

## Easter Bible Quiz ~ Leader's Guide with Answers & Scripture Verses

1. As Jesus rode into Jerusalem (on Palm Sunday), what did He say would cry out if His disciples didn't?

- A. the stones
- B. the angels
- C. the earth
- D. the animals

A. Luke 19:37-40. <sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

<sup>38</sup> "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

<sup>40</sup> "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

2. What was the man carrying whom Peter and John followed to prepare the upper room for Passover?

- A. a bushel of wheat
- B. a young lamb
- C. a pitcher of water
- D. a loaf of bread

C. Luke 22:10. <sup>8</sup> Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

<sup>9</sup> "Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked.

<sup>10</sup> He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters,

<sup>11</sup> and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>12</sup> He will show you a large upper room, all furnished. Make preparations there."

3. What did Jesus give to Judas as a sign that he was to betray Him?

- A. Glass of wine
- B. Bread
- C. Jar of honey
- D. Bag of coins

B. John 13:26. <sup>21</sup> After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, "I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me."

<sup>22</sup> His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. <sup>23</sup> One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. <sup>24</sup> Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means."

<sup>25</sup> Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?"

<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon. <sup>27</sup> As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

4. Which of these things did NOT happen at the Lord's Supper?

- A. The disciples sang a hymn (Mark 14:26. When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives)
- B. Jesus washed the disciples' feet (John 13:5. He poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet)
- C. Judas left to betray Jesus (John 13:30. As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.)
- D. Jesus wept bitterly

5. What was the sign that Jesus gave Peter in stating that he would deny Him?

- A. the sun would rise
- B. a rooster would crow twice
- C. someone would build a fire
- D. darkness would cover the land

B. Mark 14:30. "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times."

6. Where was Jesus when He was arrested?

- A. The temple
- B. A garden
- C. The upper room
- D. A courtyard

B. Matthew 26:36, Mark 14:32, Luke 22:39. Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane. (In Luke, called the Mount of Olives)

7. At Jesus' arrest, who cut off the ear of the high priest's servant?

- A. John
- B. James
- C. Peter
- D. Bible doesn't say

C. John 18:10. Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)

Luke 22:51. But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

8. Who was the chief priest who had Jesus arrested?

- A. Caiaphas
- B. Ananias
- C. Pilate
- D. Zechariah

A. John 18:12-14.<sup>12</sup> Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him<sup>13</sup> and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year.<sup>14</sup> Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it would be good if one man died for the people.

9. Which of these people did NOT question Jesus after He was arrested?

- A. Caiaphas (Matthew 26:57-65, Mark 14:53-64)
- B. Pontius Pilate (John 18:33-38, Mark 15:1-5)
- C. Herod (Luke 23:6-12)
- D. Caesar

Note: Annas also questioned him (John 18:12-24)

10. On what charge did the Jewish court sentence Jesus to death?

- A. Murder
- B. Blasphemy
- C. False witness
- D. Theft

B. John 19:7. The Jews insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

11. What was the name of the prisoner the people wanted released instead of Jesus?

- A. Barnabas
- B. Haman
- C. Barabbas
- D. Shalmaneser

C. Matthew 27:15-21.<sup>15</sup> Now it was the governor's custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd.<sup>16</sup> At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas.<sup>17</sup> So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?"<sup>18</sup> For he knew it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him.

<sup>19</sup> While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."

<sup>20</sup> But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

<sup>21</sup> "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor. "Barabbas," they answered.

12. Who was told to carry Jesus' cross for Him?

- A. Joseph of Arimathea
- B. John
- C. Simon the Cyrenian
- D. Peter

C. Matthew 27:32, Mark 15:21. A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross.

13. Where was Jesus crucified?

- A. The Mount of Olives
- B. Golgotha
- C. Jerusalem
- D. The Hinnom Valley

B. Matthew 27:33. They came to a place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull).

14. Which of these things did NOT happen when Jesus died?

- A. the veil of the temple was torn in two
- B. an earthquake
- C. many saints were raised from the dead
- D. the moon turned blood red

D. Matthew 27:51-53. <sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. <sup>52</sup> The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. <sup>53</sup> They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

Extra Credit: When did or will the moon turn red and where is this recorded?

