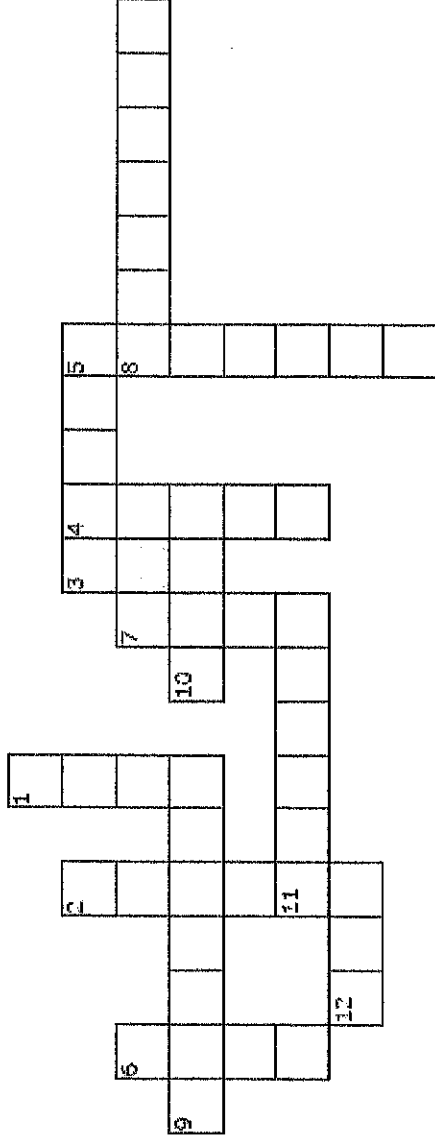


The Triumphal Entry



"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
Luke 19:38 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. The Son of God
8. A word used for praise and adoration which means "save us"
9. A small town
10. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year
11. To stretch out over a large area
12. To secure with a piece of rope

DOWN

1. What a person is called
2. To express admiration or approval of something or someone
4. To go into a place
5. Said something in a loud voice; called out; yelled
6. A male ruler of a country
7. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway

village	Jesus	praise	name
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Name _____ Date _____

Jesus, King of the Jews

Directions: Read *Matthew 27:11-54*. Over Jesus' head on the crucifix are the letters INRI, which stand for the Latin phrase *Jesus Nazareus Rex Iudaeorum* (Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews). Use these letters to inspire prayers of praise below.

INRI



I

Jesus, you are I _____ because _____

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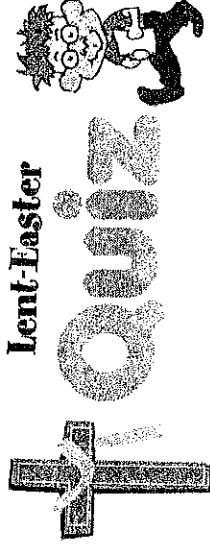
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Jesus, you are R _____ because _____

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Jesus, you are I _____ because _____



Quiz

1. Lent lasts

- (a) thirty days (b) forty days (c) fifty days
(d) sixty days

2. Simon of Cyrene was the man who

- (a) helped Jesus carry his cross (b) ran away when Jesus was praying in the garden (c) waited outside the courtyard when Pontius Pilate judged Jesus (d) held the rooster that crowed three times

3. Jesus said, "This is my body" and "This is my blood" to the apostles

- (a) at the wedding feast in Cana (b) at Zacchaeus' house (c) at the Last Supper (d) when he fed five thousand people with five loaves and two fishes

4. The mysteries of the rosary that include Jesus' suffering and death are

- (a) the Joyful Mysteries (b) the Sorrowful Mysteries (c) the Glorious Mysteries (d) the Luminous Mysteries

5. Peter denied Jesus

- (a) three times (b) four times (c) ten times
(d) seventy times seven times

6. Lent is a time for an extra effort in

- (a) fasting (b) giving to the poor (c) prayer
(d) all of these

7. "Today you will be with me in Paradise," is a promise Jesus gave to

- (a) the good thief (b) Mary his mother (c) John his beloved disciple (d) Peter

8. The Sunday before Easter we listen to a very long Gospel and carry

- (a) statues (b) palms (c) holy water (d) umbrellas

9. Calvary is the name of the hill where

- (a) Jesus was crucified (b) Jesus prayed in the garden (c) Moses received the Ten Commandments (d) the shepherds watched their flocks at Christmas

- 10. When Pontius Pilate asked the people what he should do with Jesus, they shouted**
(a) "Let him go!" (b) "Send him to Rome!"
(c) "Crucify him!" (d) "Let him be a soldier!"

