arrested.



#### Good Friday

All the people who had cheered when he came to the city had left, instead the people called for him to be sentenced to death. His friends had run away, he had been beaten and crowned with thorns and then had to carry the cross through the city. Jesus was nailed to the cross, died and was laid in a tomb.



#### Easter Sunday

Some women returned to the tomb to take care of Jesus body, but the tomb was empty! Then they saw him, Jesus had risen from the dead - he was alive! When Jesus rose again he had saved all people, so we could be with God the Father one day in heaven.

