

ROAD TO GOLGOTHA

THE LIFE OF CHRIST WITH SAINT LUKE



THE SOLDIERS MAKE FUN OF JESUS

Luke 23:6-11; Matthew 27:27-30; Mark 15:16-19; John 19:1-5

The Jewish authorities insisted Pontius Pilate crucify Jesus on the cross. Pilate did not want to do this, but the Jewish authorities were threatening him and he felt like he didn't have any other choice.

Before crucifying Christ, the Roman soldiers made fun of him. They dressed Jesus up as if He were an earthly king, not realizing that they were mocking the



Class routine:
Move my photo from "home" to "church"



Class routine:
Light a candle - respectfully prayerfully without playing



Class routine:
Venerate our icon



Sing "Lord have mercy" in English, Greek, Arabic, Romanian

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GOAL

Learn to read iconography through the Gospels

2

AT CHURCH

Holy Week

3

AT HOME

Great Lent:
Repentance, Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving

WEEK 22

Son of God, who was truly the king of all!

In those days, the kings and emperors would wear fancy and expensive clothes. Their clothes were oftentimes red, blue, or purple because those colors were extremely expensive to make and showed off their wealth.

The Roman soldiers placed a purple robe on Jesus to make fun of Him because the Jewish authorities had told them that He was claiming to be the King of the Jews.

The Roman soldiers also cruelly placed a crown of thorns (instead of a crown of jewels) on Jesus' head and gave Him a rod to hold as His royal scepter.

They were so mean to Jesus. They severely hurt Him and then forced Him to carry a large wooden cross for His own crucifixion.

Jesus was too weak though and the Roman soldiers made a man named Simon from Cyrene (northern Africa, in Libya) carry Jesus' cross for Him.



ACTIVITIES

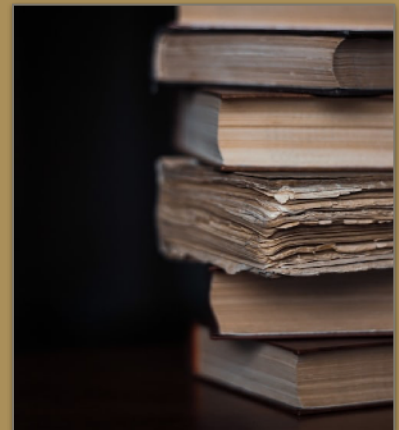
- Practice responses for “Christ is Risen!” in multiple languages - [click here for link](#)
- Practice singing “Christ is Risen!”
- Review - Place several icons in front of the kids and ask them to find: Jesus, Theotokos, St. John the Baptist, angels, or the Disciples
- Review: Place a few icons in sequential order
- Review: Place one icon in front of each child and take turns letting them tell you as much as they remember about the icon. Guide them, as needed.

EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The Crucifixion of the King of Glory by Eugenia Scarvelis Constantinou

The Gospel of Luke: Good News for the Poor by Fr. Lawrence Farley

The Explanation of the Holy Gospel According to Luke by Blessed Theophylact



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AT HOME

FOR PARENTS

What Jew would be simply loitering outside the praetorian on a Friday morning, especially on the eve of Passover? If indeed a random, unbiased crowd had been asked to decide between Barabbas and Jesus, the crowd might have asked for Jesus. But at that moment most people were bustling about the city below preparing for the feast. Who knew that Jesus was in Roman custody and facing the death penalty? Even the disciples may not have known exactly where Jesus was at that moment. They did not know that he was already held before Pilate and that they should assemble to shout for his release. Certainly the crowd that had welcomed Jesus as the Messiah the previous Sunday morning did not

know. Who knew where Jesus was and what was about to take place? One the high priest, chief priests, and members of the Sanhedrin. Only they knew where Jesus was and that Pilate was going to release one prisoner of the crowd's choosing. They were in the perfect position to control the outcome since the Temple, their domain where they wielded their power, stood just a few hundred yards away from the praetorian. As Pilate delayed, the chief priests generated the crowd, easily summoning friends and supporters from the Temple precincts nearby to rally in the Court of the Gentiles below the Antonia Fortress and shout for Barabbas.

Eugenia Scarvelis Constantinou
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HOME ACTIVITY #22

Learn more about the [Antonio Fortress](#) where the Romans kept watch over the Jews
Virtual Field Trip: [Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem](#)



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THE BRIDEGROOM

