

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Have you heard about Jesus' famous ride into Jerusalem?

You can read about it in your Bible at Mark 11:1-10.

Match the parts of this story to their correct pictures.

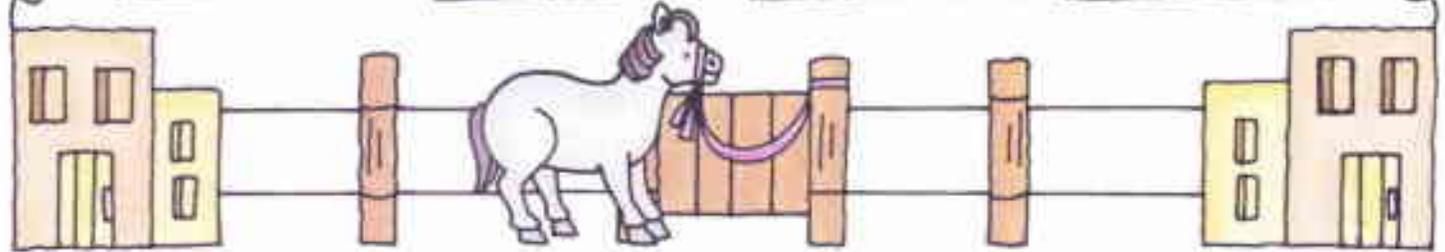
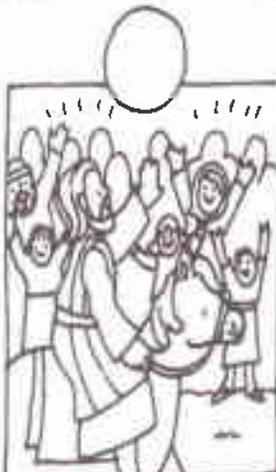
Then label the pictures 1 to 4 in the circles to show the order in which these events happened.

They untied it and told people "The Master has need of it."

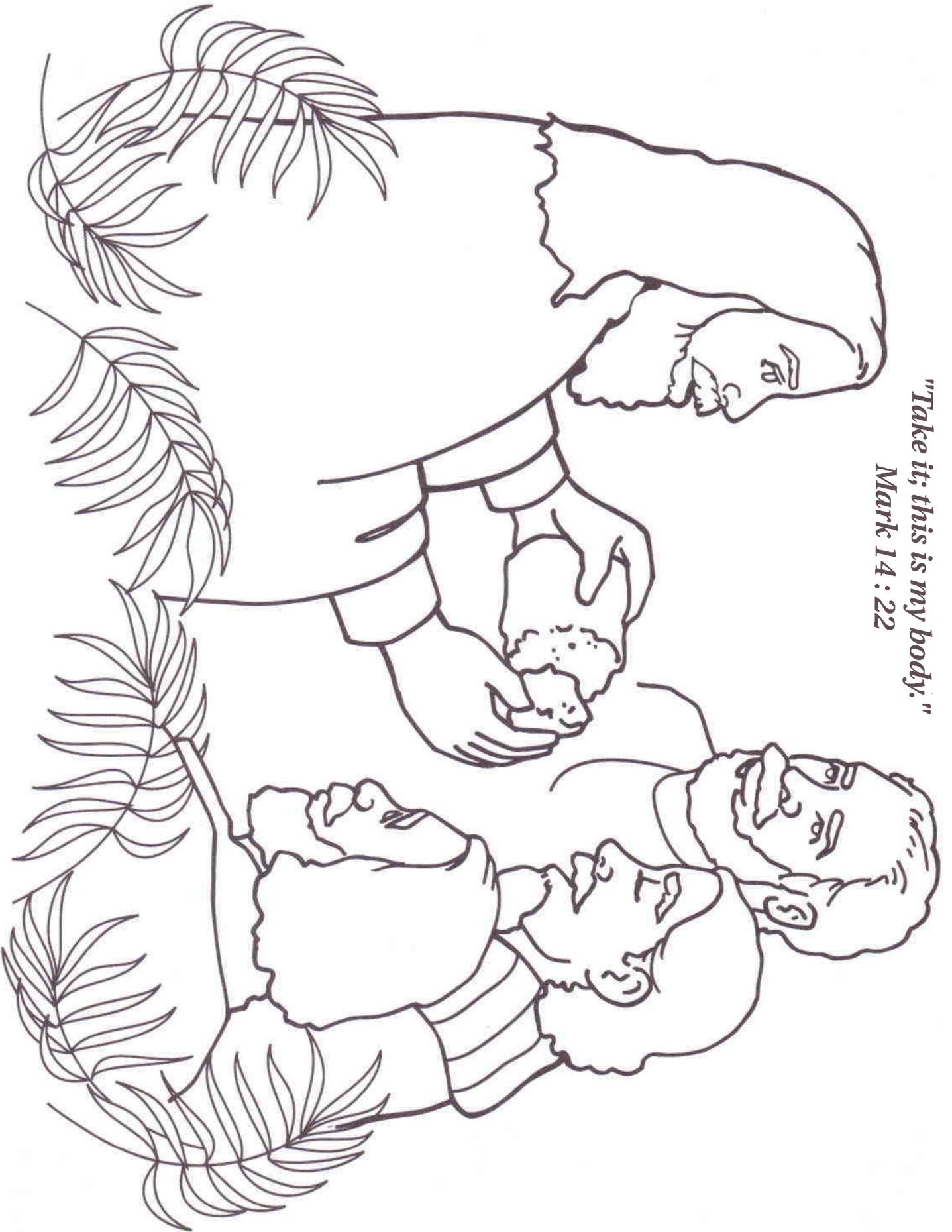
They brought the animal to Jesus. They put their coats over it.

