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Christ, the king, is arrested

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Jesus was praying in the garden at night with his disciples when an angry mob of soldiers, guards, and other men sent by the chief priests and Pharisees disturbed the tranquility of the garden. The men carried torches and weapons. Jesus saw that his friend, Judas Iscariot, was with them.

Jesus knew why the men were there and what they intended to do, but he asked them, "Who are you looking for?"

A tall soldier wearing the armor of a Roman officer gripped the handle of his sword and answered, "We are looking for Jesus, a man from Nazareth."

Jesus quietly said, "I am the man you seek. You have no quarrel with those who are with me, so please let them go."

The soldier said, "We have come for Jesus and no one else."

Then Peter, in an attempt to protect Jesus, drew his sword and attacked one of the men. The man dodged the blow to prevent his head from being cut off, but Peter's blade still cut off his ear.

Jesus became angry. "Peter! Put your sword away. I have come to do the will of my father." Then Jesus touched the injured man and his ear was completely healed.

The soldiers and guards tied Jesus' hands together and pulled him by a tether to the courthouse for an appearance before Annas, a high priest.

"What have you been teaching in our streets and temples?" asked Annas.

Jesus replied, "I have always spoken where anyone could listen. I have not taught in hiding. Ask Those who have heard me what I have said."

One of the guards slapped Jesus across the face. "You cannot address the high priest in such a manner."

Jesus looked into the guard's eyes and said, "If I have said anything that is untrue, say so in front of these people. If not why did you strike me?"

Annas ordered Jesus to be brought to Caiaphas, a higher ranking priest. Caiaphas then sent Jesus to Pilate, the Roman governor.

"What crime has this man committed?" asked Pilate.

The Jewish leaders would not answer directly, but said, "We would not bring him to you if he were not a criminal."

"Then try him according to your own customs."

"We are not permitted to put anyone to death."

Pilate looked at Jesus. "Isn't true you are the king of the Jews?"

"Do you want to know, or have oth-



ers told you to ask this question?" asked Jesus.

"Just tell me what is it you have done."

"I will tell you of my kingdom. It is not of this world, or my followers would not allow me to be put on trial. I came into the world to speak the truth, and whoever belongs to the

truth will be my follower."

Read more about it: John 18

Q&A

1. What was Jesus doing when the soldiers found him?
2. What did Jesus do for the injured man?

Word Find

Find the names of eight kings of Israel in the puzzle box. Words may run in any direction. Answers can be found on page 16.

David Saul Ahab Amaziah Uzziah Joash Jehu Hezekiah

R	U	Z	Z	I	A	H	S
W	A	J	E	H	U	A	M
J	L	S	T	Q	P	I	G
J	D	A	V	I	D	Z	X
O	M	U	C	E	B	A	O
A	A	L	T	N	H	M	E
S	E	Z	B	A	H	A	A
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Bible Accent

Pontius Pilate was the Roman governor of the province of Judea for ten years during the time of Christ. Some of the Jews who resented Jesus for claiming to be the son of God brought him before Pilate to be given a sentence of death which could only be ordered by the governor. Pilate could find no crime Jesus was guilty of, but pronounced the sentence which he felt the people were asking for.

Pilate claimed innocence of the death of Jesus, and laid that responsibility on the angry crowd. When Jesus was nailed to the cross, Pilate had a sign hung on it which read, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews."

St. Catherine Laboure

Catherine Laboure lived from 1806 to 1876. The daughter of a poor farmer, she never learned to read or write because she had to help her father with the farm after the death of her mother. When Catherine was fourteen, she joined the Sisters of Charity and lived in a convent in Paris. Soon after that, she began having visions of Mary.

Mary told her to have medallions made and promised grace to anyone who wore them. The medals became very popular and many miracles are associated with them. Catherine was a very shy person, but God used her in a remarkable way to reach millions of people. We remember her on November 28.

Bible Trivia

Which son of David became a wise king? (1 Kings 1)

Send answer to: Catholic Courier Bible Trivia, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y., 14624. Please include your name, address and school name.

All entries must be received by December 8, 1994. A winner will be selected at random from all the correct entries submitted.

Last months winner was Jenna Pecor of Johann Perrin Middle School in Fairport. She knew the twelve tribes of Israel were named after Jacob's Sons.

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