

# PASCHA EGGS: THE RESURRECTION STORY FOR ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHILDREN

Jackie Bennis, Church School Director of Holy Trinity, Ambridge, PA, adapted the "Resurrection Eggs: The Easter story for Children" by Family Life, a division of Campus Crusade for Christ for her Church School. In Jackie's words, "I felt that these PASCHA EGGS were a wonderful way to reinforce the Resurrection lessons. The Children are still talking about them." By scouting through catalogues and utilizing local craft stores and using her ingenuity, Jackie provided a set of eggs for each student in her Church School at the cost of \$1.75 per child! Each student received an egg carton with 12 different color eggs. All but one contained an item.

## THE BOOK THAT ACCOMPANIES THE EGG BOX NOW COMES IN TWO FORMS.

<b>Book #1</b>	<b>Book #2</b>
Blue - Palm Cross	Lilac - Palm Cross
Light Pink - Coins	Light Green - Coins
Light Purple - Cup	Light Yellow - Soap
Orange - Hands	Pink - Cup/Chalice
Green - Leather	Light Blue - Hands
Light Yellow - Crown	Aqua - Leather
Yellow - Nails	Purple - Crown
Light Green - Die	Green - Nails
Purple - Spear	Yellow - Spear
Cream - Gauze	Red - Gauze
Pink - Rock	Blue - Stone
Light Blue - Empty	Clear top - Empty

### **DIRECTIONS:**

1. Ask parishioners to save egg cartons.
2. Cover the printed areas on the top and inside with construction paper and/or self-adhering labels with the text included in packet.
3. Labels were printed at Copy Max \$25.00 for 100 sets or 25 cents per set. These can be photocopied onto sheets of labels that have 2 columns, 4 rows of labels.
4. One dozen plastic eggs - both regular colored eggs and pastel eggs - are needed for each student set. Jackie purchased them at Pat Catan's for 58 cents/dozen after Western Easter.

### **SOURCES FOR THE ITEMS IN THE EGGS**

1. Local Craft stores (Pat Catan's, Michaels), fabric stores (JoAnn's, Discount or Drug Stores.
2. U.S. Toy - 1-800-255-6124 / email: [ustoy@ustoyco.com](mailto:ustoy@ustoyco.com) / <http://www.ustoy.com/>
3. Oriental Trading - <http://www.orientaltrading.com> or 1-800-875-8480

**PALM CROSSES** were made at church and frozen until needed.

**COINS:** U.S. Toy Catalog. Use 3 coins per egg. (*The coins from US Toy had coins with "praying hands" picture that can be saved the for another egg.*) Spray paint all but the "Praying hands" coins silver.

**CUP:** U.S. Toy Catalog -trophy cups. Cut off the handles so it fits inside the egg / Cut out of Foamie sheet /

**PRAYING HANDS:** Use the "praying hands" coins from above / Praying hand stickers

**LEATHER:** rawhide shoelaces cut into strips

**CROWNS:** mini vine wreaths from craft stores

**NAILS:** 1 box of flat hardwood floor nails. 4 nails per egg.

**DIE:** U.S. Toy Catalog, *This was the most expensive item. If you use Book #2, this is replaced with Soap.*

**SOAP:** Slice sections from bars of bath soap or fill mini-zip bags (craft stores) with detergent.

**SPEAR:** Purchase short wooden kabob spears. Cut to size.

**GAUZE:** Purchase packages of rolled gauze and cut into small pieces.

**STONE:** Free from local garden center.

### **SUGGESTIONS FOR USE:**

1. A set of eggs for each student. Director can determine which grades would best be served.
  2. A set for each family to use at home.
  3. A set for each classroom teacher to use.
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## **Directions For Making The Pascha Egg Carton & Booklet**

### **PREPARING THE CARTON**

These directions include the Master for the labels that will be placed on top and on the inside cover of the egg carton.

The master has 2 sets of labels, 4 panels each (3 1/3" X 4") for 8 labels. Copy the sheet onto large labels (2 columns, 4 rows of labels).

They can also be copied onto colored card stock, cut and glue in position.

