

## Resurrection Eggs Readings

To use the eggs:

You can either count backwards 12 days from Easter, and plan ahead so that you can open one egg each day, or simply open the carton and tell the whole story at once, using each object as a reminder of that part of the story.

If you focus on one egg a day, you can talk about the image, read the verses, and re-tell the story as you've learned it so far. Begin and end with a prayer.

### 1 - Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King - Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

<sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

<sup>5</sup>"Say to Daughter Zion,  
'See, your king comes to you,  
gentle and riding on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna<sup>[a]</sup> to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"<sup>[a]</sup>

"Hosanna<sup>[a]</sup> in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup>When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

<sup>11</sup>The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

### 2 - John 12:2-8 New International Version (NIV)

<sup>2</sup>Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Then Mary took about a pint<sup>[a]</sup> of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup>But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, <sup>5</sup>"Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages."<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>6</sup>He did not say this because he cared about

the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

<sup>7</sup>“Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You will always have the poor among you,<sup>g</sup> but you will not always have me.”

### **3-The Last Supper Matthew 26:17-19 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup>On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

<sup>18</sup>He replied, “Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.’” <sup>19</sup>So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

### **4-Matthew 27:3 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup>When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.

### **5-John 19:17 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup>Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha).

### **6-John 19:2-4 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>2</sup>The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe <sup>3</sup>and went up to him again and again, saying, “Hail, king of the Jews!” And they slapped him in the face.

<sup>4</sup>Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him.”

### **7-John 19:23 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

### **8-John 19:18 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

### **9-John 19:28-30 New International Version (NIV) - The Death of Jesus**

<sup>28</sup>Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” <sup>29</sup>A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. <sup>30</sup>When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

### **10-John 19:40 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>40</sup>Taking Jesus’ body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.

### **11-Matthew 27:59-60 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>59</sup>Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, <sup>60</sup>and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

### **12-Matthew 28:6 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.