11. The man who offered his new tomb for Jesus to be buried in was

- (a) Peter (b) Thomas (c) Judas Iscariot
(d) Joseph of Arimathea

12. Lent officially begins on

- (a) Ash Wednesday (b) Holy Thursday
(c) Good Friday (d) New Year's Day

13. The apostle who betrayed Jesus with a kiss was

- (a) Doubting Thomas (b) Nathaniel (c) Judas Iscariot (d) James

14. "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit," were Jesus' words as

- (a) he died on the cross (b) he prayed in the garden (c) he carried the cross (d) he was crowned with thorns

15. Our special celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus is on

- (a) the Ascension (b) Christmas (c) Easter
(d) Pentecost



Lent-Easter Rookie Quiz

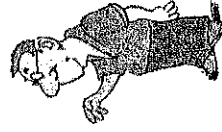


Answers

- (b)** Not counting Sundays, Lent lasts forty days. Officially the three days from Holy Thursday to Easter are called the *Triduum*, the holiest days of the year. It is especially important to go to church on these days.
- (a)** When Jesus was carrying the cross, the soldiers made Simon help Jesus. See Mark 15:21.
- (c)** It was at the Last Supper that Jesus instituted the Eucharist. On Holy Thursday we celebrate this in a special way at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.
- (b)** The Sorrowful Mysteries are: the Agony of Christ in the Garden, the Scourging of Jesus, the Crowning with Thorns, the Carrying of the Cross, and the Crucifixion of Jesus.
- (a)** All four Gospel writers tell about Peter's denial of Jesus. After he realized what he'd done, he wept bitterly. See Matthew 26:69-75, Mark 14:66-72, Luke 22:54-62, and John 18:15-18, 25-27.
- (d)** Fasting, giving to the poor (also called "almsgiving"), and prayer are traditional practices all year long, but are especially stressed during Lent. If you give up something like candy or soft drinks for Lent, give the money you save to the poor.
- (a)** The good thief scolded the other thief for mocking Jesus. Then he asked, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." (Luke 23:43) Legend tells us that the good thief had a name, St. Dismas, and that he is the patron of all repentant thieves.
- (b)** On Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter, we remember the day when Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey with everyone waving palms and shouting "Hosanna!" See Matthew 21:1-11. We also remember that this was followed by the events that led to his death on a cross. We read about these sad events in the part of the Gospels that is called the Passion. See Mark 14:1-15:47.
- (a)** Jesus was crucified on Calvary between two thieves. *Calvary* is the Latin translation of *Golgotha*, which means "place of the skull." Calvary was the place outside of Jerusalem where criminals were usually executed.
- (c)** Pontius Pilate didn't think Jesus was guilty, but he was afraid of the crowd. He took a bowl of water and washed his hands saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood." (Matthew 27:24)
- (d)** Joseph of Arimathea was a distinguished member of the Jewish council. He did not vote against Jesus the way most of the others did. It took great courage for him to go ask Pontius Pilate for Jesus' body.
- (a)** On Ash Wednesday we begin Lent by receiving ashes on our foreheads. This reminds us that we are mortal and that the whole season of Lent is one of repentance.
- (c)** The story of the betrayal of Jesus is found in Matthew 26:47-56. In Matthew 27:1-10, we learn that the chief priests of the Temple paid Judas thirty pieces of silver to betray Jesus.
- (a)** These were among Jesus' last words on the cross. We can use them as a prayer ourselves whenever we are troubled or afraid.
- (c)** Easter Sunday is the holiest day of the year, which is why Christians celebrate "the Lord's Day" every Sunday.



Lent-Easter



1. The color of the priest's vestments during Lent is

- (a) black (b) green (c) violet (d) white

2. During Lent many parishes remember Jesus' passion and death by praying a popular devotion called

- (a) the Stations of the Cross (b) the Nativity (c) Pentecost (d) the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary

3. To betray Jesus, the chief priests of the Temple paid Judas Iscariot

- (a) ten pieces of silver (b) thirty pieces of silver (c) a hundred gold coins (d) nothing

4. Jesus' tunic was woven in one piece without any seams, so when he was crucified the soldiers

- (a) rolled dice to see who would get it (b) ripped it so everyone would get a piece (c) raffled it off to the highest bidder (d) gave it to Jesus' mother

5. After Jesus died on the cross, a soldier pierced his side with a lance and

- (a) nothing happened (b) water and blood flowed out (c) the soldier said, "This man deserved to die" (d) the soldier said, "I'm sorry I have to do this"

6. Some of Jesus' last words on the cross include

- (a) "I am thirsty" (b) "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (c) "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (d) all of these

7. On Palm Sunday the people of Jerusalem greeted Jesus with the words

- (a) "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors"
(b) "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" (c) "Lord, I am not worthy" (d) "My Lord and my God"

8. We receive ashes on Ash Wednesday

- (a) as a sign of penance (b) to remind us that one day we will die (c) to remind us to repent and believe in the Gospel (d) all of these

