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# Tell the Story

## Can You Tell THE Story?

We think we know the story because we hear it every Easter. But can you put the whole story of Holy Week and Easter together?

Test your listening and memory skills with a community of choice such as Bible study group, women's circle, family gathered for a meal, or group of friends. Hint: Before you start it might help to create a checklist of the key components of the story referencing John 12-20. For a shorter version reference a children's story Bible such as the Spark Story Bible from Spark House.

## Here's five ideas for checking your knowledge:

1) Improvisational theater is unscripted and spontaneously woven together by the performers. The players jump in with a line or two and then "toss it" to another player to add to the story. Use the back-and-forth pattern of improv for your storytelling.

Someone starts the story stopping after a few lines and some else picks it up. If there are little ones involved or individuals with short attention spans, keep to the highlights and avoid getting bogged down in details. If you have academics or theologians in the group, go for it and dive into details.

2) Fold a piece of letter or legal-size paper like a fan so you can just see one strip at a time. The first person writes a line, folds it so no one can see what they wrote and then passes the paper to the next person. When you have finished open it up and read the story as shared by the group. No cheating. People have to guess at what they think is the next line of the story.

3)Cut a piece of paper into strips. On each strip write one of the key points of the story. Scramble the pieces then lay out on a table face-up so everyone can see all the pieces. The challenge is to see if you can put the story together in the right order.

4)Resurrection eggs are usually made with a dozen colorful plastic eggs each one having a symbol that represents the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. You can purchase Resurrection eggs from a variety of Christian stores or make your own. Faithward.org has instructions for creating your own Resurrection eggs. Remember to watch little ones as you may have things not only fit in the eggs or egg carton, but also fit easily in a toddler's mouth.

### Resurrection Eggs for Holy Week

5)You will need a BIG piece of paper such as newsprint, posterboard, plain-backed wrapping paper, or shelf paper along with markers, crayons, and pencils. The assignment is to make a mural showing Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to Easter Morning. It might work easier to divide the paper into sections and assign a day or portion of the story to each person, or draw a winding road with room for each person to draw their part of the story in the appropriate place as you journey with Jesus.

***Whatever method you use for re-telling the Easter story close your storytelling time with a prayer. Encourage participants to add their own prayer petition. End your prayer with Psalm 118:24 and a Hallelujah!***