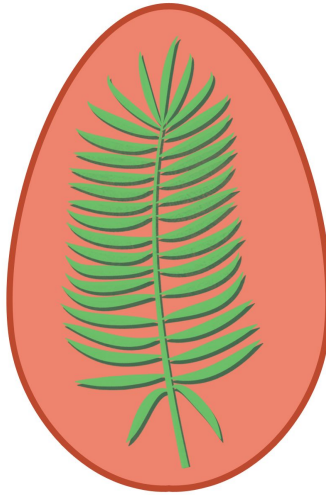


What's inside Egg #1?
Palm Branches (Mark 11:1-10)



***“Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’ ” And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”*”**

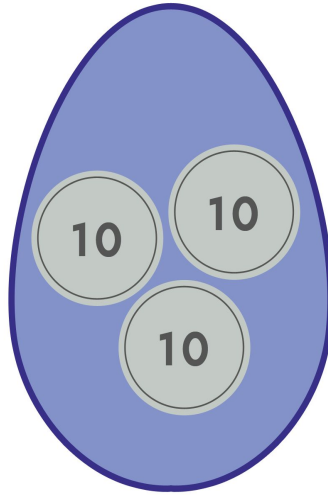
The palm branches remind us of Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Palm trees grew abundantly in the Holy Land where Jesus lived. They symbolized joy, victory, prosperity and being steadfast.

The Bible says that we will again honor Jesus one day with palm branches along with others from every nation, from all tribes, peoples, and languages. (Revelation 7:9)

The people in Jerusalem were excited to see Jesus. Many of them had already been healed by Him, but there were some who thought He was lying about being God's son. They challenged Him and people became scared that if others knew they followed Jesus, they would get hurt.

It's easy to trust Jesus when things are going well in our lives, but sometimes things don't go as we imagined or planned. But even though the world around us changes, God stays the same. He is no less faithful when life is hard because He loves us no matter what. We shouldn't be afraid to love Him no matter what either. When we trust in Him, He will help us. He is our strength and shield (Psalm 28:7).

What's inside Egg #2?
30 Pieces of Silver (Matthew 26:14-16)



"Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him."

The coins remind us that Judas, one of Jesus's close friends and disciples betrayed him for money.

The religious leaders at the time had all kinds of rules for people to follow. They thought they knew everything and were better than everyone else. They were full of pride, selfishness, and judgment while Jesus was a man full of humility and God's love. This was not the Messiah the religious leaders had imagined.

Jesus' kindness drew people to follow Him, which made the religious leaders jealous. They wanted to get rid of Him even if He had done nothing wrong. They made a deal with Judas to secretly betray Jesus so they could capture Him. Judas was Jesus' friend, but Satan caused Judas to throw away his love for Jesus for money. In fact when Jesus went to die on the cross, all of his disciples disappeared.

Sometimes, we might try to disappear from God or find that we have traded our love for Jesus for something else instead. It's important to check our hearts to see who or what holds our affection. Jesus still loved Judas even though he messed up, and He will always love us too. If we find that our hearts aren't in the right place, we can confess our sins and Jesus will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). And when we are forgiven, God sends us the Holy Spirit to help us and be with us forever (John 14:16).

What's inside Egg #3?
A Pitcher of Water (John 13:2-5, 14-17)



"During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

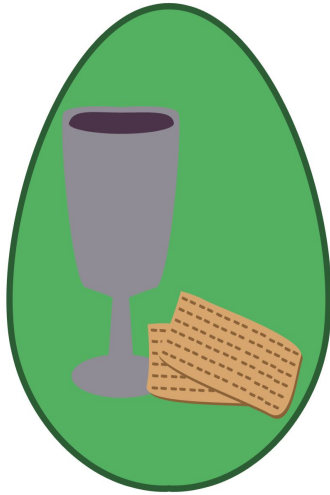
If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

The pitcher of water reminds us that Jesus kindly washed his disciples feet to show them that he would soon wash away their sins as well.

Jesus was a humble servant and washing his disciples was an act of kindness. He showed them that He didn't think He was any better than they were, but what Jesus really wanted his disciples to know was that he could make them clean from the inside out. The Bible says God made Jesus who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf so that we could become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21).

When Jesus washes away our sins with His grace and love, we are made acceptable and pleasing to God. We don't have to feel dirty about anything we've done or will do. He is faithful and just to forgive us if we ask, sending us the Holy Spirit so we have the power to proclaim the kingdom of heaven on earth, which means we can help others who need healing as well (Matthew 10:8).

What's inside Egg #4?
A Cup & Unleavened Bread (Matthew 26:26-28)



"Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

The bread and cup remind us of the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples before His death. They were celebrating this meal in remembrance of God rescuing the Jewish people out of the land of Egypt long ago, but soon this meal would become a reminder of Jesus rescuing us from our sin.

