Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – March 28, 2021

Centennial Theme: "Remembering, Rejoicing and Reaching in Faith"

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church

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Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph

To You, Blessed Joseph, we come to you in our troubles and humbly beg you to aid us in our needs. Watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, ward off from us every worry and difficulty. As once you rescued the child Jesus, so now protect us. Shield us by your constant care so that we may be able to live with peace of mind and obtain eternal happiness. Amen.

OLPH History, Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Core Values

Matthew 28:18-20:
The Commissioning of the Disciples

Then Jesus approached and said to them, *"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."*

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish has a rich, black cultural history. From its formation in 1920, the Black Catholics of Anacostia contributed to its development and growth through their sacrifices of time, talent, skills and funds to provide a parish plant of their own. Thus, the uniqueness of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish places it in a leadership position to interact with other Black and non-black parishes in utilizing the gifts of Black spirituality through music, dance, education, and special action.

MISSION STATEMENT: We, the people, of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, therefore, acknowledge that our Pastoral Mission is to **proclaim** Christ and **teach** the "Good News", to **worship** and **bear witness** in the community, to **love and serve** as Jesus commanded, and to **preserve and share** our rich Black heritage.

VISION STATEMENT: *"A Roman Catholic church that is actively visible in the Community, shares its spirituality through fellowship, and is committed to serving God."*

CORE VALUES

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS: We will always speak the truth, respect the opinions and roles of all parishioners, and value each person, always maintaining Christian charity in all of our actions.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: We will seek to increase the understanding of our Catholic faith and expand our spiritual growth by participating in and supporting charitable and spiritual activities, in addition to attending Mass.

STEWARDSHIP: We will become involved in church activities and commit our time, talent and treasures.

INCLUSION: We will be open and inviting by extending ourselves to all by sharing in our parish life; thereby, reaffirming our vision of being actively visible in the community.

LEGACY: We will preserve our rich Black cultural history by respecting the past, continuing in service and faith in the present, and committing to the future of OLPH.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Mass Intentions are available for the faithful departed and the needs of the living. In addition, every weekend one Mass is offered for the parishioners of our parish.
Call the office to request a Mass intention.
An offering of $10 is suggested.

Memorials are noted by: † Indicates **Deceased**
BD means **Birthday** **AD** means **Anniversary of Death**

Sunday (28th)
10:00 am For the People of OLPH
Monday (29th)
8:00 am †**BD** Emery Shepherd
By Lucie Shepherd
Tuesday (30th)
8:00 am **BD** Marie Jackson, by her children
BD Jewel Braxton
Wednesday (31st)
8:00 am Darryl Hodge
By Gloria Reid
Holy Thursday (1stt)
7:00 pm
Good Friday (2nd)
3:00 pm
Saturday Easter Vigil (3rd)
7:00 pm
Easter Sunday (4th)
10:00 am For the People of OLPH

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 4, 2021

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43
Responsorial Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23
2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

Quote for the Week

"We can't run from God's purpose for us. We must answer, yes or no!"

Sunday, March 28th
10:00 am Mass
12:00 pm-1:00 pm Virtual Sunday School
Monday, March 29th:
Tuesday, March 30th:
6:30 pm Virtual Bible Study
Wednesday, March 31st:
Thursday, April 1st:

HOLY THURSDAY

Also called Maunday Thursday, the anniversary of the Last Supper, when Christ instituted the Eucharist, the Sacrifice of the Mass, and the priesthood. On Holy Thursday, since the early Church, the blessing of the holy oils has taken place.

10:30 am LOC Food Pantry – 3P
Friday, April 2nd:
3:00 pm

Blessings to all on this Good Friday. We are saved not by what we do, but by what Christ has done.
It Is Finished!

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross -- ZOOM meeting
Saturday, April 3rd:
7:00 pm

The importance of the Easter Vigil:

- It is the most important Mass of the liturgical year:
- It is the first official celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus
- The Paschal candle (the large white one) is blessed and lit; and this will be used throughout the entire Easter season
- Catechumens are received in the Church
- You get to renew your baptismal vows
- There are 7 readings, and the vigil itself lasts for quite a while

Please join the Virtual Celebration
Easter Sunday, April 4th:
10:00 am Mass

MASSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED ON THE OLPH WEBSITE

Sunday 10:00 am Monday-Thursday 8:00 am

8:00 am Weekday Masses are available for you to offer prayers for your family, friends and yourself.
PLEASE NOTE: Mass Intentions may NOT be made on Solemnities, Fridays, or Saturdays.
Remember ALL Sunday Masses are offered *For the People of OLPH* until further notice.
(Because Sundays are not available, Monday Masses following the third Sundays are for Ladies' Auxiliary No. 213)
Mass stipend donation $10.00
Contact Doris Savoy to reserve your intentions preferably by email: dsavoy0642@aol.com.
If you do not have internet access, call the Rectory Extension 2 Monday-Thursday 9 am-1:00 pm.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
OFFICE CLOSED: FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

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For those contributing to the "Share In Mission" fund, it would be helpful if you prepare a separate check made out to: The Josephites for their envelope.