1. On top of the egg carton attach: "Christ Is Risen! / Pascha Eggs" on the left & "The Resurrection Story for Orthodox Christian Children" on the right. Cover all writing and pictures.
2. On the inside lid attach: "Pascha Eggs" on the left & the listing of each color egg and its contents on the right.

### **SPECIAL NOTE:**

If you cannot get the same color eggs as listed, contact me and I will send these as a WORD file to which you can make the necessary changes.

### **PREPARING THE BOOKLET**

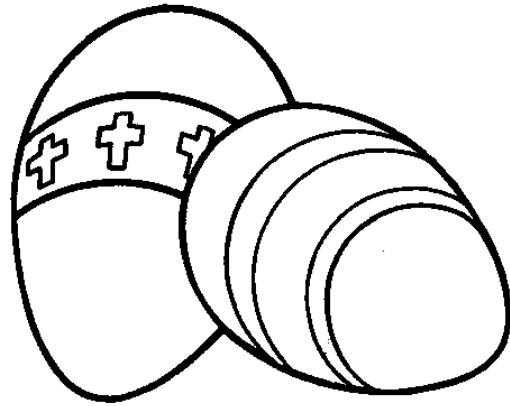
1. Feel free to add a note on the back page above the credits before you begin photocopying. [Ex. Parish Name, year, etc. or a note from the Director.]
2. The following pages are to be photocopied back to back.

- ♦ Title Page & Credits with Introduction & Other items...
- ♦ Eggs 12 & 1 with Eggs 2 & 11
- ♦ Eggs 10 & 3 with Eggs 4 & 9
- ♦ Eggs 8 & 5 with Eggs 6 & 7 [center of the book]

3. Fold the pages lengthwise.
4. Staple along the fold.
5. Distribute one booklet with each set of eggs.

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Book #1

# **THE RESURRECTION STORY FOR ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHILDREN**

# INTRODUCTION

What do a palm cross, praying hands, coins, and a strip of leather have in common? You can use them to help children understand the true meaning of Pascha (Easter)—the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This hands-on activity also offers us an opportunity to share the Scriptures with children. It can even become a family tradition all will remember for years to come.

## HOW TO USE PASCHA EGGS

The sequence for the activity is simple:

1. Have the children open all the eggs in order, starting with the **Blue Egg/Palm Cross**, and state what is inside each egg.
2. As each egg is opened, read or paraphrase the Scripture Reading assigned to the item within the egg, depending on the age of the children.
3. Read or paraphrase the "Explain" section, depending on the age of the children.

The following outline and explanations are to assist the telling of the Pascha (Easter) story. Rather than just reading the explanations word for word, consider becoming "the storyteller." The expressions on the face and the inflections in the voice will add to the words. Use creativity to add drama to the story! Not only will the children love it, but they are more likely to remember the details.

Be sure to read the material in advance, noting any words the children may not understand, and study your Bible so that you recollect all the details. *The Orthodox Study Bible* offers many helpful footnotes and articles. Consider taking notes to help make the story come alive. In this way, you can keep eye contact with the children and watch their expressions of excitement and anticipation.

If this is being done with young children, remember that they have short attention spans. With twelve different components, telling the entire story will be too much for one sitting. Spread it out over a couple days or weeks, and/or schedule separate family times during Holy Week and the Pascha weekend. What is more important is to enjoy the time together as parents and children tell and retell this story.

**Caution:** "Pascha Eggs" contain small Items that could be swallowed by or cause injury to young children. Use only with adult supervision.



