



# Trinitopics Easter Special



To Grow in Faith, Fellowship & Service Through Christ Jesus  
#7 ~ March 25th, 2021

## Day 1: Triumphal Entry on Palm Sunday

On the Sunday before his death, Jesus began his trip to Jerusalem, knowing that soon he would lay down his life for our sins. Nearing the village of Bethphage, he sent two of his disciples ahead, telling them to look for a donkey and its unbroken colt. The disciples were instructed to untie the animals and bring them to him.

Then Jesus sat on the young donkey and slowly, humbly, made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, fulfilling the ancient prophecy in Zechariah 9:9:

'Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'



The crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches in the air and shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

On Palm Sunday, Jesus and his disciples spent the night in Bethany, a town about two miles east of Jerusalem. This is where Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead, and his two sisters, Mary and Martha, lived. They were close friends of Jesus, and probably hosted Him and His disciples during their final days in Jerusalem.

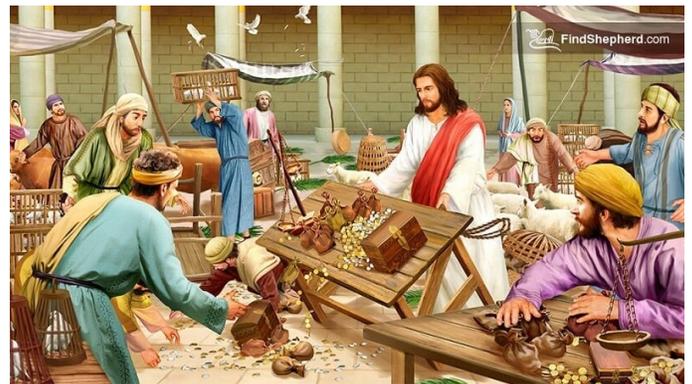
Jesus' triumphal entry is recorded in Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, and John 12:12-19.

## Day 2: On Monday, Jesus Clears the Temple

The following morning, Jesus returned with his disciples to Jerusalem. Along the way, he cursed a fig tree because it had failed to bear fruit. Some scholars believe this cursing of the fig tree represented God's judgment on the spiritually dead religious leaders of Israel. Others believe the symbolism extended to all believers, demonstrating that genuine faith is more than just outward religiosity; true, living faith must bear spiritual fruit in a person's life.

When Jesus arrived at the Temple, he found the courts full of corrupt money changers. He began overturning their tables and clearing the Temple, saying, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves" (Luke 19:46).

On Monday evening Jesus stayed in Bethany again, probably in the home of his friends, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.



Monday's events are recorded in Matthew 21:12-22, Mark 11:15-19, Luke 19:45-48, and John 2:13-17.

I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.

### **Day 3: On Tuesday, Jesus Goes to the Mount of Olives**

On Tuesday morning, Jesus and his disciples returned to Jerusalem. They passed the withered fig tree on their way, and Jesus spoke to his companions about the importance of faith.

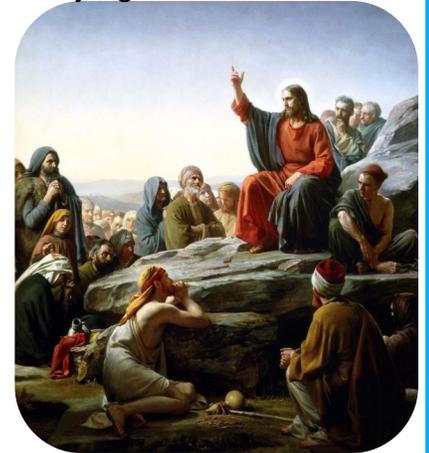
Back at the Temple, religious leaders were upset at Jesus for establishing himself as a spiritual authority. They organized an ambush with the intent to place him under arrest. But Jesus evaded their traps and pronounced harsh judgment on them, saying:

“Blind guides!...For you are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people's bones and all sorts of impurity. Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness...Snakes! Sons of vipers! How will you escape the judgment of hell?” (Matthew 23:24-33)

Later that afternoon, Jesus left the city and went with his disciples to the Mount of Olives, which sits due east of the Temple and overlooks Jerusalem. Here Jesus gave the Olivet Discourse, an elaborate prophecy about the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the age. He speaks, as usual, in parables, using symbolic language about the end times events, including His Second Coming and the final judgment.