What's inside Egg #5?
Praying Hands (Matthew 26:36-46)



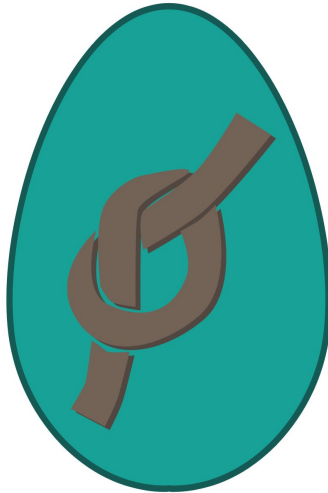
"Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

The praying hands remind us that even when Jesus was hurting and worried, He prayed. Jesus knew He was going to die, but He was willing to do anything God asked of Him. He found peace knowing that it was God's plan so we could be saved and know Him even though He lived a long time before us.

We too can pray when we are uncertain about what is happening around us, knowing that God hears us. When we pray, we align our hearts with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. The Bible says that even when we don't know what to pray, Jesus and the Holy Spirit will pray on our behalf (Romans 8:26).

We can pray praising and worshiping God for who he is, thanking Him for all He has done or will do, asking Him for something we need, and interceding or praying for someone else. It doesn't matter if you are old or young, if we seek God with all of our heart we can be sure He will listen to us (Jeremiah 29:12-13).

What's inside Egg #6?
A Rope (Matthew 26:47,50, 27:1-2)



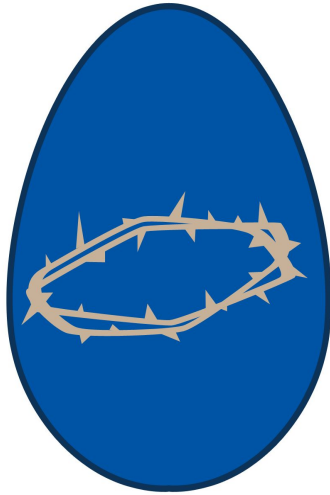
“While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.” Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. And they bound him and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate the governor.”

The rope reminds us that Jesus was arrested for claiming to be God's son. Being God's son, Jesus could have stopped all that was happening to Him, but He loved God and us too much. Jesus didn't deserve to die. He had done nothing wrong, but it was more important to Him to obey the things God had spoken than to take the easy way out.

Believing in Jesus is no guarantee that our life will be easy or that God won't ask us to do something we think is impossible. Things will happen in our lives the same as they do everyone else's, but knowing Jesus means when life gets hard or confusing, there's someone to bring us peace, protect us, and give us the strength to carry on.

What's inside Egg #7?
A Crown of Thorns (Matthew 27:27-31)

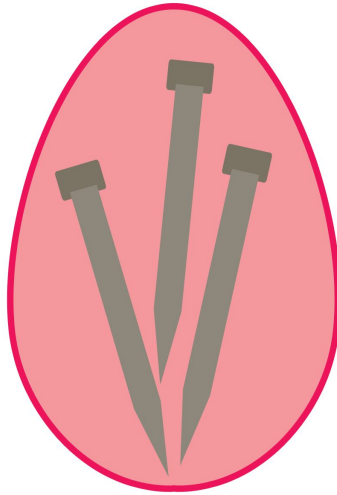


“Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.”

The crown of thorns remind us that Jesus was mocked for being God's son. The people mocking him thought that if Jesus really was the son of God that He could save himself from dying. Nobody understood that Jesus was letting this happen because He loved them.

Sometimes other people will make fun of us for the things we believe about God or for the things God wants us to do, but we have to remember we should love those that hurt us just as Jesus did (Matthew 5:44). The Bible says that perfect love casts out fear. When we know Jesus, we don't have to be afraid of any situation or others' opinions. If we love God, we will love each other and if we don't love each other then we don't really love God (1 John 4:18-20).

What's inside Egg #8?
3 Nails (John 19:17-18, 23-24)



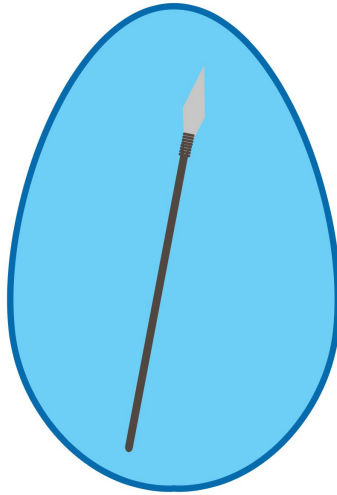
“So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things.”

The nails remind us that Jesus died by being nailed to a cross, one nail in each of his hands, and one nail through both of his feet.