On the second coming of the Lord as recorded in Joel 2:30-31. <sup>30</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. <sup>31</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

Acts 2:20. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

Revelation 6:12-13. <sup>12</sup> I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, <sup>13</sup> and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind.

15. What happened when a soldier pierced Jesus' crucified body?

- A. blood flowed out
- B. water flowed out
- C. blood and water flowed out
- D. nothing flowed out

C. John 19:34. <sup>32</sup> The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. <sup>33</sup> But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

<sup>34</sup> Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.

16. Who owned the tomb where Jesus was buried?

- A. Joseph of Arimathea
- B. Simon the Cyrenian
- C. Nicodemus
- D. Mary Magdalene

A. Luke 23:50-53. <sup>50</sup> Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, <sup>51</sup> who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea and he was waiting for the kingdom of God. <sup>52</sup> Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. <sup>53</sup> Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid.

17. What were the soldiers told to say regarding the missing body of Jesus?

- A. His body fell into a crevice created by the earthquake
- B. His mother moved the body to a different tomb
- C. His disciples stole the body at night
- D. He wasn't really dead - just unconscious

C. Matthew 28:12-13. <sup>11</sup> While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. <sup>12</sup> When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, <sup>13</sup> telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' <sup>14</sup> If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." <sup>15</sup> So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

18. On what day of the week was Jesus first seen after His resurrection?

- A. Friday
- B. Saturday
- C. Sunday
- D. Monday

C. Mark 16:9. When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons.

19. To whom did Jesus first appear after His resurrection?

- A. Mary Magdalene
- B. His mother Mary
- C. Peter
- D. Matthew

A. Mark 16:9.

20. Which disciple said he would not believe Jesus had risen unless he could see the nail marks in his hands?

- A. Andrew
- B. James
- C. Peter
- D. Thomas

D. John 20:24-25. <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

## About the last words of Christ on the cross. How many times did he speak? What did he say?

Traditionally, Christ is said to have spoken seven last words (actually phrases or sentences). The Narrated Bible edited by F. LaGard Smith puts them in chronological order as best as possible. There are some differences of opinion about the order, but this order is probably as good as any.

1. "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34-35)
- 2a. (To his mother, looking at John) "This man is now your son." (John 19:26)
- 2b. (To John, standing with his mother) "She is now your mother." (John 19:27)
3. (To the one criminal who repented) "I promise that today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)
4. "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" (Matt 27:46, Mark 15:34)
5. "I am thirsty." (John 19:28)

(Just before he died) Once again Jesus shouted and then He died. (Matt 27:50, Mark 15:37) [This is generally not considered one of the last words as it is simply a "shout."]

6. Luke reports the words, "Father, I put myself in Your hands." (Luke 23:46)
7. John reports the words, "Everything is done." (John 19:30)

Perhaps the most discussed of the words (sentences) is #4, "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" Here is what Mark Roberts has to say about it ([www.markroberts.com](http://www.markroberts.com)):

As Jesus was dying on the cross, he echoed the beginning of Psalm 22, which reads:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?  
Why are you so far away when I groan for help?  
Every day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer.  
Every night you hear my voice, but I find no relief.

In the words of the psalmist Jesus found a way to express the cry of his heart: Why had God abandoned him? Why did his Father turn his back on Jesus in his moment of greatest agony?

This side of heaven, we will never fully know what Jesus was experiencing in this moment. Was he asking this question because, in the mystery of his incarnational suffering, he didn't know why God had abandoned him? Or was his cry not so much a question as an expression of profound agony? Or was it both?

What we do know is that Jesus entered into the Hell of separation from God. The Father abandoned him because Jesus took upon himself the penalty for our sins. In that excruciating moment, he experienced something far more horrible than physical pain. The beloved Son of God knew what it was like to be rejected by the Father. As we read in 2 Corinthians 5:21, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

I can write these words. I can say, truly, that the Father abandoned the Son for our sake, for the salvation of the world. But can I really grasp the mystery and the majesty of this truth? Hardly. As Martin Luther once said, "God forsaking God. Who can understand it?" Yet even my miniscule grasp of this reality calls me to confession, to humility, to worship, to adoration.