# OTHER ITEMS THAT TO USE IN PASCHA EGGS

<b>CONTENTS</b>	<b>REPRESENTS</b>	<b>SCRIPTURE</b>
<b>Donkey</b>	<b>Jesus' triumphal Entry into Jerusalem</b>	<b>Mt 21:1-9</b>
<b>Die</b>	<b>Jesus washes His Disciples' feet</b>	<b>Jn 13:4-10 Mk 10:43-45</b>
<b>Rooster</b>	<b>Peter's denial</b>	<b>Lk 22:61</b>
<b>Rope</b>	<b>Jesus' arrest</b>	<b>Jn 18.12</b>
<b>Purple or scarlet cloth</b>	<b>Jesus' trial</b>	<b>Jn 19:2b</b>
<b>Black inside of egg</b>	<b>Darkness from noon to 3 PM</b>	<b>Lk 23:44-45</b>
<b>Soldiers</b>	<b>At the cross</b>	<b>Jn 19:32</b>
<b>Small rag tied to stick</b>	<b>Gall offered to Jesus</b>	<b>Jn 19:28-30</b>
<b>Spices</b>	<b>Burial of Jesus</b>	<b>Lk 23:56</b>
<b>Seal/stamp of the tomb</b>	<b>Seal on stone</b>	<b>Mt 27:66</b>
<b>Key</b>	<b>Jesus' descent into Hades</b>	<b>Jn 5:25-29</b>
<b>Angel</b>	<b>Resurrection</b>	<b>Jn 20:12</b>
<b>Cotton</b>	<b>Jesus' ascension through the clouds</b>	<b>Lk 24:51-53</b>
<b>Bible</b>	<b>God's word to tell others the story</b>	<b>Lk 24:46-50</b>
<b>Cross</b>	<b>Jesus' crucifixion</b>	<b>Jn 19:16-22</b>



**EGG 12: The EMPTY EGG reminds us of the empty tomb and Jesus' resurrection from the dead.**

**Egg color:** Light Blue  
**Read** Matthew 28:5-8

**Explain:**



Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb of Jesus, as was the Jewish custom, to anoint Jesus' body with spices they had already prepared. When they arrived, they were surprised to find the stone moved away from the tomb and the soldiers gone. All they found in the tomb were Jesus' grave clothes and an angel.

The angel told them not to be afraid. No one had taken Jesus' body because He had risen from the dead! The angel told the women to tell the disciples what they had seen and heard. They were so excited that they ran to tell the disciples the good news!

Later, Jesus appeared in person to Peter, then to the eleven disciples and after that, to more than 500 people. Jesus' appearance to eyewitnesses, those who saw Him with their own eyes, would give support and prove that Jesus rose from the dead. Read I Corinthians 15: 3-7.

By rising from the dead, Jesus proved that He was the Messiah, the Savior of the World, the Chosen One, and the Lamb of God. By dying on the cross, entering Hades and freeing the Righteous, and rising from the dead, Jesus did what no one else could do. Only God could overcome death, but only a Man could enter Hades. Jesus was both God and Man. Because of what Jesus has done, death and sin no longer have power over those who believe in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to lead and direct them.

Our baptism unites us with Christ, freeing us from being slaves to sin and death, and makes us servants of God, if we willingly seek submission to God.



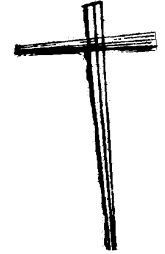
(Romans 6:17-18). It is important that we read the Bible and participate in the Mysteries/ Sacraments of the Church because the Holy Spirit works through both. Because we do not always do the right thing (1 John 1:5-10), we need

to continue to confess our sins. The Church offers us the Mystery of Confession. The Church Fathers liken this to a second baptism.

**EGG 1: The PALM CROSS reminds us of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.**

**Egg color:** Blue  
**Read:** Mark 11:1-11

**Explain:**

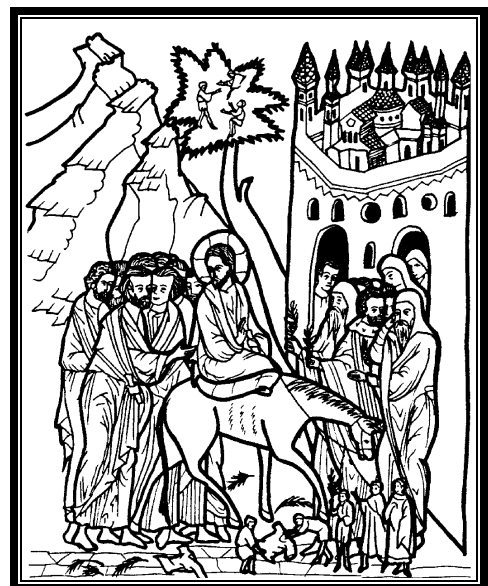


Many people believed Jesus was the Son of God. Many were healed of their sickness or blindness. The day before Jesus entered Jerusalem, when He was in Bethany, He raised his friend Lazarus from the dead. When Jesus rode down the streets of Jerusalem the next day, the people were eager to see Him.

