



# JESUS IS ON TRIAL BEFORE PONTIUS PILATE

Family Devotional  
Holy Week Day 5

## CHAT ABOUT...

Take a look at the painting above. On the left is Jesus, and on the right is a Roman Governor named Pontius Pilate. How do they look different?

## FIND OUT ABOUT...

For families with younger children, read 'Christ the King' in the Spark Bible on p. 474. For families with children grade 4 and up, read Luke 23: 1-25 from the Good News Bible, or Today's English Version.

I wonder...

- How did Jesus feel throughout this story?
- Why was Jesus so calm? Why did Jesus not answer if he was the King of the Jews?

## DO SOMETHING ABOUT...

As a family, read through the following section of the Apostles Creed concerning Jesus. Use the following page to help describe what each phrase means.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

### **“conceived by the Holy Spirit”**

- Jesus was God’s son. Another creed says, “Jesus was born was born of woman as is every child, yet born of God’s power as was no other child.” (A Declaration of Faith, PCUSA)

### **“born of the Virgin Mary”**

- Recall the birth in the barn. For most children “Virgin Mary” is simply Mary’s name so there is no need to deal with questions of the Virgin birth here.

### **“suffered under Pontius Pilate”**

- Point out that the creed skips a big chunk of Jesus life. Together list some of the things Jesus did – teach, heal, make friends, feed the crowd, tell stories. Then, note that people who did not like what Jesus did arrested him and turned him over to Pontius Pilate who condemned him to death.

### **“was crucified, dead and buried”**

- Briefly recall Jesus being killed on the cross and buried in a cave tomb.

### **“he descended into hell”**

- If you include this phrase, for children it simply means that Jesus died, really died and was quite dead for three days.

### **“The third day he arose from the dead”**

- Retell the empty tomb story.

### **“and ascended to heaven... and he will come again to judge the living and the dead**

- This answers the question “where is Jesus now?” He is in heaven. From heaven he rules and judges the world. One day heaven and earth will be one and Jesus will rule both living and the dead.

## **TALK TO GOD ABOUT...**

Dear God,

We know that Jesus is the King of the universe. Help us to be true to you, and remind us when we need it most to follow in your ways. Amen.