

Dear Parents,

We have already reached the weekend of Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. Please make sure to cover the pages in the workbook to highlight the importance of Holy Week to your child.

Let's pray together this week for:

- For the church, bringing God's compassion alive in today's world
- For world leaders that they ensure our world is safe and fair for all
- For all those struggling in any way
- For our parish community as we pray together

The work to cover in their "Be My Disciples" book this week is:

- Pages 245 - 246 for all levels

The lessons in their workbooks will be shorter the next few weeks. Please use this opportunity to catch up on any lessons you have not completed in their duo tangs.

You will find below the duo tang masters that show different questions than those you received in your duo tang. Remember, the questions to be answered are those in the duo-tang you received at book pick-up, not the questions on the masters below. I encourage you to use the questions below to open a dialogue with your child.

The prayer service this week can be found at <https://worship.pastoral.center/day/2021-03-28>.

Feel free to email me if you have any questions.

Have a Blessed week!

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# HOLY WEEK *Day by Day*

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John ♦ RHYTHM STORY

On Sunday of Holy Week  
Jesus came to town  
riding on a donkey.  
The crowds were all around.

“Hosanna,” they all shouted,  
“Hosanna to our King.”  
They waved their palms victoriously.  
God’s praises they did sing.

On Monday of Holy Week,  
when Jesus went to pray,  
what he saw in the temple  
caused him great dismay.

“This is a house of worship  
and not a marketplace.  
Get out, you moneychangers!”  
He rid it of disgrace.

On Tuesday of Holy Week  
Jesus shared God’s love.  
He told the earthly rulers  
that his kingdom was above.

He told stories to the people.  
He taught lessons for their life.  
He heard the rulers plotting.  
The town was filled with strife.

On Wednesday of Holy Week  
what did Jesus do?  
Did he stay with His disciples?  
Did he tell them what He knew?

Did he share the day with loved ones  
in a place he often stayed?  
Did he spend the day preparing  
as he talked with God and prayed?

On Thursday of Holy Week  
Jesus gathered with his friends.  
He washed their feet and told them  
that his life was near its end.

He took bread and wine and blessed it,  
gave it to his friends to share.  
But Judas, his disciple,  
was filled with great despair.

Then Jesus and his close friends  
went to a garden spot to pray.  
When Jesus found them sleeping  
He was filled with great dismay.

As he went to leave the garden  
Judas met him with a kiss.  
The soldiers grabbed him quickly.  
What’s the meaning of all this?

They led Jesus to the high priest  
where the scribes and elders met.  
They tried to find a reason  
to put the Lord to death.

On Friday of Holy Week  
Jesus Christ was crucified.  
The Son of God and Son of Man  
hung on a cross and died.

On Saturday of Holy Week  
Jesus' body was in a tomb.  
His faithful friends and followers  
were sad and filled with gloom.

On Sunday of the next week  
Jesus' friends found a surprise.  
A bright and glorious angel  
appeared before their eyes.

“He is not here; he's risen,”  
is what the angel said.  
“You're looking in the wrong place.  
He's living. He's not dead.”

## Not Wearing a Costume

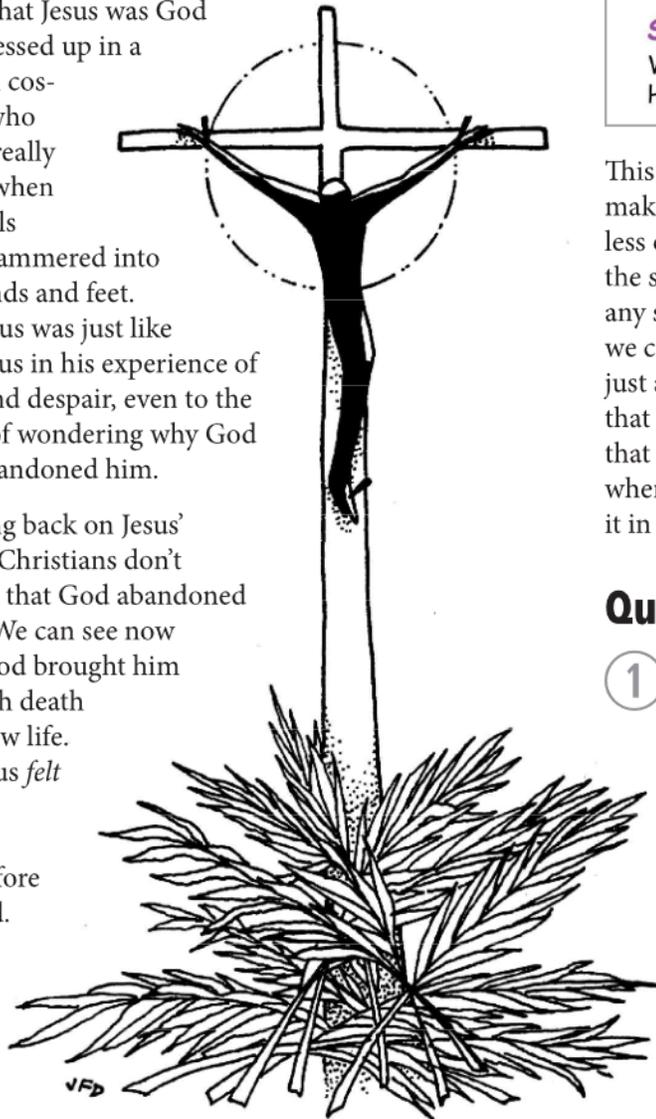
*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- ▶ Mark 11:1-10 - Welcomed with palms
- ▶ Isaiah 50:4-7 - The suffering servant
- ▶ Philippians 2:6-11 - Jesus, compassionate high priest
- ▶ Mark 14:1-15:47 - The passion of Jesus

Each Gospel writer tells the story of Jesus' passion and death slightly differently, emphasizing particular aspects of Jesus that each especially wants future generations to remember. Mark's gospel makes it very clear that Jesus suffered intensely, and that he experienced deep human emotions.

Mark does not want us to think that Jesus was God just dressed up in a human costume who didn't really suffer when the nails were hammered into his hands and feet. No, Jesus was just like one of us in his experience of pain and despair, even to the point of wondering why God had abandoned him.

Looking back on Jesus' death, Christians don't believe that God abandoned Jesus. We can see now how God brought him through death into new life. Yet Jesus *felt* abandoned just before he died.



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“The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.”

**Sheepish Question:**  
What am I searching for as I approach Holy Week?

This point can remind us that our feelings do not make up all of reality. If we feel despairing or hopeless or that all is lost, we can remember that Jesus felt the same. If we are terrified of death, or we can't feel any sense of God's presence with us in our suffering, we can be assured that God has not abandoned us, just as God did not abandon Jesus. Sometimes all that can be done is to stay the course, remembering that God found a way to bring life out of death, even when Jesus and the others around him could not see it in the moment.

### Questions of the Week

- 1 Have you ever felt abandoned by God? Looking back on that time now, do you have a sense of how God was still present and active then? How?
- 2 Think of people in your life now who are suffering or despairing for any reason. How might you make yourself available to them so that they will know they are not alone?