They laid palm branches and their outer clothes in the path of the donkey, just as they would for a conquering hero! They joyfully shouted, "Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

While things were going well for Jesus, it was easy for the people to love Him and follow Him. However, when the Jewish leaders challenged Jesus by saying He was not the Son of God, the people were afraid. Many thought if they admitted they were followers of Jesus, and that they believed He was God, they would be in danger, too.

The truth is that God calls us all to follow Jesus no matter what the situation. Even though it may be difficult at times, we need to be strong in our faith in God and trust that He will protect us.



**EGG 2: Judas received 30 SILVER COINS or shekels for betraying Jesus to the Jewish leaders who did not like Jesus and did not believe that He was the Messiah.**

**Egg color:** Light Pink  
**Read:** Matthew 26:14-16,  
Exodus 21:32

**Explain:**

The Jewish leaders wanted to get rid of Jesus because He was not the Messiah they wanted. They were looking to God to send a warrior-like king, one riding a horse, not a donkey, one who would come to overthrow the Roman Empire that ruled over the Jews.

Instead, God sent His Only Begotten Son, Jesus, as a peaceful and humble man, full of God's love. He came to earth to show us this love and to teach us that true goodness can only come from our Father in heaven.

The Jewish leaders continued to parade around, showing how good they thought they were, even though their hearts were not good. Jesus wanted the people to know that what is in our hearts is important, not what we are like on the outside. Jesus said if our hearts are made clean, then we will be pleasing to God.

Jesus told the Pharisees that they were doing wrong and needed to change. This made the Pharisees and the Jewish leaders angry. They did not want Jesus to tell them they were wrong or sinful. They did not want to change, to be like God wanted them to be. This is what sin truly is, to live our lives away from God, in disobedience.

Judas was one of Jesus' disciples who, at first followed Jesus, but later decided to do things his way, thus disobeying God. Once Judas led the Jewish leaders to Jesus, they captured Him, put Him on trial, and put Him to death. Judas betrayed Jesus for only thirty pieces of silver - shekels.

Betraying occurs when someone lies, pretending to be your friend, but is really your enemy. Even though Judas was one of Jesus' trusted disciples, when he betrayed Him, he turned against Jesus.

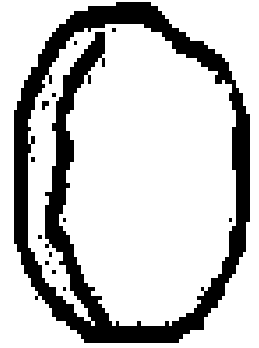


**EGG 11: The STONE reminds us that the Myrrhbearing Women found the tomb with the stone rolled away.**

**Egg color:** Pink  
**Read:** Matthew 27:62-28:2

**Explain:**

According to custom of Jesus' time, a large stone was usually placed over the opening of a tomb to prevent grave robbers from stealing the body or items that belonged to the dead that were put in the tomb.



In the case of Jesus, the Pharisees were especially worried that the disciples or His other followers would take the body and announce that Jesus had risen from the dead.

In order to prevent this, the Pharisees went to Pilate to request a guard. Pilate told them to place their own guard at the tomb.

Pilate had an official Roman seal - made with melted wax - placed on the stone. Once the wax dried, no one could get in or out of the tomb without breaking the wax seal. This would keep the disciples from stealing Jesus' body because the penalty for breaking the seal was death. In addition, the penalty for Roman soldiers allowing a seal to be broken was death as well.



**EGG 10:** The GAUZE reminds us that Joseph of Arimathea used a new linen cloth to wrap Jesus' body, after he and Nicodemus took Him down from the cross.

**Egg color:** Cream

**Read:** Matthew 27:57-61

**Explain:**

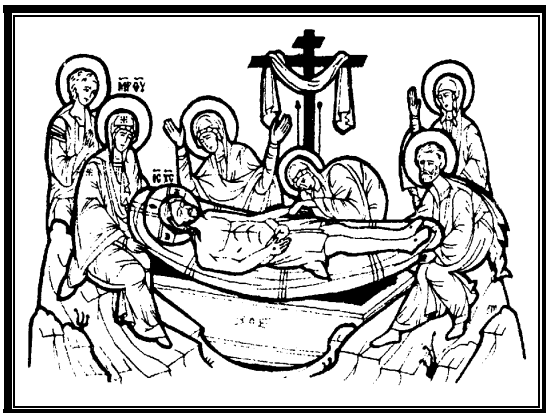
Some Jewish leaders secretly believed that Jesus was the Messiah, the Savior. Both Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, both members of the Sanhedrin, were afraid that if anyone knew that they believed Jesus to be the Son of God, they might be killed.