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Items Available in the Rectory
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Saint Joseph Sunday Missal for 2021 $5.00
The Word Among Us $1.00
The Living Faith $1.00 Candles $3.00
Lector's Handbooks Also Available $5.00

Tuesday Night Class 6:30 pm
Virtual with Deacon Chase
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83343759396?pwd=TnFXT3JzdS9ZT0JqY0pjeTgvYWhXZz09

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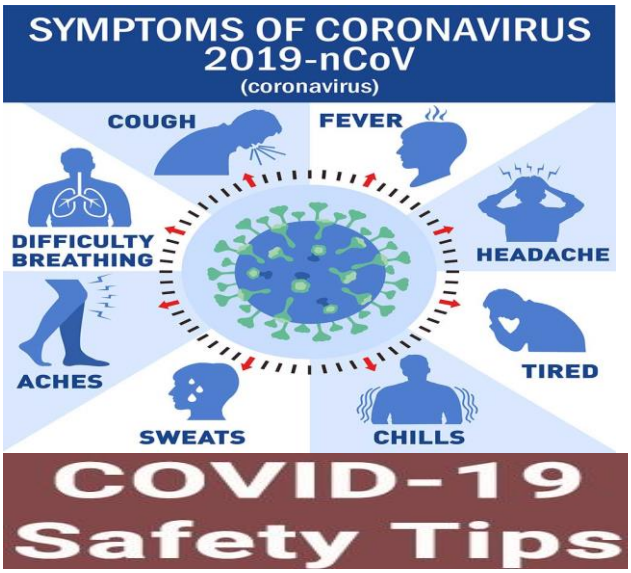
Collection last weekend: $4,212.00

Many thanks to all OLPH parishioners for sending in your tithes and offerings. You may continue to remit your offerings via mail (**Attention Mrs. Waller**), pay on-line, or dropped off at the office. **Your continued support of our parish is greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.**



COVID-19 Safety Tips

Wear a Mask
Wash hands
Avoid touching your face
Cover mouth when you cough
Practice social distancing
Avoid contact (touching) others
Avoid non-essential travel
Clean & disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

JOURNEY OF FAITH

PALM & PASSION SUNDAY

Palm Sunday (final Sunday of Lent) also called Passion Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week. During this week, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerfully reflecting on the events of Jesus' passion and death. During this week, your family might display a crucifix in a prominent place as reminder of the salvation that Christ won for us. This can also serve as the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week. Because of the length and complexity of the passion narrative, it is difficult for children to remain attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can make it a tradition to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross." Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as its focal point. The passion as found in Mark's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

Sunday: Mark 11:1-10
(Gospel at the Procession with Palm)
Monday: Mark 14:1-11
Tuesday: Mark 14:12-26
Wednesday: Mark 14:27-52
Thursday: Mark 14:53-72
Friday: Mark 15:1-41
Saturday: Mark 15:42-47

After reading from the Gospel each night, the family might reflect on the reading together. Conclude your prayer time together by praying the Lord's Prayer or by singing an appropriate hymn such as "Jesus, Jesus," "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" or "What Wondrous Love is This."

Michael & Laverne Smith 12th on April 4th
Calvin & Sahon Palmer 39th on April 6th
Clinton & Lorraine Lee 31st on April 7th
Michael & Vivian Staples 31st on April 7th
Michael & Diane Turner 6th on April 11th

27th Toni Gaines
28th Marie Jackson
29th Jordan Brody John H. Brown
30th Jewel M. Braxton Gloria Ann Moore
31st George Dugue' Kimberley Thomas
Errin Washington
2nd Chian Queen Kiah Thomas
3rd Joshua Jones
5th Taylor Tucker
6th Sheila Higginbotham-Greene
7th Kobe M. Williams
8th Dorothy Brown
9th Audrey Robinson Angela Tilghman

PARISHIONER TIDBITS

ENTERING THE HOSPITAL?

