

# FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL EASTER

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in North Texas

# #BECAUSE of HIM

### PALM SUNDAY

#### 4.2 CLEANSING THE TEMPLE

4.3

On Palm Sunday, Jesus Christ makes His triumphal entry into Jerusalem as His followers wave palm fronds and lay down cloaks in His path.

- Read the account of Palm Sunday in the Bible: Matthew 21: 1-11; Mark 11: 1-11; Luke 19: 28-40; John 12: 12-19
- Watch messages of peace, hope, & joy during a live general conference broadcast, starting at 11am @ churchofjesuschrist.org

Jesus saw people buying and selling things in the temple. Because He wanted the temple to be a "house of prayer," He made them leave. Then He healed people who were lame or blind. The jealous priests were angry with Him.

- Read the account of Jesus cleansing the temple in the Bible: Matthew 21:12-17; Mark 11:15-19
- Consider ways you can cleanse your life of things that distract you from living a Christlike life.

## CHRIST TEACHES

Jesus taught people in the temple and on a nearby hill called the Mount of Olives. He lets them know that the greatest way we can serve God is by loving our fellow men and women.

- Read some teachings of Jesus Christ in the Bible: Matthew 25:31-40, 26:14-16
- Find someone to serve in a meaningful way.
- Go to JustServe.org for service ideas.

## **FORGIVENESS**

4.5

As Jesus Christ teaches His followers during the last week of His life, He stresses the principle of forgiveness. His words have special significance since it is His sacrifice that makes forgiveness possible.

- Read Jesus's early teachings about forgiveness in the Bible: Matthew 18: 21-35
- As you read about forgiveness, write down thoughts about how you can apply this to a current situation in your life.

#### THE LAST SUPPER

4.6

**GOOD FRIDAY** 

Jesus is betrayed into the hands of the local authorities. He is Jesus Christ gathers His apostles to share a meal and express sentenced to death by crucifixion. His suffering for us continues His love for them. Then, to help them remember Him, He gave on the cross. Jesus courageously endures, never letting fear them the sacrament. Jesus went to the Garden of Gethsemane keep Him from carrying out His mission to redeem all God's to suffer for our sins and to pray to God. children.

- Read the account of the Last Supper in the Bible: Luke 22: 7-9
- Invite friends to share a meal and reflect on the Last Supper.
- Read the account of Jesus's crucifixion in the Bible: Luke 23: 27-34
- Share an Easter message on social media.

#### THE TOMB

EASTER SUNDAY

Jesus Christ's followers lovingly prepared and placed His body in a garden tomb. A large stone was put in front of the door. Christ visits the Spirit World between death and resurrection.

- Read Jesus's promise to comfort us in the Bible:
- Find a way to reach out and instill hope in the life of someone who is discouraged, sad, or lonely.

Jesus is resurrected! He had risen from the tomb. An angel descended from heaven and rolled away the stone. Jesus told His disciples to teach and baptize others and promised to always be with them.

- Read the account of Jesus's Resurrection in the Bible: John 20: 1-18
- Attend Easter services at a local church. Find one near you at churchofjesuschrist.org/maps/meetinghouses