Scripture indicates that this Tuesday was also the day Iscariot negotiated with the Sanhedrin, the rabbinical court of ancient Israel, to betray Jesus (Matthew 26:14-16).

After a tiring day of confrontation and warnings about the future, once again, Jesus and the disciples returned to Bethany to stay the night.



The tumultuous events of Tuesday and the Olivet Discourse are recorded in Matthew 21:23–24:51, Mark 11:20–13:37, Luke 20:1–21:36, and John 12:20–38.

### **Day 4: Holy Wednesday**

The Bible doesn't say what the Lord did on the Wednesday of Passion Week. Scholars speculate that after two exhausting days in Jerusalem, Jesus and his disciples spent this day resting in Bethany in anticipation of Passover.

Just a short time previously, Jesus had revealed to the disciples, and the world, that he had power over death by raising Lazarus from the grave. After seeing this incredible miracle, many people in Bethany believed that Jesus was the Son of God and put their faith in him. Also in Bethany just a few nights earlier, Lazarus' sister, Mary, had lovingly anointed the feet of Jesus with expensive perfume. (continued next page)

**From the Trinity United Board .....**

**Wishing you a very Happy Easter holiday.**

**May God bless you with the immense happiness of the world upon you and your family for now and always!**

**..... Jason Splett - Chair**

**You have heard of ‘Murphy’s Law’  
Have you heard of Cole’s Law?  
It is thinly sliced cabbage!**

**If flying is so safe,  
why do they call the airport the terminal?  
Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic  
called rush hour?**

## Day 5: Passover and Last Supper on Maundy Thursday

Holy Week takes a somber turn on Thursday.

From Bethany, Jesus sent Peter and John ahead to the Upper Room in Jerusalem to make the preparations for the Passover Feast. That evening after sunset, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as they prepared to share in the Passover. By performing this humble act of service, Jesus demonstrated by example how believers should love one another. Then, Jesus shared the feast of Passover with his disciples, saying:

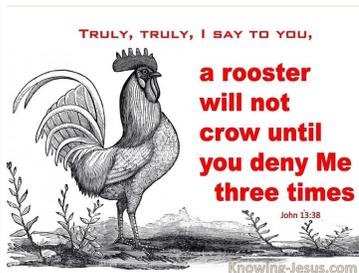
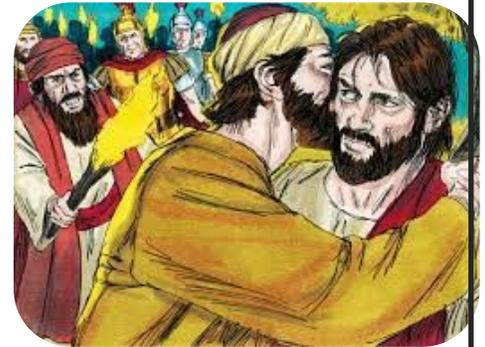
"I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." (Luke 22:15-16, NLT)

As the Lamb of God, Jesus was about to fulfill the meaning of Passover by giving his body to be broken and his blood to be shed in sacrifice, freeing us from sin and death. During this Last Supper, Jesus established the Lord's Supper, or Communion, instructing his followers to continually remember his sacrifice by sharing in the elements of bread and wine (Luke 22:19-20).



Later, Jesus and the disciples left the Upper Room and went to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed in agony to God the Father. Luke's Gospel says that "his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44, ESV).

Late that evening in Gethsemane, Jesus was betrayed with a kiss by Judas Iscariot and arrested by the Sanhedrin. He was taken to the home of Caiaphas, the High Priest, where the whole council had gathered to begin making their case against Jesus.



Meanwhile, in the early morning hours, as Jesus' trial was getting underway, Peter denied knowing his Master three times before the rooster crowed.

Thursday's events are recorded in Matthew 26:17-75, Mark 14:12-72, Luke 22:7-62, and John 13:1-38.

***There will be no Virtual fellowship on Palm Sunday, March 28th.  
Rev. Doug will have time with our Sunday school at that time.***

***Please do join us for Virtual Fellowship***

***Easter Sunday at 11 am***

***Rev. Doug will have ZOOM link with Sunday service info.***

A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

## Day 6: Trial, Crucifixion, Death, and Burial on Good Friday

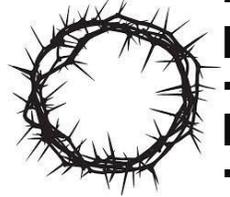
Good Friday is the most difficult day of Passion Week. Christ's journey turned treacherous and acutely painful in these final hours leading to his death.