Parishioners planning to enter the hospital are encouraged to receive the ***Sacrament of the Sick*** prior to admission. Because of privacy laws, hospitals no longer notify parishes of a parishioner's stay. **Please notify the Rectory** of the name of person, hospital and room number, also **when the person returns home.**

HOMEBOUND, **HOSPITALS and/or *NURSING/REHAB
Nettie Biscoe, *Sonnie Boulware, Carolyn Brown, John Brown, Lorraine Brown, Shelia Conway, Roberta Dade-Young, Agnes Dua, *Cordella Gough, Elease Gravett, *Michael Holley, Hilda Kearney, *Geraldine Lee, Marie Lucas, Vincent Matthews, Antoinette Reese, Mary Shearard, Charles Smith, Delores Smith, Bernadette Waters, and Kobe Williams.

Evelyn Akoto, Lisa Alexander, Michelle Brookings-Cheek, Thomas Henry Brooks, Demarquis Carter, Louis Carter, Terneara Carter, William Clemons, Margo Cooke, Steve Cooke, George Dugue, Toni Gaines, LaShawn Gaines, Karin Joy Hodge, Ken Houston, Charles Jackson, James Jackson, Joan Jackson, Barbara Johnson, Mary Johnson, Jessica King, Jimmy Logan, Elizabeth Moeller, Yvonne Moody, Joan Morris, Teresa Naylor, Marcia Marlene Oliver, Mattie O'Neal, Terrance Oxyner, Betty Paisley, Marilyn Pearson, Charles Penny, Deidre Dorsey Point, William Queene, Tamala Sappington, Amy Scroggins, Eric Scroggins, Travia Stone, Edward Stoner, Augustus Thomas, Rose Thurston, Nicky Wilkinson..

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REMINDER

Pope Francis proclaimed this year a year dedicated to St. Joseph

Marking the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron of the universal church, Pope Francis proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to the foster father of Jesus. St. Joseph's unconditional acceptance of Mary and his decision to protect her "good name, her dignity and her life" serves as an example for men today, the pope said.

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YOU MIGHT WANT TO CHECK OUT THESE WEBSITES

(Type in the names and click onto their sites)
Archdiocese of Washington
US Conference of Catholic Bishops
Catechism of the Catholic Church online
The Vatican
Catholic Answers
Catholics Come Home
My Catholic Standard
EWTN Global Catholic Network
Maryland Catholic Conference
"For Your Marriage"
Human Life International (Pro-Life)

Palm Sunday

What is Palm Sunday?

Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. People filled the streets to watch Jesus ride into the city on a donkey, and threw palms at his feet to celebrate his arrival. They hailed Jesus as a King, but did not know his crown would be of thorns and his Kingdom in heaven.

Open the Word

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?"And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." *(Matthew 21:10-11)*

- Read today's readings including the full account of Jesus' Entrance into Jerusalem in **Matthew 21:1-11**.

Holy Week At Home

Watch Mass with Archbishop Gregory today at 10:00am.

Are you missing the distribution of palms at church?

Did you know that across the world palms, olive branches and **other greenery** are used for celebrating Palm Sunday?

Look around outside, what greens can you use?

Add the greens to your prayer space, hold them as you watch Mass online, or as you pray today.

For Children:

Download the image of a cross in **English** or **Spanish**. Draw a picture of **palms** or Jesus riding into Jerusalem.

Spiritual Reading

"Dear brothers and sisters, may these days call forth two sentiments in particular: praise, after the example of those who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem with their 'Hosanna!', and thanksgiving, because in this Holy Week the Lord Jesus will renew the greatest gift we could possibly imagine: he will give us his life, his body and his blood, his love."

-Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, World Youth Day 2012

Did You Know?

The word the crowd chants to Jesus, "Hosanna," means "save us".

Let Us Pray

Loving God, We praise you in a special way today as we celebrate Palm Sunday.
Be with us as we begin our journey through Holy Week, that we may more closely align our lives with yours, knowing suffering and death, yet remaining hopeful in the life you promise. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Liturgical Press, **Holy Week at Home**)

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Prayer moves us to action. Contact your local parish or **Catholic Charities** if you are in need of assistance or would like to be of assistance to others.

A New Way Forward

Looking backward, we've covered a vast amount of scripture and events — social, local and national —during the Lenten Season. The Coronavirus has dominated headlines, of course, and had major impacts on our everyday lives. Voter suppression has raised its ugly head again and its presence tells us we're not very far removed from the imposition of the Jim Crow Laws during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Covid-19 has thrown us back to the flu pandemic of 1918 and we're making many of the same mistakes America witnessed while the deadly flu raged through the country. The political attitudes of some have kept hate for people of color alive with no positive predictions that these suppressive strategies will relent in the near or far future. The Tuskegee syphilis experiment on African Americans weighs heavily on the minds of cautious Black folk today and the virus threatens to careen its way through Black and Brown populations with devastating death tolls.

