

EASTER-IN-A-BASKET GUIDEBOOK



GOOD FRIDAY

WORD OF THE DAY INJUSTICE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Jesus of the cross, we know that your suffering offers us hope for ours. Be with us as we sit in the shadow of death today. Help us to work to overcome the forces of injustice in our world. Amen.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How does this scripture make you feel? What does this story remind you of or bring up for you?
- Why did those in power want Jesus dead, despite struggles to find evidence against him?
- Why did Pilate order Jesus' execution?
- Why do you think the soldiers mocked Jesus?
- What would a fair hearing for Jesus have looked like? What would it look like today?
- Was Jesus the king of the Jews? Is Jesus your king?
- Why is it important to remember the hard parts of this story?

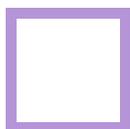
FRIDAY ACTIVITIES



CHECK OFF THE ACTIVITIES AS YOU FINISH THEM!



Injustice - Read the scripture for today. Consider the Reflection Questions and discuss them with your family or friends. Pray the prayer of the day.



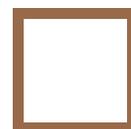
Trial and Crucifixion - Who is being "crucified" in the world today? Who is facing injustice and violence? Why? Find a group in your community focusing on protecting the rights of the vulnerable. Make a plan to volunteer or donate to them.



Clothespin Cross - Look for the instructions to make a **wooden clothespin** cross for your home. Hang it as a reminder of Jesus' love for the world.



Day of Darkness - Consider eating lunch or dinner with dim lights or in the darkness to mark Christ's death. Or consider going "dark" on your electronics from noon today until noon tomorrow.



Make Your Own Easter Basket - Check out today's instructions for your Easter Basket!



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Mark 14:55-65, 15:1-5, 12-20, 25-26 CEB

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they couldn't find any. Many brought false testimony against him, but they contradicted each other. Some stood to offer false witness against him, saying, "We heard him saying, 'I will destroy this temple, constructed by humans, and within three days I will build another, one not made by humans.'" But their testimonies didn't agree even on this point.

Then the high priest stood up in the middle of the gathering and examined Jesus. "Aren't you going to respond to the testimony these people have brought against you?" But Jesus was silent and didn't answer.

Again, the high priest asked, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the blessed one?" Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Human One sitting on the right side of the Almighty and coming on the heavenly clouds."

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we need any more witnesses? You've heard his insult against God. What do you think?" They all condemned him. "He deserves to die!" Some began to spit on him. Some covered his face and hit him, saying, "Prophecy!" Then the guards took him and beat him.

At daybreak, the chief priests—with the elders, legal experts, and the whole Sanhedrin—formed a plan. They bound Jesus, led him away, and turned him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "That's what you say." The chief priests were accusing him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Aren't you going to answer? What about all these accusations?" But Jesus gave no more answers, so that Pilate marveled.

Pilate replied, "Then what do you want me to do with the one you call king of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "**Why? What wrong has he done?**" They shouted even louder, "Crucify him!" Pilate... had Jesus whipped, then handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led Jesus away into the courtyard of the palace known as the governor's headquarters, and they called together the whole company of soldiers. They dressed him up in a purple robe and twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on him. They saluted him, "Hey! King of the Jews!" Again and again, they struck his head with a stick. They spit on him and knelt before him to honor him. When they finished mocking him, they stripped him of the purple robe and put his own clothes back on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. The notice of the formal charge against him was written, "The king of the Jews."

Pilate, or Pontius Pilate, was the Roman governor for their area.

The Sanhedrin was a court made of religious leaders.

The high priest was the leader of the Sanhedrin, and acted here like a judge in a courtroom.

Jesus' statement here references an old prophecy from Daniel.

The priest assumed Jesus was lying about being God's son.

"Crucify" means to execute by hanging a person from a wooden cross.

"King of the Jews" marked him as a threat to those in power.

CLOTHESPIN CROSS

PART 1



1. Set up a workspace where you can use **glue** freely - outside or on a table covered with wax paper or parchment paper. Bring your glue and 15 **wooden clothespins**. Twist and pull apart to remove the metal springs.

2. Glue clothespin pairs flush together. Lay somewhere safe to dry.



3. Glue together three sets of three clothespins with the center pin offset (aligned with the outside notches).



4. Glue together a fourth set of three clothespins - this time with the center pin aligned with the lower hole. Let dry.



PART 2

PART 3



5. Lay out the three matching sets to form the top and sides of your cross. Glue the connection points together. Don't be afraid to use a bunch of glue!

6. Add three more clothespins with glue to extend the fourth set, forming the lower part of the cross. Let dry.



PART 4

6. Attach the two pieces. Glue the connection points together. Hang in your home as a reminder of Jesus' love for the world.



MAKE YOUR OWN EASTER BASKET

BASKET MAKING DAY 6

Return to your basket and remove any clothespins from yesterday. Cut 1 **craft band** strip to 22" long and straighten to prepare.

Press down horizontal woven strips until flush with each other.



Fold all of the vertical strips on the outside of the top row (except for the longer handle strips) inward.

Tuck those inward folded strips into the third row of horizontal weaving, trimming with scissors if necessary to keep the ends unseen.



Place the new 22" strip between the top horizontal row strip and the remaining vertical strips for reinforcement. Use clothespins to help secure.

Except for the longest (handle) strips, fold remaining vertical strips outward. Tuck into third row of horizontal weaving, trimming with scissors if necessary.