However, when Jesus died on the cross, they could no longer hide their beliefs. It's exciting to know that Joseph of Arimathea loved Jesus so much he was willing to put his own life in danger. Joseph went to Pilate to request the body of Jesus so he could bury Jesus in a tomb that he owned. He took the body to the tomb and wrapped it in a linen cloth, according to the custom of that time.

On Holy Friday afternoon we relive this moment. During the vesper service the body of Christ is taken down from the cross, wrapped in a large sheet, and taken into the altar. Then the priest and altar servers bring out the **Epitaphios / Shroud** - an icon depicting Jesus in the tomb - and place it in the sepulcher/tomb in the center of the church, just as Joseph and Nicodemus did. At the end -of the service, we come forth to venerate our Lord's body.

It is interesting to note that Jesus' childhood guardian was Joseph, the betrothed of His mother Mary, and now another man named Joseph, Joseph of Arimathea, was to care for His body at death.



**EGG 3:** The CHALICE reminds us of the cup Jesus used for the wine at the Mystical/Last Supper with His disciples.

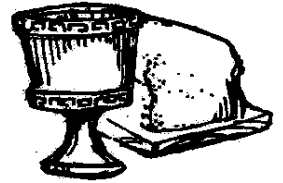
**Egg color:** Light Purple

**Read:** John 13:1, Exodus 12:21-27

Matt. 26:17-19, 26-28;

**Explain:**

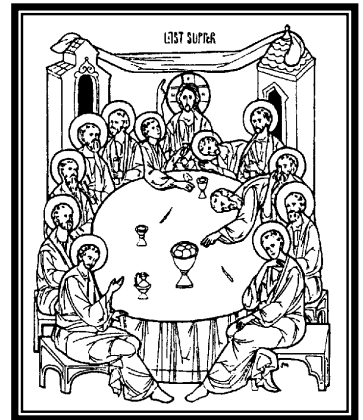
The disciples came to Jesus asking Him where would they celebrate the Passover. Each year at Passover (Pesach in Hebrew; Pascha in Greek) the Jews remembered that God's great love protected them and their children and freed them from slavery in Egypt.



Hundreds of years before, the Pharaoh of Egypt had made slaves of the Israelites, God's people. God sent Moses to Pharaoh to ask that God's people be set free. When Pharaoh refused, part of God's punishment was to kill all the first-born children of Egypt. To protect the Israelite children, the blood of a lamb was brushed on their doors as a sign. The Angel of Death would "pass over" their houses and not kill the first-born Israelite children.

Since Jesus is God Incarnate [He took on our human form], His death on the cross, His entering Hades to free the Righteous, His passing over from death to life - *resurrection from the dead*-was is our Passover/Pascha. He is our Passover! Orthodox Christians understand that when we are baptized in Christ, we die with Christ and rise with Christ. We "pass over" death.

Jesus and His disciples ate the Mystical/Last Supper together the night He was arrested. Jesus broke a loaf of bread, and told His disciples, "Take, eat, this is My body." Then He took the cup of wine and said, "This is my blood. Drink from it, all of you. For this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins." We hear these words at every Divine Liturgy. We receive communion from a special cup called a chalice.



**EGG 4: PRAYING HANDS** remind us that Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane after the Mystical / Last Supper.

**Egg color:** Orange  
**Read:** Mark 14:32-42

**Explain:**

As the Son of God, Jesus showed us by example how important it is to pray. He gave us the Lord's Prayer that we should pray daily and that is prayed at every Orthodox service.



He often went off by Himself to pray to God the Father. In this gospel reading we learn that Jesus asked His disciples to come with Him to pray and keep Him company.