9. The oldest Christian feast is

- (a) Easter (b) Thanksgiving (c) Fourth of July (d) All Saints Day

10. The Bible says that when Jesus died

- (a) there was an earthquake (b) the curtain of the Temple was torn in two (c) darkness came over the whole land (d) all of these

11. We call the day when Jesus rose into heaven

- (a) the Ascension (b) Pentecost (c) the Resurrection (d) Christmas

12. When Jesus was praying for his Father's help in the garden before he was crucified, he said, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me." But he finished this request by saying,

- (a) "yet, not my will but yours be done"
(b) "Blessed are the merciful" (c) "Our Father, who art in heaven" (d) "Hail Mary, full of grace"

13. Before they crucified Jesus, the soldiers

- (a) treated him with respect (b) scourged him and crowned him with thorns (c) left him untouched in solitary confinement (d) put him under house arrest

14. After Peter denied Jesus three times,

- (a) a rooster crowed (b) he heard a train in the distance (c) he was scolded by another apostle (d) the Roman soldiers whipped him

15. The saint who was the first person at the tomb on Easter morning was

- (a) St. Peter (b) St. Thomas (c) St. Francis of Assisi (d) St. Mary Magdalene

Lent-Easter Almost-Expert Quiz



1. (c) The color violet reminds us that the forty days of Lent are a time of penance.
2. (a) This popular devotion traces Jesus' journey from his trial to Calvary. Crosses or images, usually on the walls of a church, mark the fourteen stations. People commonly walk from station to station to pray and reflect on each step in Jesus' passion and death. Stations can be prayed privately or as a group.
3. (b) You can read about this in Matthew 26:14-16. Judas later regretted betraying Jesus and tried to give the money back, but the chief priests wouldn't take it. See Matthew 27:3-8.
4. (a) Jesus' "seamless garment" has become a symbol of the dignity of human life from natural beginning to natural end. The symbol comes from the respect that even the Roman soldiers had for this basic garment. See John 19:23-25.
5. (b) Later, touching this wound in Jesus' side would convince doubting Thomas to believe in Jesus' Resurrection. See John 20:24-29. The blood and water are symbols of dying and rising with Christ through Baptism.
6. (d) All of these were Jesus' words from the cross. All of them are good for us to ponder.
7. (b) Jesus came into Jerusalem riding a donkey with the people shouting "Hosanna!" This Hebrew word means "Save us, we pray!" We hear this word during Mass, during the blessing of the palms, and during the Palm Sunday procession.
8. (d) Though most Catholics participate in Mass and receive ashes on this day, Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation. The ashes are sacramentals, signs the Church uses to remind us to be open to God's love. Not only are the ashes a sign that reminds us of the need to reform our lives, they are also a sign that we are choosing to do penance during Lent.
9. (a) Easter is the oldest feast day. Jesus' followers began to gather and remember Jesus' teaching and the events of his life very soon after they happened. Christmas was not celebrated until much later.
10. (d) You can read the story of what happened when Jesus died in Matthew 27:45-56. The Roman soldiers guarding Jesus were terrified by these events. One of the centurions said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"
11. (a) This story is in Acts 1:6-12. Jesus rose into heaven in the sight of his disciples, telling them to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We celebrate the Ascension forty days after Easter.
12. (a) Jesus' prayer in the garden was so intense that he sweated drops of blood. He had asked Peter, James, and John to stay awake and pray with him at this important time, but they all fell asleep. See Luke 22:39-46.
13. (b) The soldiers not only whipped Jesus and crowned him with thorns, they also mocked him and spit at him. See Matthew 27:27-31.
14. (a) Jesus warned Peter that, before the rooster crowed, Peter would deny he knew Jesus three times. Peter swore he would never deny Jesus. When Peter heard the rooster, he suddenly remembered Jesus' word and wept bitterly. See Matthew 26:69-75.
15. (d) In Luke 8:2, we learn that Jesus cast out seven demons that had possessed Mary Magdalene. She became a faithful follower of Jesus. She stood at the cross with Jesus' mother (John 19:25), was the first to visit the tomb after the sabbath (John 20:1-2), and was the first to see the resurrected Jesus (John 20:11-18).

