

# Easter Lesson

## Item & Scripture

**1. Sacrament cup** (Luke 22:1, 15, 19-20)  
Jesus and his disciples celebrated the Feast of the Passover in Jerusalem. When they were together in a special room, Jesus “took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it*, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup *is* the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you” (Luke 22:1, 15, 19-20). When we take the sacrament each Sunday we remember that Jesus gave his body and his blood for us.

## **2. Cloth with a drop of red color**

*(or small twig with leaves = garden)*

Later, Jesus and His disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane. When Jesus was alone, He prayed to Heavenly Father. In the garden he felt the pain and sins of everyone who has ever lived or will ever live. “And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground” (Luke 22:44). In the Doctrine and Covenants, Jesus told us, “For behold, I, God, have suffered these things for all, that they might not suffer if they would repent; But if they would not repent they must suffer even as I; Which suffering caused myself, even God, the greatest of all, to tremble because of pain, and to bleed at every pore, and to suffer both body and spirit – and would that I might not drink the bitter cup, and shrink” (D&C 19:16-18).

## **3. Three dimes**

One of the twelve disciples of Jesus, Judas Iscariot, went to the wicked chief priests "And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver [Jesus] unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver" (Matthew 26:14-15). This fulfilled the prophecy in Zechariah 11:12-14 that Jesus would be sold for thirty pieces of silver. Judas led the soldiers to where Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane and gave him a kiss as a sign so the soldiers could take him away. "When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor" (Matthew 27:1-2). *(30 pieces of silver was at that time the price of a slave; approximately \$17. Not much in our time, but then it brought much buying power.)*

## **4. Piece of soap** (Matt 27:24)

Pilate knew that Jesus was a just man but the crowd was angry and said, "Crucify Him!" "When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified" (Matthew 27:24-26).

## 5. Red cloth, piece of thorn bush

To ridicule and make fun of Jesus "they stripped him and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted [woven] a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed [their knees] before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head" (Matthew 27:29-30).

## 6. Nails, small cross

"And after they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him." His cross was so heavy and he was so weak from all the beatings, that they had a man named Simon carry the cross for Jesus. They took him to the hill Golgotha and nailed him to the cross (Matthew 27:31-32).

## 7. Dice or toothpicks

"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots" (Luke 23:33-34).

"Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also *his* coat.... They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did" (John 19:23-24). (vesture = clothing)

## 8. Piece of sponge

"...Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar and put *it* upon hyssop, and put *it* to his mouth. [hyssop = a wild shrub of uncertain identity whose twigs were used for sprinkling in ancient Jewish rites of purification] When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost" (John 19:28-30).

## 9. Broken Rocks

When Jesus' spirit left his body, "the veil of the temple was rent in twain (torn in two pieces) from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; ...Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching (guarding) Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, "Truly this was the Son of God" (Matthew 27:50-51, 54).

## 10. White cloth

"When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth. And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock" (Matthew 27:57-60).

## 11. Round stone

"And he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed." The chief priests and Pharisees (Jewish leaders) went to Pilate and told him that before Jesus died, he said he would rise again. Command soldiers to stand guard to make sure no one steals Jesus' body and claims he rose from the dead. "So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch" (Matthew 27:60, 62-66).

## 12. Empty egg (Matt 28:1-6)

"And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Solome, had brought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him" (Mark 16:1). "And behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: ...And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay" (Matthew 28:2-3,5-6).

*THE TOMB WAS EMPTY!*

*Bear your testimony.*