

## Holy week: Monday

### Children and Youth Reflections

**Ice breaker:** Try and name all 12 of Jesus disciples without using your Bible or Google. No cheating!

- If you were one of Jesus' disciples, which one would you be?

Yesterday we celebrated Palm Sunday, a day when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, this started the beginning of our Holy week. Holy week is the last week of lent before Easter. During this week we will be looking at all the great works that Jesus had done up until His resurrection on Easter Sunday. But, this comes with a twist, we will be looking at these events as if we were one of Jesus' disciples and friends who were there to see it happen right in front of them.

Jesus' disciples left everything to follow Him. They left their families and jobs behind to learn more about God and to become fishers of men. They loved and trusted Jesus with all their hearts.

\*Remember, while reading this try to imagine that you are one of the disciples who was there.

**Bible reading: John 12:1-11**

- What did they eat for dinner?
- Was Jesus sitting next to you?
- What were they talking about?
- What did the perfume that Mary put on Jesus' feet smell like?
- What is your reaction to Mary washing Jesus' feet with her hair?

In those times they didn't have any closed shoes and only wore sandals. The roads that they travelled on was mostly sand and dust. Can you imagine how dirty Jesus' feet were? And now a woman was washing His feet with her hair!

- What would your reaction be and what thoughts would be going through your mind?
- Would you ever wash someone's feet with your hair? Even Jesus' feet?

Take a moment to imagine how the scent of Mary's perfume would fill the air in the room. She would have used so much that you would probably be able to taste it in your mouth.

Your friend Judas says that the perfume should have been sold and the money given to the poor but Jesus disagrees. Jesus says that the perfume was saved for a moment like this. Jesus felt honoured that Mary had given up her expensive perfume for Him and she had done this because she loved Him. Would you give up something expensive to show Jesus that you really loved Him? What would it be?

For a moment think of a time when you really showed Jesus that you loved Him.

- As one of Jesus' friends and disciples, how can you show Jesus that you love Him?

**Activity:** Unscramble the words to find today's memory verse

2 Isaiah 7:5

peace, beautiful the God say are of who bring who Zion, proclaim mountains  
news, who bring good tidings, those who on feet good proclaim How salvation,  
who to Your the reigns!