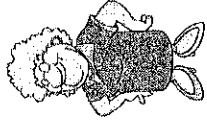
Lent-Easter Trivia



- 1. The Jewish religious ceremony Jesus and his disciples were celebrating at the Last Supper was**
(a) Hanukkah (b) Yom Kippur (c) Passover (d) Christmas
- 2. People who have been studying all year to become Catholic are received into the Church**
(a) at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening (b) at the Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday (c) on Good Friday (d) during the procession on Palm Sunday
- 3. The initials INRI above Jesus' head on a crucifix**
(a) stand for "In the name of Rome, I salute you" (b) stand for "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" (c) were used for every crucified criminal (d) none of these
- 4. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from**
(a) the Holy Land (b) Rome (c) the palms from previous years' Palm Sundays (d) the bishop's fireplace
- 5. The word Eucharist comes from a Greek word that means**
(a) hope (b) charity (c) banquet (d) thanksgiving
- 6. The apostle who swore that he'd never deny Jesus even if everyone else did was**
(a) Peter (b) Judas Iscariot (c) James (d) John
- 7. Between the Ascension and Pentecost, the disciples and Mary prayed**
(a) in an upstairs room (b) at Mary's house (c) in the Temple (d) in the cave at Bethlehem
- 8. The difference between a cross and a crucifix is that**
(a) a cross is always shaped like a capital "T" (b) a crucifix always has an image of Jesus' body on it (c) a crucifix is always made of wood (d) a crucifix is always made of precious metal
- 9. On Easter morning Mary Magdalene**
(a) went to Jesus' tomb early in the morning (b) brought oils and spices to anoint the body (c) saw that the stone was rolled back from the tomb (d) all of these
- 10. When the chief priests would do nothing after Judas told them that he had betrayed an innocent man, Judas**
(a) went to Pontius Pilate (b) hanged himself (c) told the apostles about it (d) prayed in the Temple
- 11. Before he was betrayed and arrested, Jesus prayed in Gethsemane, a garden**
(a) at the foot of the Mount of Olives (b) in Calvary (c) in Bethlehem (d) in Nazareth
- 12. The word alms means**
(a) money and goods for the poor (b) meat that you don't eat during Lent (c) giving up candy (d) saying extra prayers during Lent
- 13. A special ritual that happens on Holy Thursday evening at the Mass of the Lord's Supper is**
(a) kissing the cross (b) blessing the Easter candle (c) blessing the Easter water (d) the washing of the feet
- 14. Jesus instituted the Eucharist**
(a) at the Last Supper (b) the night before he died (c) using the bread and wine from the Passover meal (d) all of these
- 15. The only apostle left at the foot of the cross was**
(a) St. John (b) St. Jude Thaddeus (c) St. Peter (d) St. Antoninus



Lent-Easter Scholar Quiz



Answers

- 1. (c)** Jesus and the apostles were devout Jews, so they were celebrating Passover together. Passover reminds all Jews of their crossing over the Red Sea to escape slavery in Egypt.
- 2. (a)** The Easter Vigil is a very special ceremony. The church is dark as the Easter candle is lighted. Then everyone lights a small candle, or taper, from the Easter candle. New Catholics are joyfully baptized, confirmed, and join with the rest of the community to receive the Eucharist for the first time.
- 3. (b)** John's Gospel tells us that Pontius Pilate ordered this sign to be written on Jesus' cross in Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. See John 19:19-22. The letters *INRI* are the first letters of the words in the Latin translation.
- 4. (c)** Some parishes mark the burning of the previous year's palms with a ceremony just before Lent begins.
- 5. (d)** The Eucharist is the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ and is the central celebration of the Church's life.
- 6. (a)** Peter was insistent that he'd never deny Jesus, yet he denied Jesus three times.
- 7. (a)** After the Ascension the disciples missed Jesus and didn't know what was going to happen. They stayed together in what is often called the "upper room." Another name for this room is *cenacle*, which is a Latin word. In this room the Last Supper was celebrated, the resurrected Jesus appeared to the apostles, and the Holy Spirit descended to the apostles.
- 8. (b)** A crucifix is a cross that has an image of Christ's body. This image is either of the suffering Savior or the risen Lord. The powerful symbol of the crucifix inspires us to remember the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.
- 9. (d)** Mary Magdalene ran to tell the news to Peter and John. When she returned later, Jesus appeared to her and told her that he was ascending to his Father. See John 20:1-2 and John 20:11-18.
- 10. (b)** Judas tried to undo what he had done, but it was too late. He threw the thirty pieces of silver on the floor and then hanged himself. The chief priests could not put this blood money back into the treasury so they used the silver to buy a field for the burial of foreigners. See Matthew 27:3-10.
- 11. (a)** Luke tells us that Jesus prayed so hard before his suffering and death that "his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground." (Luke 22:42-44)
- 12. (a)** Alms are money or goods for the poor. We are supposed to be generous to the poor at all times, but Lent reminds us of this obligation in a special way.
- 13. (d)** At the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the priest washes the feet of twelve parishioners just as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper. This is to remind us to serve one another. See John 13:1-17.
- 14. (d)** If you listen carefully at Mass, you can hear all of these facts mentioned in the prayers. We remember Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist at every Mass.
- 15. (a)** John, often called "the one whom Jesus loved," was the only apostle to stand by Jesus to the end. All the others ran away. From the cross Jesus entrusted his mother to John's care. See John 19:26-27.