

# The Run Up To Easter Sunday

# Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Palm Sunday



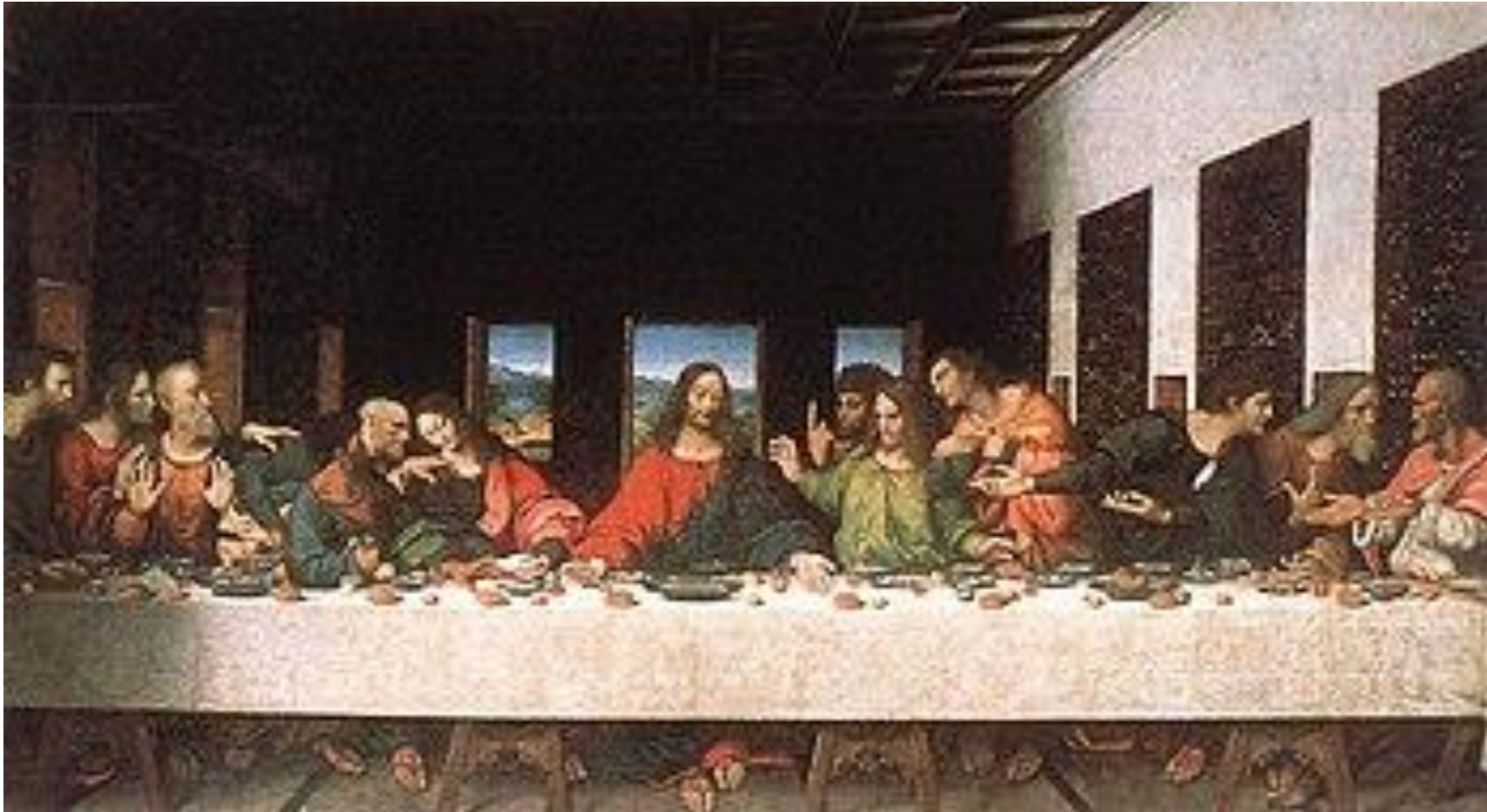
Question to ponder over : Do you remember what happened on Palm Sunday?

Activity: Sing along to “Hosanna” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAiBntMtViY>

Prayer for Palm Sunday: *Dear Father God,*

*Thank you for sending Jesus to save us. Thank you that he saves us from everything that separates us from you, like bad decisions that upset you and hurt others. Thank you that he also saves us from fear, anxiety, sadness and loneliness by giving us hope and joy. Help us to remember that we can always rely on you to give us courage and strength and please keep everyone safe and happy. Amen*

# Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April - The Last Supper





# Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April - The Real Last Supper / Passover Meal



Question to ponder over: This Thursday before Easter has a special name. Can you find out what it is and what it means? What was the special meal called?

Activity: Remember the song "The Servant King"? Jesus reminded his disciples that it's important to act like him and serve/help others. He also gave the disciples a new command "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you".

How can you show love to your family member(s) today? Could you give them a pedicure ( washing their feet with warm soapy water and a massage maybe)? Could you help with the cooking or clearing up the table or help clean your brother/sister's room?

Prayer: Could you say your own prayer? If not, here's one to help you: Father God, thank you for showing us that it's more important to serve and help others rather than think of our own needs all the time. Help me to be your hands and feet to the world around me. Amen

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April - Good Friday



Question to ponder over: **What is so good about Good Friday?**

Quiet Reflection: **Ask a grown up to light a candle, placed safely, and use it to reflect or think quietly for a couple of minutes on how much God loves us.**

Prayer: **Thank you God for sending us your son Jesus, who died on the cross so that we don't have to bear punishment for the bad choices we've made against you. Thank you that you forgive us when we are truly sorry. Help us to be loving and forgiving just like Jesus. Amen.**

# Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Jesus has risen from the dead! Happy Easter!



Reflection: Jesus's victory over death shows Christians that when they put their trust in him, just like Jesus they can overcome anything that makes them feel like they are trapped or stuck in something unhelpful, whether it's emotionally or physically. Think about "freedom" and "joy" when you break open your eggs this Easter.

Activity: Sing along to this new song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pi3laKTODc0>

Prayer: Would you like to say your own Easter prayer?