Jesus is all the world to me; my life my joy my all.
He is my strength from day to day, without him I would fall.
When I am sad to Him I go; no other one can thrill me so.
When I am sad, He makes me glad,
He's my friend.

Looking ahead, however, gives us an essential value for life: Hope. Since Ash Wednesday scriptures have presented to us the unceasing tenacity of our belief in God. We believe: In repentance and the truth of the gospels; that Jesus is the beloved Son of God; in the sacredness of our church buildings and what they represent; that God sent Jesus to us as salvation, not to condemn but to save; that if Jesus is lifted up from the earth he'd draw everyone unto Himself. And today, Psalm Sunday, we see Jesus enter into Jerusalem, His destiny. And, though the political shenanigans will lead to his indictment, trial, and crucifixion, Jesus, God's Son, rises on the Third Day triumphant from his grave signaling new life for us who believe. And so, with the arsenal of scripture in our hearts, with the knowledge that Jesus the Christ is our salvation, we are not afraid of the future. The Coronavirus will fade, thank God, into history; the oppressive mindsets of hateful politics will succumb to forgetfulness; the extreme suspiciousness of White science will wane from among our people. Why? Because God never fails! God has abided with us throughout the annuals of human history and was present before time began; Jesus rose triumphant and so will we. He is, indeed, our Friend! Looking Forward We Fervently Believe!

Thank You!

Gracious!

A New Way Forward

OLPH Faith Formation and Threaded Cross Ministries
Wish to thank everyone who donated to the
"Socks for Souls" Drive

We collected over 1,000 pairs of socks

Merci!

Danke!

What happened next?

Complete the words from the word fragments in the box.

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Jesus to____ _____ad, gave tha_____ and _____ke it, and ga____ it to His disciples. He took the ____p, gave thanks and offe_____ it to ____em, and they all dr_____ from it. When they had su____ a hymn, they ____nt out to the Mount of Olives.

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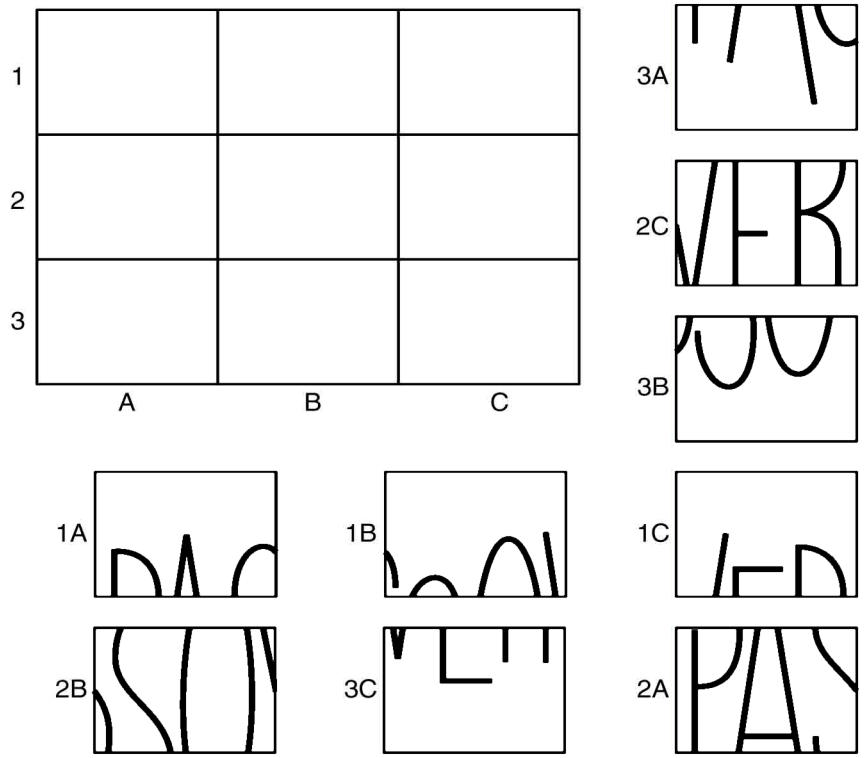
Ages 7+

March 28, 2021 • Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

The Body of Christ

Jesus and His disciples were preparing for a special meal. What was it called?

Fit the pieces of the puzzle together to find out.