According to Scripture, Judas Iscariot, the disciple who had betrayed Jesus, was overcome with remorse and hanged himself early Friday morning.

Meanwhile, before the third hour (9 a.m.), Jesus endured the shame of false accusations, condemnation, mockery, beatings, and abandonment. After multiple unlawful trials, he was sentenced to death by crucifixion, one of the most horrible and disgraceful methods of capital punishment known at the time.



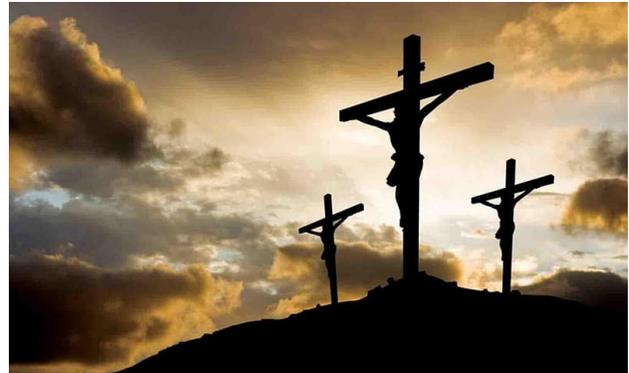
Before Christ was led away, soldiers spit on him, tormented and mocked him, and pierced him with a crown of thorns. Then Jesus carried his own cross to Calvary where, again, he was mocked and insulted as Roman soldiers nailed him to the wooden cross.



Jesus spoke seven final statements from the cross. His first words were, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34, NIV). His last words were, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." (Luke 23:46, NIV). Then, about the ninth hour (3 p.m.), Jesus breathed his last breath and died.

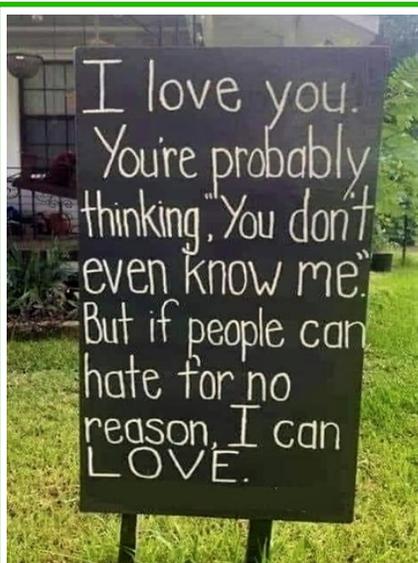
### Trinity Brandon Good Friday Service

Rev. Doug  
will email the link



By 6 p.m. Friday evening, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea took Jesus' body down from the cross and lay it in a tomb.

Friday's events are recorded in Matthew 27:1-62, Mark 15:1-47, Luke 22:63-23:56, and John 18:28-19:37.



Congratulations to Little Britain United Church, Lockport, MB, on becoming an Affirming Ministry following a vote held on March 7, 2021

Affirming Thoughts



Made by former Trinity Member  
Effie Woodward

## Day 7: Saturday in the Tomb

Jesus' body lay in its tomb, where it was guarded by Roman soldiers throughout the day on Saturday, which was the Sabbath. When the Sabbath ended at 6 p.m., Christ's body was ceremonially treated for burial with spices purchased by Nicodemus:

"He brought about seventy-five pounds of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes. Following Jewish burial custom, they wrapped Jesus' body with the spices in long sheets of linen cloth." (John 19: 39-40, NLT)

Nicodemus, like Joseph of Arimathea, was a member of the Sanhedrin, the court that had condemned Jesus Christ to death. For a time, both men had lived as secret followers of Jesus, afraid to make a public profession of faith because of their prominent positions in the Jewish community.

Similarly, both were deeply affected by Christ's death. They boldly came out of hiding, risking their reputations and their lives because they had come to realize that Jesus was, indeed, the long-awaited Messiah. Together they cared for Jesus' body and prepared it for burial.

While his physical body lay in the tomb, Jesus Christ paid the penalty for sin by offering the perfect, spotless sacrifice. He conquered death, both spiritually and physically, securing our eternal salvation:

"For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the Saturday's events are recorded in Matthew 27:62-66, Mark 16:1, Luke 23:56, and John 19:40.



## Gardens are an important feature in Jesus's last days.



After the last supper with the disciples Jesus took them to the Garden of Gethsemane where he prayed a desperate prayer.