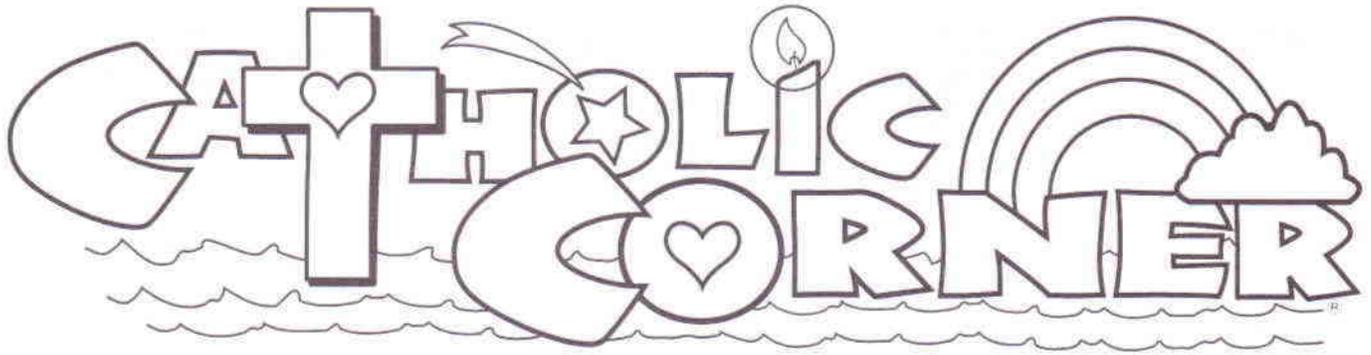
Two disciples went to a village and found a colt tied to a gate.

Jesus sat on it and took a ride down the road among the crowds!



*"Take it; this is my body."
Mark 14 : 22*





WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?

Today's Gospel tells the story of the suffering and death of Jesus. When Jesus hung on the cross he prayed the words of today's psalm.

