

Item to include in the egg

Verse & reading

1. Donkey	<p>Jesus rode into the royal city of Jerusalem on a donkey and was greeted by crowds of people cheering, "Hosanna in the Highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." They welcomed him by placing garments of clothing and beautiful palm branches on the path for his donkey to walk upon. This procession was a way of saying "Here is the long awaited King of Israel."</p> <p>Matthew 21:1-11</p>
2. Scroll	<p>The week before Christ's death and resurrection, he taught his followers many things. Of all the lessons he taught, he said this was the most important commandment: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:28-33</p>
3. Lamb	<p>Jesus, and thousands of other people, had come into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover – a time of remembering when God used the blood of lambs to free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Jesus took this tradition and changed it – He became the Lamb of God whose blood freed us from slavery to sin. John 1:29</p>
4. Towel	<p>While he was celebrating the Passover with his friends, Jesus got on the dirty floor and washed their sweaty, dusty feet. This was a job normally given to servant or the very least important person - and Jesus had just been proclaimed God's new King! He shocked everyone when he did this. He used their surprise to teach them that in God's Kingdom, even those with power must consider themselves servants. John 13:1-17</p>
5. Cup	<p>During the Passover dinner, Jesus shared his last supper with his disciples. Jesus took bread and said, "Take and eat it, this is My body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks and said, "Drink. . this is my blood. . for the forgiveness of sins." We still do this today, as he commanded, to remember him and what he taught and did. Matthew 26:26-28</p>
6. Coins	<p>The religious leaders were afraid that they would lose their power if Jesus became too popular. They did not want to hear what he was teaching, so they decided to kill him. Judas planned to betray Jesus to them in return for 30 pieces of silver. Judas gave the authorities a sign, saying "The one I shall kiss is the man. Seize him." While Jesus was praying with his friends in the Garden of Gethsemane, Judas came up to Jesus and kissed him and they knew who to arrest. Jesus was then taken to court. Matthew 26:47-48</p>

7. Handcuffs	Criminals get handcuffed and taken to jail, but Jesus, who never sinned, was captured and taken to court. Jesus had taught God's message of love and justice, and claimed that God's King and Kingdom were stronger than the unjust rulers. When he was taken to court, he did not fight back or protest. Matthew 27:11-14
8. Nail	Jesus was condemned to die on a cross. As he struggled to carry the heavy wooden cross up the Hill to Golgotha, he was really carrying the weight of the sins of the whole world. His hand and feet were pierced with nails, but the blood Jesus shed was to wash away our sins. Isaiah 53:5 and Romans 5:8
9. Torn Curtain (piece of thick fabric)	When Jesus died, the sky grew dark and there was a great earthquake. At the same time, the curtain in the temple that separated God from man was ripped in two. This shows that the all people – not just the Jewish High Priest – can be in God's presence. Now, God's presence is everywhere and for everyone. Matthew 27:51
10. Stone	Jesus' body was placed in a tomb, which was covered by a large stone. Just to be sure no one stole his body, they put soldiers to guard over the tomb. Matthew 27:57-66
11. Empty	On the third day, some women came to visit the tomb, but when they got there, it was empty and the stone was rolled away! An angel informed them, "He is not here. He is risen!" Later, Jesus appeared several times to all his friends. They were amazed! Mark 16:1-8
12. Flowers	In the winter, it looks like everything outside has died, but in springtime everything comes to new life again. After the resurrection, as Jesus was leaving for heaven, he asked us to share this good news with others, and teach others to obey everything he commanded. He promised to be with us always. Because God raised Jesus from the dead, we know his words were true. We believe that he will come back to reign as King, and that God will give us new bodies after our death too. He is making all things new. Luke 24:50-53 and Rev 21:5