

Easter Treasure Hunt

1. [Mark 14:3-9](#): Hand this to them to start
2. [Matthew 26:14-16](#): **Perfume** (Hid this one in my daughter's makeup cabinet)
3. [John 12:12-16](#): **Nickels** (Hid this one near my purse)
4. [Luke 22:19](#): **Palm Branches** (Hid this one in a bush outside with branches)
5. [Luke 22:47-53](#): **Bread** (Hid this one in the pantry)
6. [Luke 22:54-62](#): **Sword** (Hid this one in the bucket of play swords/guns we have)
7. [Matthew 27:22-25](#): **Courtyard** (Hid this one near our patio)
8. [John 19:2-3](#): **Water** (Hid this one in a bowl of water near the kitchen sink)
9. [Mark 15:21](#): **Purple Robe** (Hid this one in my bathrobe)
10. [Luke 23:38-43](#): **Cross** (Hid this one near a cross in our yard)
11. [John 19:28-30](#): **Sign** (taped these to the wall near a sign I had made for my daughter's birthday)
12. [John 19:38-42](#): **Sponge** (Hid this one in the cabinet with the cleaners/sponges)
13. [Matthew 28:1-7](#): **Spices** (Hid this one in the spice drawer)
14. [John 20:24-29](#): **Stone** (Hid this one in the garden near some landscaping stones)
15. Treasure!! **Locked door** (Prize! Easter baskets specially prepared with each kid's favorite treats locked in our bathroom. They had to get the lock open! For the fastest team the award was the first scoop of the Grand Prize...Death by Chocolate Ice Cream!)

Clue 1 (Start-hand this to them) Mark 14:3-9 New Living Translation

3 Meanwhile, Jesus was in Bethany at the home of Simon, a man who had previously had leprosy. While he was eating, [\[a\]](#) a woman came in with a beautiful alabaster jar of expensive perfume made from the essence of nard. She broke open the jar and poured the perfume over his head.

4 Some of those at the table were indignant. "Why waste such expensive perfume?" they asked. **5** "It could have been sold for a year's wages [\[b\]](#) and the money given to the poor!" So they scolded her harshly.

6 But Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. Why criticize her for doing such a good thing to me? **7** You will always have the poor among you, and you can help them whenever you want to. But you will not always have me. **8** She has done what she could and has anointed my body for burial ahead of time. **9** I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman's deed will be remembered and discussed."

If you just read the story of a woman who anointed Jesus, you're in the right place! If not, put this clue back and try again.

Clue 2 Matthew 26:14-16 New Living Translation

14 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests **15** and asked, "How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?" And they gave him thirty pieces of silver. **16** From that time on, Judas began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus.

If you just read the story of Judas betraying Jesus, you're in the right place! If not, put this clue back and try again.

Clue 3 John 12:12-15 New Living Translation

12 The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors **13** took palm branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted,

"Praise God!^[a] Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel!"^[b]

14 Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said:

15 "Don't be afraid, people of Jerusalem.^[c] Look, your King is coming, riding on a donkey's colt."^[d]

If you just read the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey, you're in the right place! If not, put this clue back and try again.

Clue 4 Luke 22:19 New Living Translation

19 He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

If you just read the story of Jesus breaking the bread at Passover, you're in the right place! If not, put this clue back and try again.

Clue 5 Luke 22:47-53 New Living Translation

47 But even as Jesus said this, a crowd approached, led by Judas, one of the twelve disciples. Judas walked over to Jesus to greet him with a kiss. **48** But Jesus said, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

49 When the other disciples saw what was about to happen, they exclaimed, "Lord, should we fight? We brought the swords!" **50** And one of them struck at the high priest's slave, slashing off his right ear.

51 But Jesus said, "No more of this." And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

52 Then Jesus spoke to the leading priests, the captains of the Temple guard, and the elders who had come for him. "Am I some dangerous revolutionary," he asked, "that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me? **53** Why didn't you arrest me in the Temple? I was there every day. But this is your moment, the time when the power of darkness reigns."