Jesus was very troubled. He knew He was going to die. His human nature, for a moment, feared what would happen. He asked His Father to spare Him the pain. As the obedient Son of God, though, Jesus was willing to do whatever God the Father wanted. Dying on the cross was part of His Father's plan.

While He prayed, His disciples fell asleep not just once, but three times! Do you ever get tired when you try to pray? It is hard to be strong when you are tired, isn't it! Even Jesus' disciples were weak when they tried to be strong on their own, apart from God. This is a reminder to all of us that we cannot be strong on our own. We need to ask for our Father's strength just like Jesus did.



**EGG 9: The SPEAR** reminds us of the spear the Roman soldiers used to pierce Jesus' side when He was on the cross.

**Egg color:** Purple  
**Read:** John 19:31-37

**Explain:**

At sundown on the day Jesus died on the Cross, Passover began. Jesus' body had to be taken down and buried before Passover, so that His followers could celebrate the Passover. Therefore, the Roman soldiers were sent to make sure the three were dead.



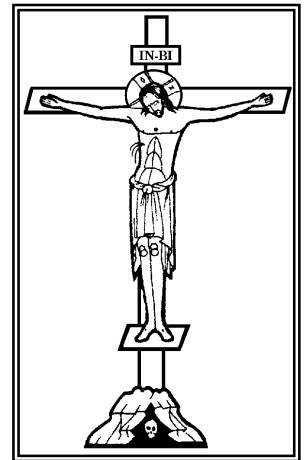
Roman soldiers usually broke the legs of criminals who were dying on a cross to help them die faster. The soldiers broke the legs of the criminal who was crucified to the left of Jesus. Then they broke the legs of the criminal crucified to the right of Jesus. When they got to Jesus, they saw that He was already dead, so they decided not to break his legs.

God foretold this hundreds of years before in Psalm 34:20, "He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken." God the Father allowed Jesus' life to be taken before the soldiers even got to Him.

However, the soldiers did need to make sure He was dead so they pierced Him in the side with a spear. When they did, out came both water and blood. This was all the proof they needed.

**Note for Parents:**

In the *Orthodox Study Bible* (p. 264) we read: "Blood and water may Mysteries / Sacraments. For the water speaks of our baptism and in partaking of the Eucharistic cup, we are 'drinking from His very side' (St. John Chrysostom). It is literally the forgiveness of sins that gushed out from Jesus' side; the



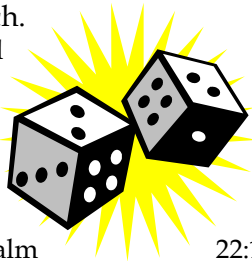
water gushed unto regeneration and the washing away of sin, and the blood as drink productive of life everlasting." In addition, both wine and water are used to prepare the Eucharist.

**EGG 8:** The ONE DIE reminds us of the Roman soldiers casting lots / dice or gambling for Jesus' robe.

*Egg color: Light green*  
*Read: John 19:23-24*

**Explain:**

Jesus did not own much. When the soldiers gambled for Jesus' clothes, it was truly sad that they were so selfish and cared so little for Jesus. Hundreds of years ago, King David foretold this happening. Psalm 22:18: "They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."



Jesus showed us by example what we are to do when others do something wrong to us. He asked forgiveness from His Father for those who were crucifying Him.

Listen to what He prayed in Luke 23:34: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." This is a great example of how we should treat those who are mean or unkind to us! We need to pray for them. We also need to forgive them.



**EGG 5:** The LEATHER reminds us of the whip used to give Jesus 40 lashes after His trial by Pilate.

*Egg color: Green*  
*Read: John 19:1-15*  
*(also Matthew 27:26-31)*

**Explain:**

The Jewish leaders brought Jesus before Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor in Judea. They said that Jesus' claim to be God made Him an enemy of the Roman Empire and Emperor Caesar. The Romans believed that their Emperor was a god.



Pilate tried to free Jesus, even asking the crowd whether they wanted the thief Barabas or Jesus released. When the crowd chose Barabas, Pilate "washed his hands" of the decision, and allowed Jesus to be put to death.

Before that, Pilate told the Roman soldiers to whip or scourge Him. Scourging was a Roman punishment performed with a whip made of several leather strips with bits of metal or bone at the tips.

