

Kids' Chronicle

Jesus is put on trial

BY JOE SARNICOLA

"Peter and John," Jesus called. "We are here, Lord," they answered together.

"Go into the city," Jesus commanded. "There you will find a man who will be carrying water. He will lead you to a certain house. When you meet the owner, ask him to show you the room where the teacher and his disciples will celebrate Passover. He will show you a room that will have everything you need."

Peter and John left immediately. They found the man Jesus had told them about by the well. He showed them a house with a room just as Jesus had said.

When the disciples all gathered in the room later that day, Jesus motioned for silence and said, "I am glad we are able to have this meal together before the time of my suffering begins."

Jesus raised a cup filled with wine and said, "Drink from this, each of you. I will not drink wine again until the coming of the kingdom of God."

When they had all tasted the wine, Jesus took a piece of bread and broke it with his hands.

"Now eat of this bread that I have broken," he said. "This is my body which will be broken for you. The cup is my blood which seals God's promise to all people."

When they had all eaten bread, Jesus said, "There is one here who will betray me. A terrible thing for that man!"

The disciples whispered among themselves as to who would do such a thing to



Illustration by Linda Jeanne Rivers

Jesus. But then Jesus interrupted them.

"Come, we must go now," he said.

They went to the Mount of Olives to pray, and Jesus instructed them, "I am going ahead to be alone. Stay awake until I return."

Jesus came back to find that they had fallen asleep. Except for one of them: Judas.

Then a crowd of angry people had come to the mountain looking for Jesus, led by Judas.

Jesus was arrested, beaten and insulted, and brought before the council.

"Are you the messiah?" they asked.

"It is as you have said," Jesus answered.

The council condemned Jesus for his

words. He was brought to Pilate, the Roman governor.

"I find this man guilty of no crime," Pilate said to the people.

"Crucify him," was their reply.

Pilate washed his hands to symbolize he was not guilty of the death of Jesus. Soldiers led Jesus, who was forced to carry a heavy wooden cross, to Golgotha, the place of the skull, where he would be nailed to the cross until he was dead.

READ MORE ABOUT IT:

Luke 22 and 23.

Q&A

What holy day were the disciples celebrating?

What did the people say to do with Jesus?

Bible Accent

These men played a part in the passion of Jesus.

Pilate:

The Roman governor who sentenced Jesus, even though he believed Jesus was innocent.

Caiaphas:

The high priest who served as a judge when Jesus was brought to trial.

Herod Antipas:

The tetrarch (ruler) of Galilee who questioned Jesus and sent him back to Pilate for sentencing.

The Sanhedrin:

The Jewish governing council that consisted of elders, priests, scribes (legal experts) and Pharisees (experts on the teachings of Moses).

St. Turibus

Before becoming a religious leader, St. Turibus was a law student at the University of Salamanca in Spain in the middle of the 16th century. After his graduation, he became first a professor at the same college and then was appointed a judge by King Philip II.

St. Turibus was later ordered by his superiors to become a consecrated bishop and lead a missionary journey to Peru. He resisted the idea at first, but he went and worked diligently to help the sick people there and he built many churches and hospitals. He is now the patron saint of Latin American bishops. We honor him on March 23.

Puzzle

Answers on page 8.

Cross out the letters of the alphabet from A to Z in their regular order. Unscramble the letters that remain to find a message on the blanks.

Example: Cross out A and B, but save the S that is between them.

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Bible Trivia

To whom did Luke write his Gospel?

Send Answer to: *Catholic Courier Bible Trivia*, P.O. Box 24379, Rochester, N.Y. 14624. Please include your name, address and school name.

All entries must be received by April 2, 1998. A winner will be selected at random from all the correct entries submitted.

Last month's winner was **Chris Duda**, a third-grade student at Rochester's Sacred Heart Cathedral School. He correctly identified Elijah's friend as **Elisha**.

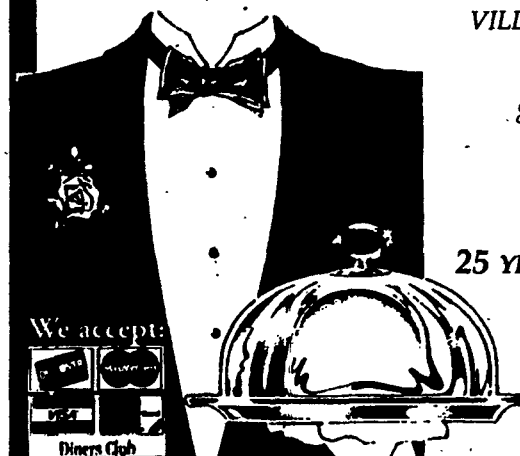
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