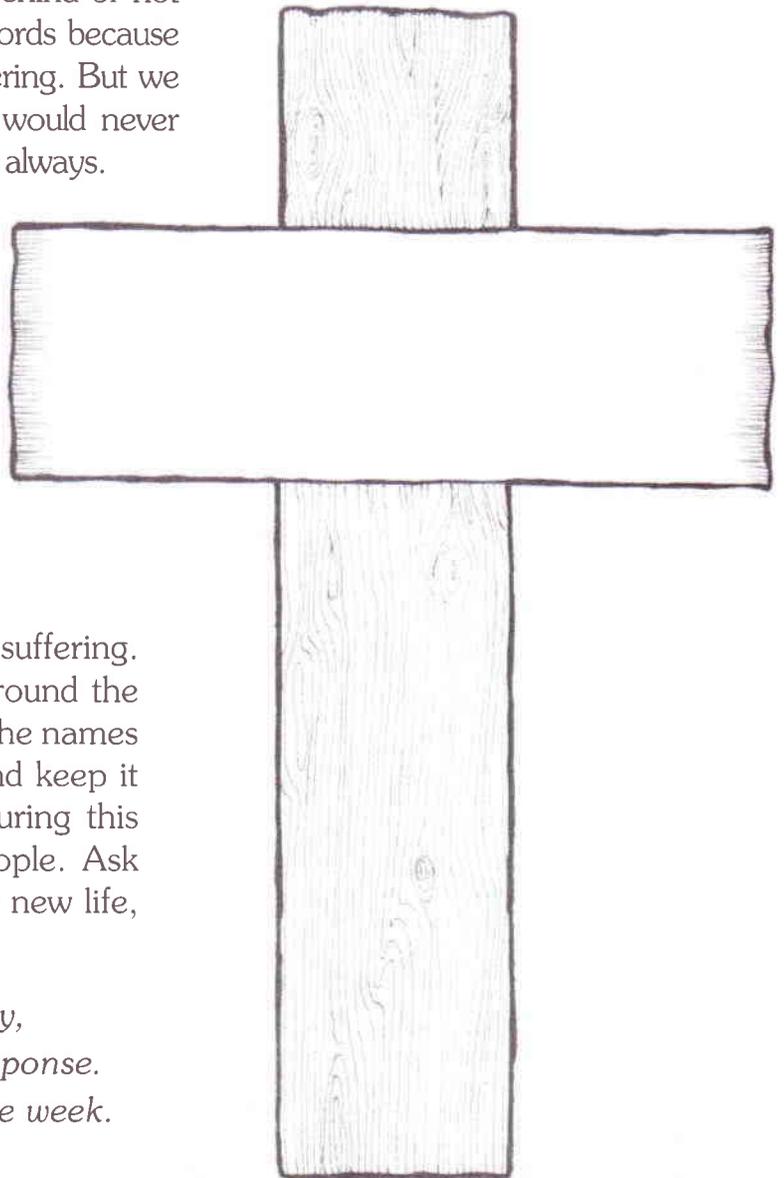
My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22:2a)

To “abandon” means to leave someone behind or not think or care about them. Jesus said these words because at that moment he felt very alone in his suffering. But we know that God did not abandon Jesus and would never abandon anyone. God promises to be with us always.

