EASTER STORY EGGS



TRIUMPHANT ENTRY

Matthew 21:1-10

On Palm Sunday, Jesus and his disciples came to the city of Jerusalem to observe the Passover, a yearly celebration. As they were entering the city, Jesus sent some of his disciples to go and get a donkey for him to ride on as he came into the city. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people became very excited, and they laid down palm branches and garments on the ground like they would do for royalty. The people were saying, "Hosanna," which means "save us."



LAST SUPPER

Matthew 26:20-30

Jesus ate his last meal, the Passover meal, with his disciples. As they ate, he told them that he was going to die and that he would come alive again. He signified this with bread, to represent his body being broken and dying, and wine, to represent his blood that he would shed to pay for the sins of the world.



GARDEN BETRAYAL

Matthew 26:47-56

After they were done eating, Jesus and his disciples went to a garden to pray. While they were praying one of Jesus' disciples, Judas, came with priests to arrest Jesus. Judas had agreed to lead them to Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. He knew where Jesus' favorite place to pray was and so he brought them there and Jesus was arrested. The other disciples tried to stop the arrest, but Jesus wouldn't let them and reminded them that he had to die.



TRIAL
Matthew 27:27-31

Jesus was led to an unfair trial, and he was convicted and sentenced to death by crucifixion on the cross because he claimed to be God's Son. As a way of mocking him, he had a crown of thorns placed on his head and a purple robe put on him as they took him to the cross.



CRUCIFIXION

Matthew 27:35-55

Jesus was placed on a cross between two other men who actually had committed crimes. They placed nails in his hands and in his feet to hold him on the cross. As Jesus was dying, the whole world became dark for three hours until Jesus took his last breath.



RESURRECTION

Matthew 28

Jesus was taken down from the cross and was put into a tomb, like a cave. His body stayed there for three days and three nights while guards kept watch over it. On the morning of the third day though, there was a great earthquake, and an angel came and rolled away the stone that covered the tomb! Women that knew Jesus were on their way to visit his body and were so surprised to find that it wasn't there! The angel told them that Jesus had risen from the dead just like he said that he would. As the women ran back home to tell Jesus' disciples, Jesus met them and showed them that He was alive! Then he went and saw his disciples so they could see it too!

Jesus visited his friends for awhile and then went back to Heaven where he is now. Before he left, he commanded his disciples to tell everyone this story and the story has been told over and over again ever since then. Now you have a way that you can keep telling the story just like Jesus said to do!