If you just read the story of Jesus healing the ear of the temple guard, you're in the right place! If not, put this clue back and try again.

Clue 6 Luke 22:54-62 New Living Translation

54 So they arrested him and led him to the high priest's home. And Peter followed at a distance. **55** The guards lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter joined them there.

56 A servant girl noticed him in the firelight and began staring at him. Finally she said, "This man was one of Jesus' followers!"

57 But Peter denied it. "Woman," he said, "I don't even know him!"

58 After a while someone else looked at him and said, "You must be one of them!"

"No, man, I'm not!" Peter retorted.

59 About an hour later someone else insisted, "This must be one of them, because he is a Galilean, too."

60 But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

61 At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord's words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me."**62** And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly.

If you just read the story of Peter denying Jesus three times, you're in the right place! If not, put this clue back and try again.

Clue 7 Matthew 27:22-25 New Living Translation

22 Pilate responded, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

They shouted back, "Crucify him!"

23 "Why?" Pilate demanded. "What crime has he committed?"

But the mob roared even louder, "Crucify him!"

24 Pilate saw that he wasn't getting anywhere and that a riot was developing. So he sent for a bowl of water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. The responsibility is yours!"

25 And all the people yelled back, "We will take responsibility for his death—we and our children!"^[a]

If you just read the story of the mob telling Pilate to crucify Jesus, you're in the right place! If not, put this clue back and try again.

Clue 8 John 19:2-3 New Living Translation

2 The soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they put a purple robe on him. **3** "Hail! King of the Jews!" they mocked, as they slapped him across the face.

If you just read the story of Jesus being mocked with a crown of thorns, you're in the right place! If not, put this clue back and try again.

Clue 9 Mark 15:21 New Living Translation

21 A passerby named Simon, who was from Cyrene,^[a] was coming in from the countryside just then, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross. (Simon was the father of Alexander and Rufus.)

If you just read the story of Simon carrying Jesus' cross, you're in the right place! If not, put this clue back and try again.

Clue 10 Luke 23:38-43 New Living Translation

38 A sign was fastened above him with these words: "This is the King of the Jews."

39 One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!"

40 But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? **41** We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong." **42** Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

43 And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise."

If you just read the story of the criminals on the cross talking to Jesus, you're in the right place! If not, put this clue back and try again.

Clue 11 John 19:28-30 New Living Translation

28 Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, "I am thirsty."[\[a\]](#)
29 A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. **30** When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

If you just read the story of Jesus' final moments on the cross as he gave up his spirit, you're in the right place! If not, put this clue back and try again.

Clue 12 John 19:38-42 New Living Translation

38 Afterward Joseph of Arimathea, who had been a secret disciple of Jesus (because he feared the Jewish leaders), asked Pilate for permission to take down Jesus' body. When Pilate gave permission, Joseph came and took the body away. **39** With him came Nicodemus, the man who had come to Jesus at night. He brought about seventy-five pounds[\[a\]](#) of perfumed ointment made from myrrh and aloes. **40** Following Jewish burial custom, they wrapped Jesus' body with the spices in long sheets of linen cloth. **41** The place of crucifixion was near a garden, where there was a new tomb, never used before. **42** And so, because it was the day of preparation for the Jewish Passover[\[b\]](#) and since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

If you just read the story of Jesus being wrapped in burial cloths and spices, you're in the right place! If not, put this clue back and try again.

Clue 13 Matthew 28:1-7 New Living Translation

28 Early on Sunday morning,[a] as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb.

2 Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. **3** His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. **4** The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.

5 Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. **6** He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. **7** And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you."

If you just read the story of the women seeing the angel after Jesus resurrected, you're in the right place! If not, put this clue back and try again.

Clue 14 John 20:24-29 New Living Translation

24 One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin),[a] was not with the others when Jesus came. **25** They told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."

26 Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. **27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

28 "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.

29 Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."
