

## Holy week: Tuesday

### Children and Youth Reflections

**Ice breaker question:** How do you think the disciples would react to our technology?

Yesterday we were with Jesus at Mary and Martha's house; today we are at the Feast with Jesus and many other people.

**Bible reading: John 12:20-36**

\*Remember, we must imagine that we are one of the disciples in the reading.

- How many people do you think are in the crowd?
- How do you think Jesus is feeling right now?

When Jesus talks to the crowd, He says that He is going to die. For a moment, stop and think how the disciples must have felt and how the crowd felt when He said that. How would you feel if your friend Jesus, who you have been with for a few years said that He was going to die? Would you be sad, scared, a little bit confused maybe?

While Jesus is talking a great sound is heard. Some think that it is thunder and others think that it is an angel that spoke to Jesus.

- Who or what do you think it is?

Jesus also said that only when a kernel falls to the ground and dies can it only then produce more seeds. The new seeds bring new life which will create something new that resembles the kernel that had died.

- Do you think Jesus was talking about what was going to happen to Him? You bet He was!

Jesus knew that He had to die so that something great would happen and it would only be able to happen when He dies. We as believers and friends of Jesus know that He died so that our sins would be forgiven. If He didn't die, then we would have to die for our own sins.

For a moment, think of all the bad things and sins you have done. Sins are what separate us from God and keep us from having eternal life and from becoming the people who God created us to be. Jesus also says that He is our light, He guides us on the right path and gives us hope when things seem hopeless.

Have you ever had to light a candle when the electricity went out? How do you feel in the darkness? Was it a little scary, were you a bit afraid because you couldn't see what was in front of you? When there was light from the candle, did it make you feel a bit better? Were you not as scared? When we follow Jesus we don't need to be scared because He will always be there for us. When we follow Jesus we do things the way He does them. A few examples are that we will love our neighbours and forgive those who harm us. Can you think of any other things we would do?

- Are you a follower of Jesus?
- What can you do to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

**Memory verse:**

‘Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.’ Psalm 119:133

**Activity:**

Draw the outline of your foot and write the memory verse inside of it. Decorate it as you wish and put it up in your bedroom where you can see it every day.