**Spiritual fun facts**

**1. Jesus rode a donkey… on purpose!**

Riding a donkey into Jerusalem was Jesus’ way of fulfilling a prophecy from **Zechariah 9:9** — a sign of peace, not war. Kings usually rode horses in war, but a donkey meant **"I come in peace."**

**2. He flipped tables in the temple**

Jesus wasn’t always calm and quiet! In the temple, He overturned the tables of the money changers because they turned a place of worship into a marketplace. **(Matthew 21:12-13)**  
Spiritual message: Righteous anger can be holy when it defends what’s sacred.

**3. He cursed a fig tree**

Jesus once cursed a fig tree for not bearing fruit (Mark 11:12-14). The tree symbolized spiritual emptiness — like people who look good on the outside but don’t live in truth.

**4. He washed feet like a servant**

On Holy Thursday, Jesus washed the feet of His disciples (John 13:1–17), showing that **true leadership is humble service**.  
💡 Imagine your leader kneeling to wash your muddy hiking boots!

**5. The Last Supper was the first “Mass”**

At the Last Supper, Jesus broke bread and shared wine, saying “This is my body… my blood.” (Luke 22:19-20) — the first **Eucharist** ever celebrated.  
It happened during the **Jewish Passover**, linking **freedom from slavery** with **freedom from sin**.

**6. Jesus was betrayed with... a kiss**

Judas used a **kiss** to betray Jesus (Matthew 26:48-49). Something meant to show love was twisted into a signal of betrayal.  
 A powerful reminder that appearances can deceive.

**7. Peter’s denial was predicted… with a rooster!**

Jesus told Peter he’d deny Him three times before the rooster crowed. And it happened exactly like that (Luke 22:61).  
Even the bravest fall sometimes — but Peter was forgiven and became a great leader.

**8. Jesus sweated blood**

In the Garden of Gethsémani, Jesus was so anxious He **sweated drops of blood** (Luke 22:44) — a real medical condition called **hematidrosis**, caused by extreme stress.  
It shows His **real human fear**, yet He still chose to obey.

**9. The crowd chose Barabbas**

At the trial, the people were given a choice: free Jesus or **Barabbas**, a criminal. They chose Barabbas (Mark 15:6-15).  
Sometimes the world chooses what’s wrong… but Jesus still loves it anyway.

**10. The curtain of the temple ripped in two**

When Jesus died, the **thick veil** separating the Holy of Holies from the people tore from top to bottom (Matthew 27:51).  
This symbolized that **God is now accessible to everyone**, not just priests.