



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Curriculum Update

Lesson 26*: "Jesus is Questioned" through "The Burial of Jesus"

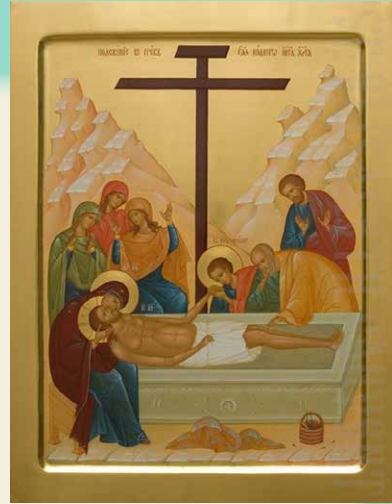
During the night Jesus was brought to stand trial before Caiaphas, the High Priest and the whole Council who judged matters for all Jews. The Chief Priest asked, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" (Mark 14:61). Jesus answered "I AM." He found Him guilty of blasphemy because He said He was the Son of God. In the morning, the whole Jewish council met again and agreed to take Jesus before Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor. When they brought Jesus before Pilate, he asked, "Are You the King of the Jews?", and Jesus said, "It is as you say." The mob was now given a choice, which is the custom on a Feast Day to release a prisoner. The mob preferred to have the murderer, Barabbas, released rather than Jesus. They cried out "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" This was the second judgment. Pilate's wife sent him a message warning him to have nothing to do with this just man. He was a coward and feared going against the crowd, so he washed his hands of the matter and ordered the crucifixion. This was the third judgment.

When Judas saw what happened, he wished to return the money to the Jewish Priests saying, I have sinned and have betrayed this innocent man. The Jewish Priests did not care, they used Judas and got what they wanted.

The soldiers led Jesus into the great hall called the Praetorium. The mob mockingly clothed Him in purple, the color of a king's clothing. They braided thorns to make a mock crown to put on His head. They mockingly saluted Him, spat at Him. They forced Him to carry His own cross. When Jesus thirsted, they gave Him vinegar to drink.

When the sixth hour came (noon), a darkness came over the land until the ninth hour (3:00 pm). Jesus cried with a loud voice, "My God, my God, why has Thou forsaken Me?" Even when Jesus asked God if there was some other way He could accomplish this task of taking away sin without having to endure pain and suffering, God let Him do the task He came to do. Jesus's mother was at the cross with the other devout women. Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit" and He died. There was a great earthquake, and the veil of the temple (the part that divided the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies) was torn from top to bottom.

** LESSON 26 SUMMARY REFLECTS LAST WEEK'S LESSON FROM SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026.*



BLESSED PALM SUNDAY
FROM THE
SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS AND STAFF!



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**2026
Confession
Retreat**

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Sundays after Communion

Sunday School Classes

Sun | Apr 5

Palm Sunday – NO CLASSES

Sun | Apr 12

Great and Holy Pascha (Easter) – NO CLASSES

Sun | May 3

Godparents' Sunday

Sun | May 31

Recognition Sunday – LAST DAY OF CLASSES

Sun | Jun 7

Annual Graduation Blessing Ceremony