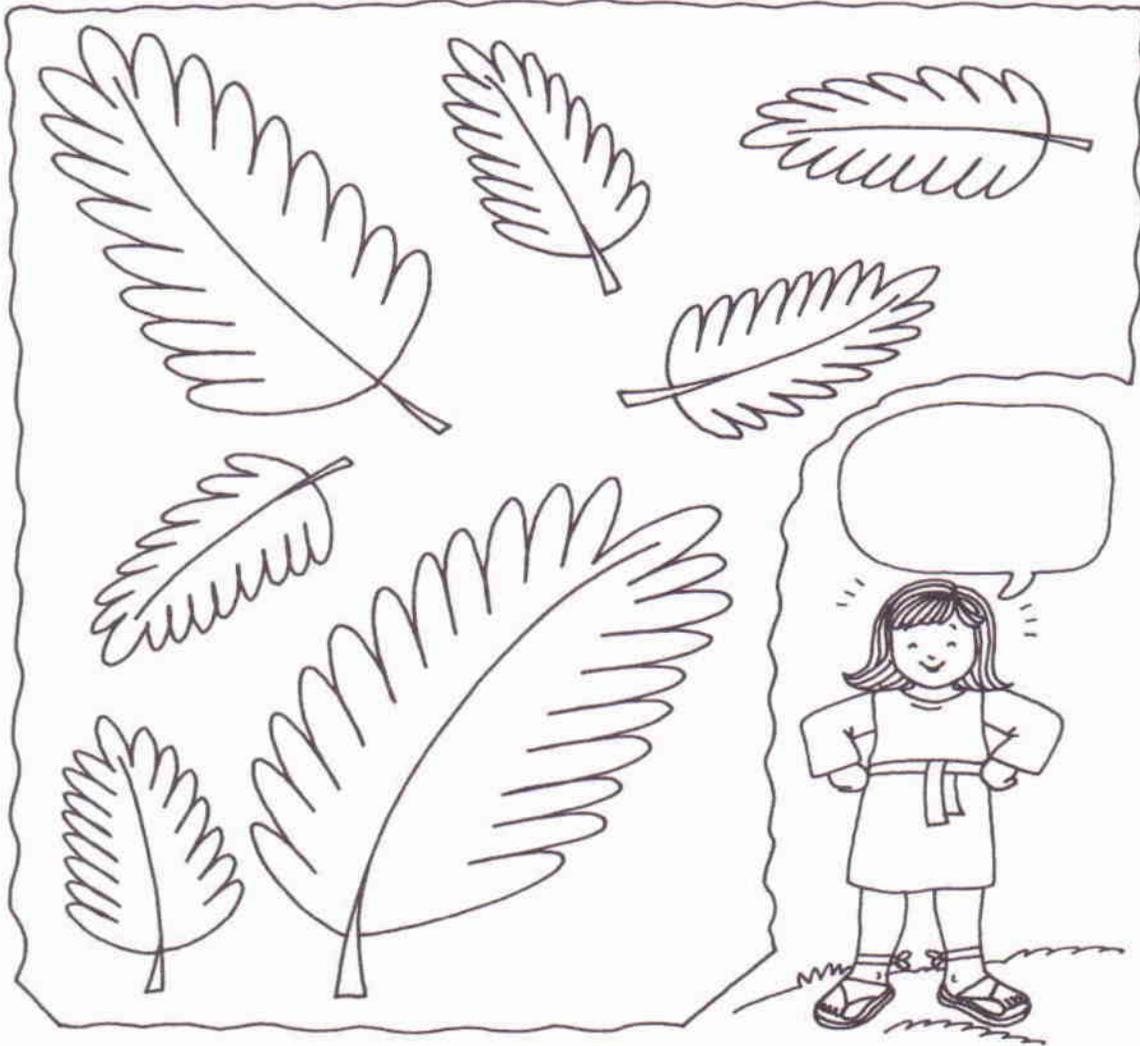
Sometimes when people are suffering, when they are very sick or perhaps without a job, they feel the way Jesus did. But remember what happened. God brought Jesus to new life. God does the same for us in many different ways. We have to trust in God just as Jesus did, even when it is hard.

Think of people you know who are suffering. You might also think of suffering people around the world you hear about in the news. Write all the names you can think of in this cross. Cut it out and keep it on your dinner table or near your bed. During this coming Holy Week, pray for all these people. Ask God to strengthen them and bring them to new life, just as God did for Jesus.

*If you sing the psalm at Mass today,
listen carefully to the melody of the response.
Try to remember it and sing it during the week.*



When people learned that Jesus
was coming to Jerusalem they were excited.
They waved palm branches and shouted "Hosanna!"
Color the big palm branches dark green.
Color the little palm branches light green.
Count how many branches in all.
Write that number inside the girl's speech bubble.



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