As the Son of God, Jesus could have stopped the trial, the whipping, the pain, and even His death, but He wanted to do the will of His Father. He did nothing to help Himself. He willingly accepted to be put on the cross.

Long ago, it was foretold in the Old Testament that Jesus would be whipped and beaten. Isaiah 50:6 says, "I gave My back to those who strike Me, and My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting." Isaiah 53:5-6 says, "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with His stripes, we are healed."

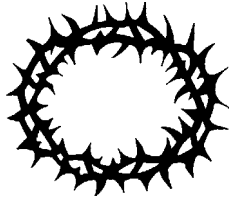


**EGG 6:** The Roman soldiers placed a **CROWN OF THORNS** on Jesus' head to mock Him as "King of the Jews."

**Egg color:** Light Yellow  
**Read:** Matthew 27:29

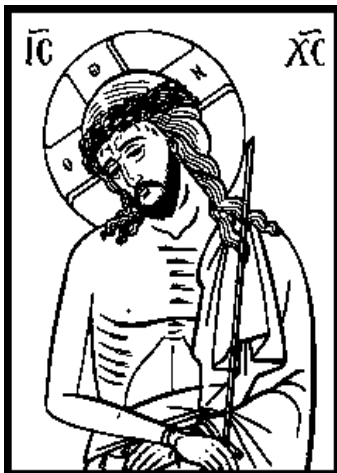
**Explain:**

Many of the same people who were praising Jesus as God just a few days before, when He raised Lazarus from the dead and triumphantly rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, were now treating Him like an evil person. They believed that if Jesus were truly God, He would save Himself from having to die. However, God's plan was to save us by allowing His Son to die on the cross for us. The people did not understand this, so they did not believe that Jesus was God.



We should never believe others when they tell us Jesus is not God. In addition, we should never treat someone badly just because others are doing it. We should always do what God tells us to do, to love others because this is the way we show that we love God.

The Roman guards did not believe that Jesus was God or a king. They taunted, hit, and beat Him. They made a crown out of sharp thorns for His head. They knelt before Him and teased Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on Jesus and took a very strong grass-like stick called a reed and beat Jesus on His head, crushing the crown of thorns into His skin, and causing Him to bleed.



**EGG 8:** Four **NAILS** were driven into Jesus' hands and feet to hold Him onto the cross.

**Egg color:** Yellow  
**Read:** John 19:16-22



**Explain:**

Why did Jesus have to die on the Cross for us? In the beginning God created Adam and Eve and gave them the freedom to make choices -- *free will*. When given the chance to obey God they chose to disobey. The result or consequence was that Adam and Eve's sin separated them from God. As offspring or great, great, great grandchildren of Adam and Eve, we are born with the consequence their action that we call the Fall of Mankind. We, too, sin and are separate from God.

There are different ways we disobey God - when we are selfish with our toys or other things we own or when we disobey our parents whom God has given us to teach and train us. God wants us to honor, respect, and listen to them. When we do not respect and listen to their direction, we sin. If we hit our brother or sister, if we lie, cheat, or steal, if we have been asked to clean our rooms and we do not, we sin.

Since God is Perfect and Holy, our sin creates a canyon between us, keeping us from God. No matter how hard we try, we cannot reach God on the other side of that canyon without His help. God the Father bridged the canyon for us by allowing His Only-Begotten Son to be born, live, die on the cross, enter Hades and free the Righteous dead, overcoming death by His death, and be resurrected. Though His great love for us, Jesus allowed Himself to be crucified and set us free from sin and eternal death.

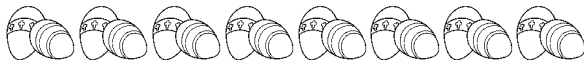
When we are baptized in the Orthodox Church, or baptized elsewhere and Chrismated in the Orthodox Church, our sins are washed away and we are united with Christ in a special relationship. At our Chrismation, we are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and from that time on the Holy Spirit lives within us. It is the Holy Spirit that helps us pray, choose to do right, and guides us toward God. When we participate in the Mystery/Sacrament of Confession, we continue to have our sins forgiven!

**Note to Parents:** *Crucifixion was the method of execution used by the Romans in capital cases involving rebellious slaves, violent crimes, high treason, and the worst criminals. Roman citizens were beheaded.*

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