Judas, the traitor, knew of this garden and took a group of Roman soldiers and temple guards there, where they arrested Jesus. John 19:41; 42b.

There was a garden in the place where Jesus had been put to death, and in it there was a new tomb where no one had ever been buried .....  
They placed Jesus's body there.

Mary of Magdala went to the tomb very early in the morning. Jesus appeared to Mary and she thinks he is the gardener. Only when Jesus says her name does she realize that it is Jesus!

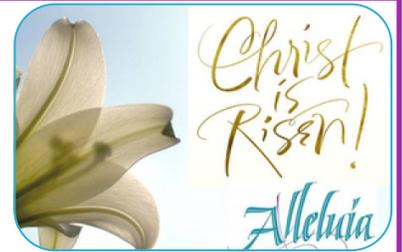
This picture of the sculpture, as well as the information, was supplied by Grant & Sheila McCausland. This sculpture can be seen in Boissevain at the Anchorage Gardens.

Many thanks for this very time appropriate information!!

**Why does fridge have a 'd' in it when refrigerator doesn't?  
The word 'queue' is just a Q followed by 4 silent letters!**

## Day 8: Resurrection Sunday

**On Resurrection Sunday, or Easter, we reach the culmination of Holy Week. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important event of the Christian faith.**



Early Sunday morning, several women (Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Salome, and Mary the mother of James) went to the tomb and discovered that the large stone covering the entrance had been rolled away.

The very foundation of all Christian doctrine hinges on the truth of this account.

An angel announced:

"Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen"

(Matthew 28:5-6, NLT)



He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.  
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.  
Matthew 28:6

On the day of his resurrection, Jesus Christ made at least five appearances. Mark's Gospel says the first person to see him was Mary Magdalene. Jesus also appeared to Peter, to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and later that day to all of the disciples except Thomas, while they were gathered in a house for prayer.

The eyewitness accounts in the Gospels provide what Christians believe to be undeniable evidence that the resurrection of Jesus Christ did indeed happen. Two millennia after his death, followers of Christ still flock to Jerusalem to see the empty tomb.

Sunday's events are recorded in Matthew 28:1-13, Mark 16:1-14, Luke 24:1-49, and John 20:1-23.



**Easter Sunday Service and  
Communion**

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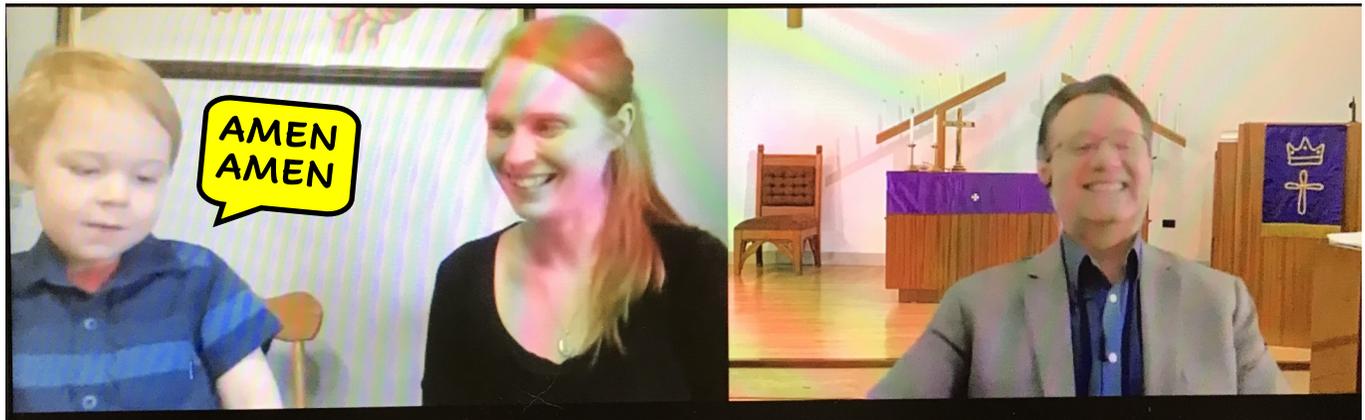
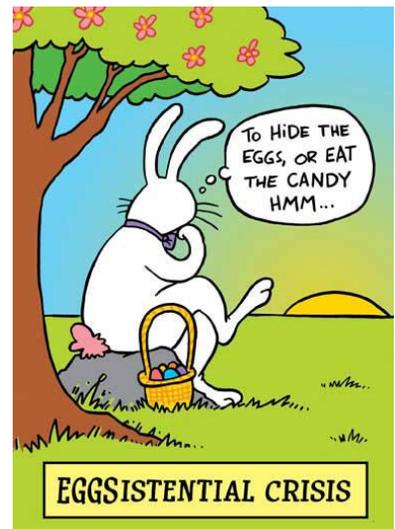
**"May the passion of Holy Week and the joy of the Risen Christ fill your hearts this Easter season.**