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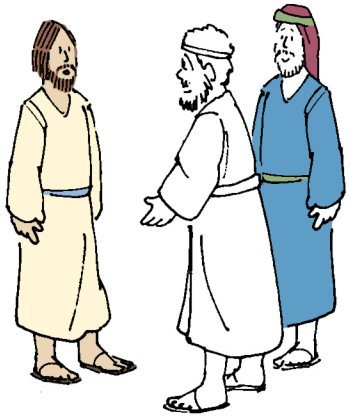

Jesus sent two of His disciples out to find a place for the Passover. What did Jesus say to do to find the place for the Passover?

Use this code to find out.

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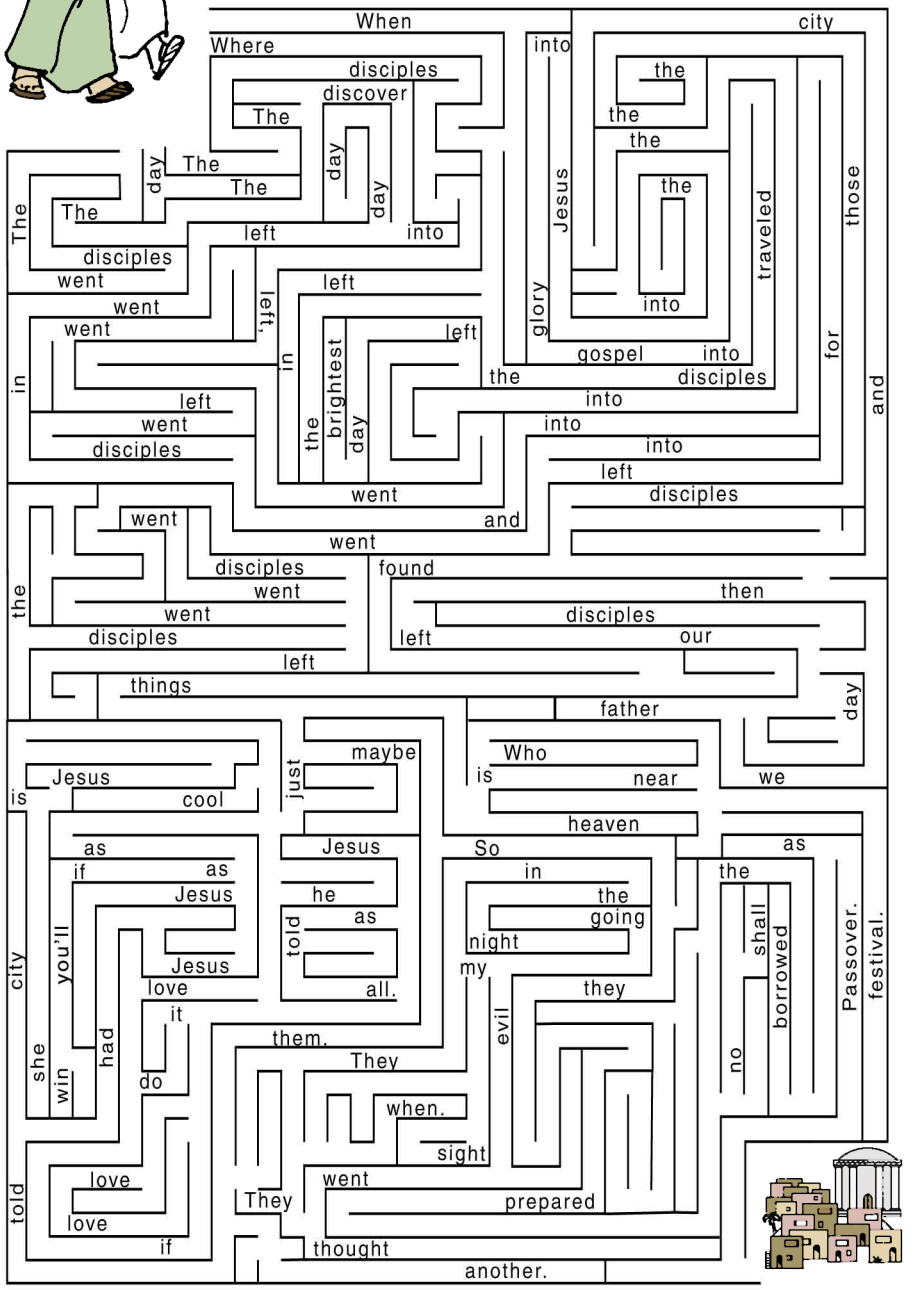
Lead the disciples to the city and read the words of Jesus along the way.