



Reflection Questions

-Last week we reflected on Palm Sunday and the significance of palm branches and the prophecies of the Messiah to the Jewish people. In this week's scripture, we move ahead only a few days to see the scene has changed significantly. Spend some time comparing how Jesus's disciples and people close to him may have felt on Palm Sunday vs. the day of the Resurrection.

-What did the people expect their Messiah to be like? How was Jesus different than their expectations? Think of a time in your life Jesus's plan turned out to be different than your expectations. What was your response, how did you feel?

-The disciples, including Peter, did not believe Jesus had risen although the angel reminds us that Jesus told them this would happen. Why were they so slow to understand and believe? What barriers lay in the way of them accepting Jesus's version of the Kingdom of God?

-Compare the disciples' difficulty seeing Jesus's vision of the Kingdom of God with the Church's today. What are some of the things that may be preventing us from seeing with Kingdom vision?

Family Activity

Gather some paper plates (two for each person), glue or tape, and coloring utensils.

Have each person cut one of their paper plates in half and cut the round middle out of the second plate.

Talk together as a group choosing your favorite verse from today's Scripture reading. Examples of Scripture choices include:



- Verse 5-6: “Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive? He is not here; he has been raised.”
- Verse 7: “The Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and three days later rise to life.”
- You may also choose to write, “He is risen”.



Take one of the plate halves and on the inside of the plate with the flat/cut side down write your chosen verse. Then take the second half and cut a semicircle hole out of the middle so the plate half resembles a cave or the tomb. Take the two plate halves insides together and glue or tape them along the curved edges. You should now have your tomb, the cut opening of one plate revealing the scripture you wrote on the opposite half.

If you like, color the plates to further resemble the tomb. The remaining plate piece will be the stone rolled away. Cut the circle down as you wish to fit it aside the opening to your tomb. Color and paste or tape it so it appears to have been rolled away from the opening.