**Blessings from Doug, Donna and family."**

Jesus said to her,  
 "I am the resurrection and the life.  
 He who believes in me will live,  
 even though he dies;  
 and whoever lives and believes in  
 me will never die."  
 John 11:25-26



Have a Blessed Easter!  
 from Worship Committee



**Trinity Outreach & Pastoral Care**

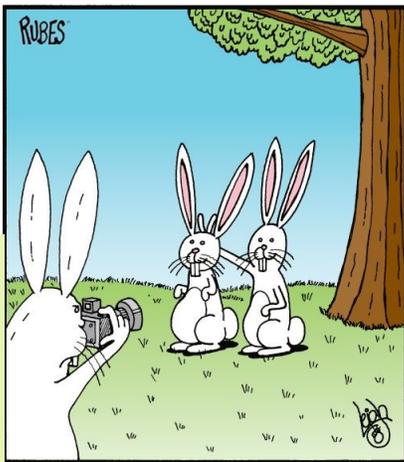
Outreach & Pastoral Care Committees are offering help to our church friends with making covid vaccine appointments and giving rides to Brandon appointments.

Please Contact:

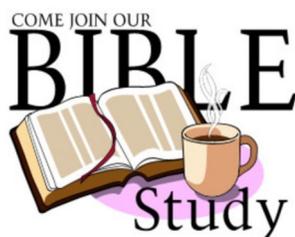
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**Trinity Bible Study**

ZOOM

THURSDAY, April 8th

7:00 pm

Rev. Doug will send link by email

If you know someone, or yourself, who would like a care call from Rev. Neufeld; call 204-441-8140

Our thoughts and prayers to anyone we have missed who are spending time in hospital: or having health issues.



**Our thoughts & prayers to:**

Jean Hutchings Assiniboine 3  
 Margaret Izzard Reston  
 Malcolm Macdonald Assiniboine 4  
 Ieleen Turner Assiniboine 2

**Our thoughts and prayers to:**

**Hillary Baker** as she heals from heart issues this week. She had a trip to Winnipeg but is back in Brandon; maybe home in the next day or two!  
 Speedy recovery, Hillary!!

**Continued thoughts and prayers to:**

**Alice Laminman** and family as daughter, Linda, has her radiation treatments. Alice reports; so far, so good!  
 Our thoughts and prayers continue.



**Happy Birthday Friesen Twins & Trinity Members; Kathleen & Andrew ~ Friday, April 2nd!!**

You have very excited parents to help you celebrate!



Sunday, March 21st: 5th Sunday of Lent

Thank you for  
 Time/Talents/Treasures  
 God Bless You!

**Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes**

Dinsdale	Lois Aube
Fairview	Audrey Campbell, Lillian Atchison, Linda Garson, Louise Hodge, Dennis Hume, Betty Russell, Keith Vrooman, Alma Yule
Souris PCH	Emma Garden
Rideau	Don Chambers, Murray Hicks, Robert Jarvie, Eleanor McCreath, Garry VanRenselaar
Valleyview	Laura Cliffe, Bernice Erskine, Shirley O'Driscoll, Lois Wolfe
Riverheights Terrace	Judy Diswinka, Patty Hargreaves, Al & Helen Lauder, Vera Skayman
Rotary Villas	Beatrice Lee, Marg Lovstrom, Frank Rabe
Victoria Landing	Pat Rathwell, Ieleen Turner, Alice Wesley

**UCW Birthdays**  
 March  
**Frances McKague**  
 27th  
**Winne Black**  
 28th

Please think about our folks in hospital and care homes and drop them a greeting through the Prairie Mountain Health website.  
[www.prairiemountainhealth.ca/pmh-well-wishes](http://www.prairiemountainhealth.ca/pmh-well-wishes)



**Trinitopics & Church Announcements**

The newsletter is prepared every 2nd week. Delivery is being made to all non email. The next issue will be on April 8th.

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 May God hold you in the palm of His Hand