



HOLY WEEK STATIONS

(based on Luke 22:14—23:56)

Station 1 (*a loaf of bread and cup of juice*) When it came time to eat the Passover meal, Jesus and his friends gathered around a table. Jesus looked at his friends and told them that the meal they were to share was special. It was probably the last meal they would have together. Then Jesus showed them a cup of wine and gave thanks to God. Jesus said, “Take this wine and share it together.” Then Jesus took a loaf of bread and gave thanks to God for it. He broke the bread into pieces and shared it with his friends saying, “Every time you eat some bread, remember me.” (Luke 22:14–20)

Station 2 (*several large boxes covered with grey or brown fabric*) After the meal was finished, Jesus and his friends went to a quiet place called the Mount of Olives. Jesus said to his friends, “Stay here and pray that you will make good choices.” Then Jesus left his friends and went to pray by himself about what God wanted him to do. Jesus told God about his feelings. Jesus was quiet and listened to God. Jesus asked God to help him get through the hard times that were going to happen soon. An angel came from heaven to give him strength. Jesus prayed such a long time that the disciples fell asleep. (Luke 22:39–47)

Station 3 (*toy swords and clubs*) Suddenly Jesus and his friends were surrounded by people carrying swords and clubs. Jesus’ friend Judas was with these people. Judas pointed to Jesus and said, “That’s the one.” When the rest of Jesus’ friends saw what was happening, one of them grabbed his own sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off one of his ears. Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched the man’s ear and healed it. The chief priests and the officers of the temple police arrested Jesus and took him to the high priest’s house. Most of Jesus’ friends were so scared they ran away, but Peter followed him. Because Jesus’ teaching was different from their teaching, some of the religious leaders were angry and tried to trick Jesus by asking difficult questions. (Luke 22:47–54)

Station 4 (*fire pit: sticks and red tissue paper*) Some people gathered around a fire in the courtyard of the high priest’s house. Peter sat with them. A servant girl recognized Peter and said, “You were with Jesus.” Peter said, “I don’t know him!” A little later someone else said, “I’m sure you’re one of Jesus’ followers.” But Peter said, “No I’m not!” About an hour later another person said, “You must be—you sound just like them.” Peter shouted, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” As soon as Peter said this, a rooster crowed and Jesus turned to look at Peter. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: “Before the rooster crows today you will pretend three times that you don’t know me.” Peter went out and cried bitterly. (Luke 22:55–62)

Station 5 (*throne: chair covered with red or purple fabric*) The rest of that night and the next day was a scary and sad time for Jesus and his friends. The men who had arrested Jesus beat him, questioned him, and insulted him. Then they took Jesus to rulers of the country. The crowd told the rulers that Jesus was telling people he was chosen by God. The rulers asked Jesus some questions but they didn’t think Jesus had done anything wrong. Still, the crowd and the religious leaders wouldn’t give up. They made sure that Jesus would be punished. They kept shouting until the rulers finally gave in and sentenced Jesus to death. (Luke 23:1–25)

Station 6 (*cross*) As the soldiers led Jesus away to be crucified, they grabbed a man called Simon of Cyrene and made him carry Jesus’ cross. Jesus’ friends followed, crying their hearts out. As Jesus died, he prayed and asked God to forgive the soldiers for what they had done. When Jesus died the sky became dark in the middle of the day and the temple curtain was torn from top to bottom. A soldier who was standing at the foot of the cross said, “I think this man really was innocent!” Jesus’ followers were sad and scared. What were they going to do now? (Luke 23:26–47)

Station 7 (*white fabric*) Joseph of Arimathea, a respected Jewish council member, asked Pilate for permission to bury Jesus’ body. Joseph wrapped Jesus’ body in a linen cloth and laid it in a small cave. The women who had been Jesus’ followers saw where the tomb was. Then they went home, crying, to prepare spices and ointments to bring to the tomb the next day. (Luke 23:50–56)