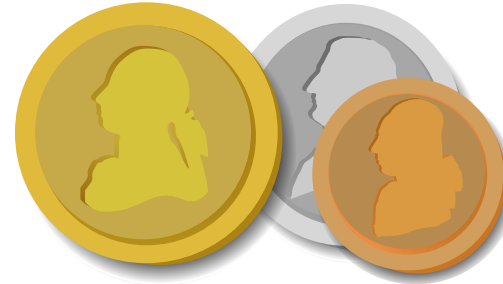


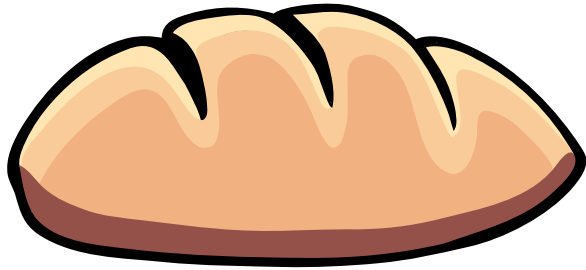
Jesus rode a **donkey** into Jerusalem. This had been prophesied hundreds of years earlier by Zechariah.

People were excited to see Jesus. They laid their coats down on the road for his donkey to walk on. They waved branches and shouted 'Hosanna!' (which means 'saviour') and 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'.



The chief priests did not like what Jesus was saying or doing. They wanted people to listen to them, not Jesus.

One of Jesus' disciples called Judas Iscariot agreed to hand Jesus over to the chief priests. For this betrayal, Judas accepted **30 pieces of silver**.



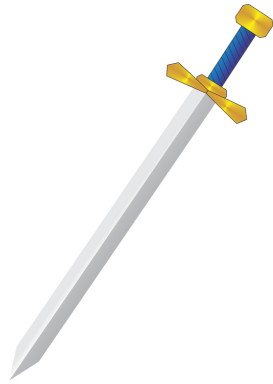
On the night Jesus would be betrayed by Judas, he had a 'last supper' with his 12 disciples.

After they'd eaten, Jesus took **bread**, broke it and said it was like his body, which was going to be broken for them (and us). He then poured some wine, and said it was like his blood, which was going to be poured out. All this was to make us right with God.



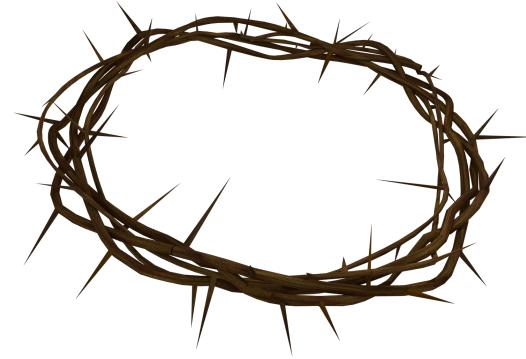
After they'd eaten, Jesus and his disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus **prayed** about what was about to happen.

He asked God to 'take this cup of suffering' from him - but also told God that he would submit to His will over what he himself wanted to do.



After Jesus had finished praying, Judas arrived, along with a crowd of servants sent by the high priests to arrest him.

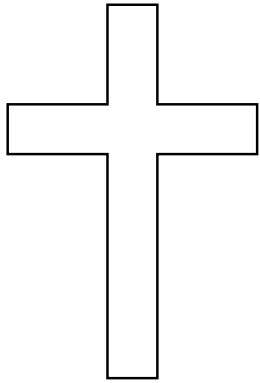
One of Jesus' friends drew his **sword** and cut off the ear of the one who arrested him. But Jesus healed the ear.
Violence is not God's way.



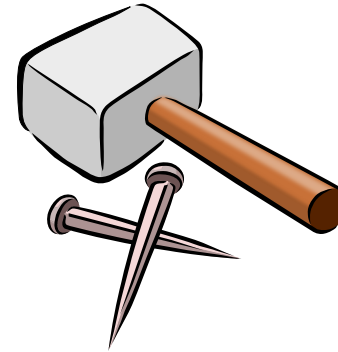
Jesus was taken to Pontius Pilate, the governor. Pilate couldn't find any reason to crucify Jesus, but the crowd insisted.

Jesus was sent to the soldiers, who hurt him and mocked him, putting a sharp **crown of thorns** upon his head to tease him about being 'King' of the Jews.





When Jesus had been stripped, flogged and spat on, he was led away to be crucified. Jesus was so weak that another man - Simon from Cyrene - had to carry the heavy wooden **cross** to the place where he would be crucified: Golgotha - which means 'place of the skull'.



When they arrived at Golgotha, the soldiers **nailed** Jesus to the cross and crucified him.

They divided up his clothes among them, as David had prophesied in Psalm 22:18.



When Jesus was on the cross, there was darkness - from 12 noon to 3pm. Then he called out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" echoing Psalm 22.

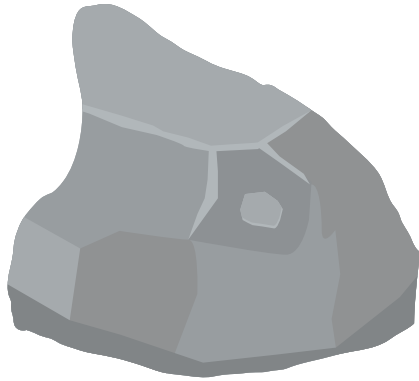
A bystander offered him a **sponge soaked in vinegar**, on a staff, to drink. Then Jesus died, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.



Later on, Joseph from Arimathea (who had become a follower of Jesus) asked Pilate for Jesus' body.

He took it, wrapped it in a **linen cloth**, and put it in his own tomb.





Joseph rolled a heavy **stone** in front of the tomb, so that no one could get in to steal Jesus' body. Then he left.

The soldiers put a seal on the stone, and stood guard, keeping watch in case the disciples came to steal Jesus' body so that they could pretend he'd come back to life.



On the third day, the day after the Sabbath (rest day), Mary Magdalene and some other women who were friends with Jesus, went to the tomb.

Imagine their amazement when they found the stone rolled away and the tomb empty! They ran to tell the other disciples. Later, Jesus appeared to them - and others - many times. Jesus is alive!