Jesus died on the cross for all of us. Not one of us is better than anyone else. We all sin and fall short of God's glory (Romans 3:23). Being disobedient looks different for all of us. We can be disobedient towards God by being selfish or prideful or even lying to or hurting others. But God being rich in mercy, with His great love, allowed Jesus to die in our place so we could be raised up and seated with Jesus in the heavenly places (Ephesians 2:4-6). When we trust Jesus to wash away our sins, we become like family to Him. We start fresh. If we confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in our heart that God raised Him from the dead, we will be saved (Romans 10:8). It's that simple.

What's inside Egg #9?
A Spear (John 19:29-37, Isaiah 53:5)



“A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

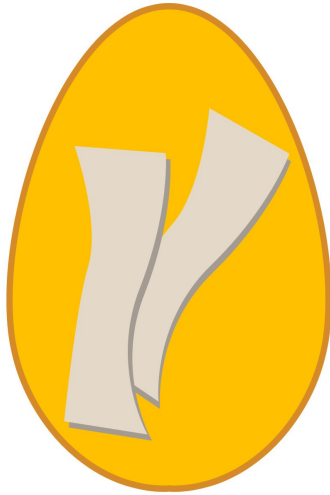
But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.”

When Jesus was pierced with the spear, out came blood and water. It reminds us that Jesus redeems us with His blood by washing away our sins then becomes for us a fountain of life (John 4:13-15).

When we don't know God, we're like a dirty cup. God first washes the cup so it's like new then fills us with Himself and His goodness through the Holy Spirit. This gives us everything we need for any situation: peace, wisdom, love, kindness, strength, patience, etc. But God doesn't just stop when the glass is full, He fills us until we overflow so we have enough to give away to others who need it too.

When we believe on Jesus, rivers of living water will flow from within us as well (John 7:38).

What's inside Egg #10?
Linen Cloths (John 19:38-42)



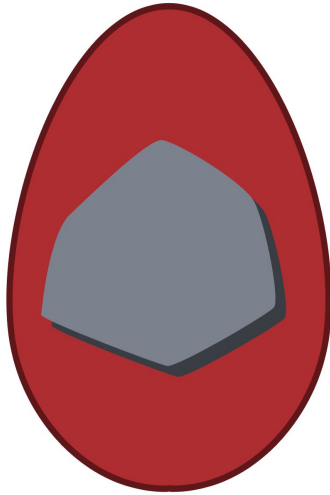
“After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.”

The linen cloths remind us that Joseph wrapped up Jesus' body before placing it in its own tomb and sealing the entrance with a great stone.

Many of Jesus's followers were scared for their own lives after Jesus died on the cross. They thought that if the religious leaders knew they loved Jesus, they might hurt them. It's good to know that Joseph and Nicodemus still requested Jesus' body to prepare it for burial despite what had happened. Sometimes, our love for Jesus might make us feel uncomfortable too, but it's important to keep our minds and hearts fixed on Him. He will make us brave.

Jesus overcame the world when He died on the cross, and when He left the earth He promised to leave us with His peace and a Helper, the Holy Spirit so that whenever we face trouble, our hearts don't have to be afraid (John 14:27). In Him, we are bold and powerful.

What's inside Egg #11?
A Stone (Matthew 28:1-4)



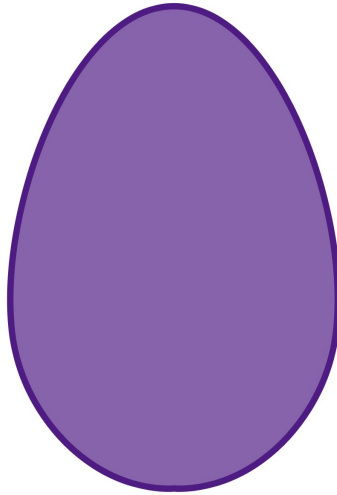
“Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.”

The stone reminds us that nothing is impossible for God. After Jesus's tomb was sealed with stone, Pilate had soldiers guard the tomb to make sure the body could not be taken and people could not pretend that Jesus had risen from the dead. But the stone could not stop God's plan.

Sometimes we will face storms in our lives. Things will happen that cause us to forget that God has made a promise to us or maybe even cause us to think that God's promise wasn't true. But when God speaks, He will not forget it. Sometimes, it's the storm that will take us to the place God has promised (Acts 27-28). God is with us wherever we are.

What's inside Egg #12?

It's Empty (Matthew 28:5-9)



“But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.”

The empty egg reminds us of the empty tomb. Jesus has risen! He has conquered sin, and death and hell. These things no longer have power over us who believe.

After God raised Jesus from the dead, Jesus appeared to his disciples then to many other eye witnesses before ascending to Heaven. He is, as God promised, our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace whose Kingdom will never end (Isaiah 9:6-7).

We are no longer slaves to doubt, nor fear, nor division from the enemy. God has given us freedom and made us joint-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17). All that He has, He wants us to enjoy right now.

Whether we find ourselves high on a mountain top, low in a valley or anywhere in between, we can worship because Jesus is alive forevermore.

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