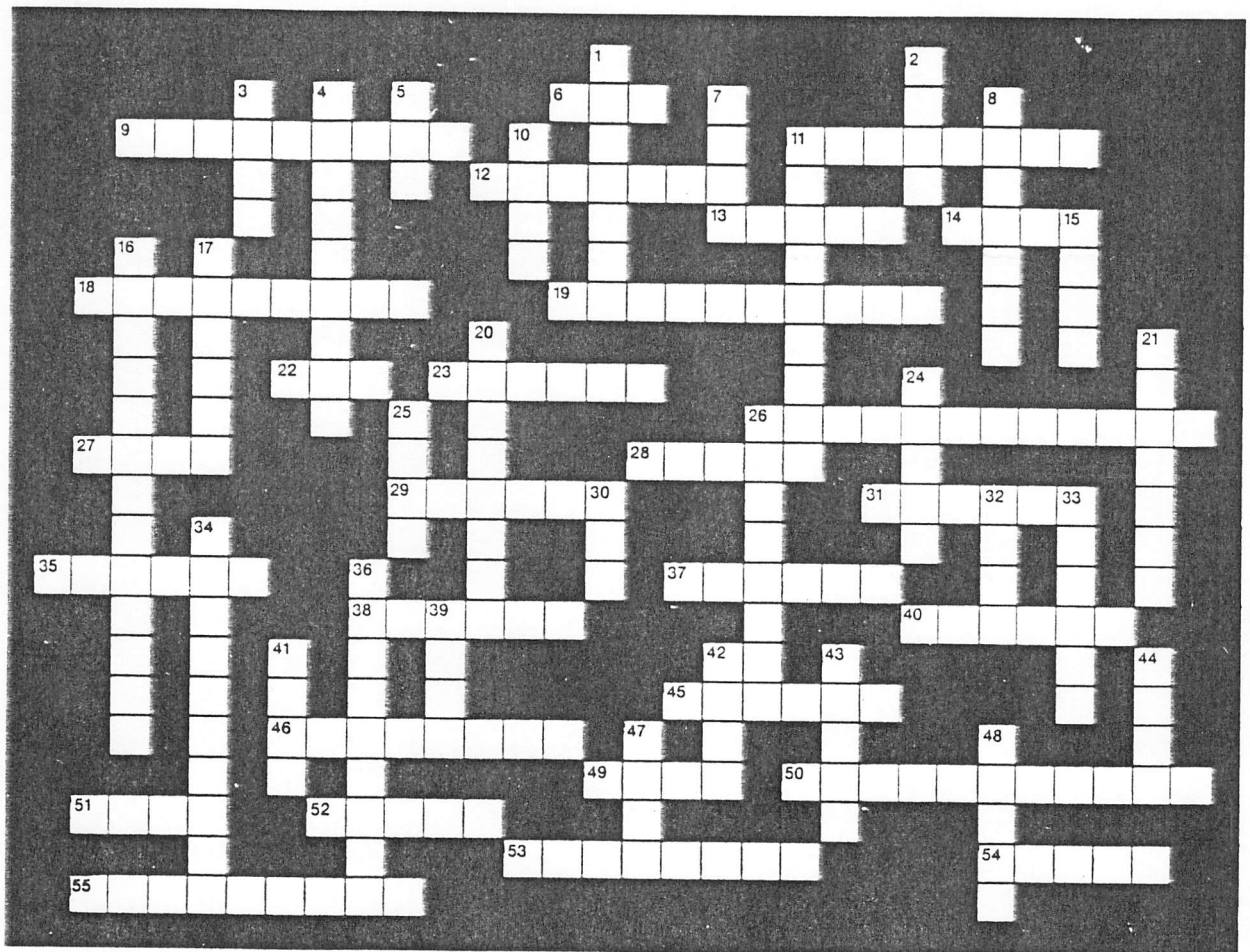


EASTER CROSSWORD

Here is a crossword puzzle that will test a group's knowledge of the events leading up to Easter. It can be printed up and done individually, or it can be done as a group game.

Instruction (When done as a group game):

Divide the group into two teams. Teams may elect, or be assigned, to go either "across" or "down." There are an equal number of clues, and it is doubtful that there would be any advantage to being either "across" or "down." There are two, possibly three, rounds in the game. During round one, each team should get a clue (in order) to a word in their section of the puzzle, and will get 100 points for each correct answer. The questions (clues) can be given to individuals on the teams, or to the entire team, whichever you decide. Once the answer is given, it cannot be changed, but wrong answers are not written in the puzzle. Alternate questions between the "across" and "down" teams until you have gone through the entire puzzle one time.



During round two, the missed clues are given again in the same fashion, only this time correct answers are worth 50 points. If there are still empty spaces on the puzzle, then go ahead with round three, awarding 25 points for correct answers this time. Scripture references and Bibles may be provided during this final round.

A good way to conduct the game would be to make a large poster of the puzzle that could be seen by everyone, or make an overhead transparency of it. Do not give the teams the list of clues in advance.

Clues:

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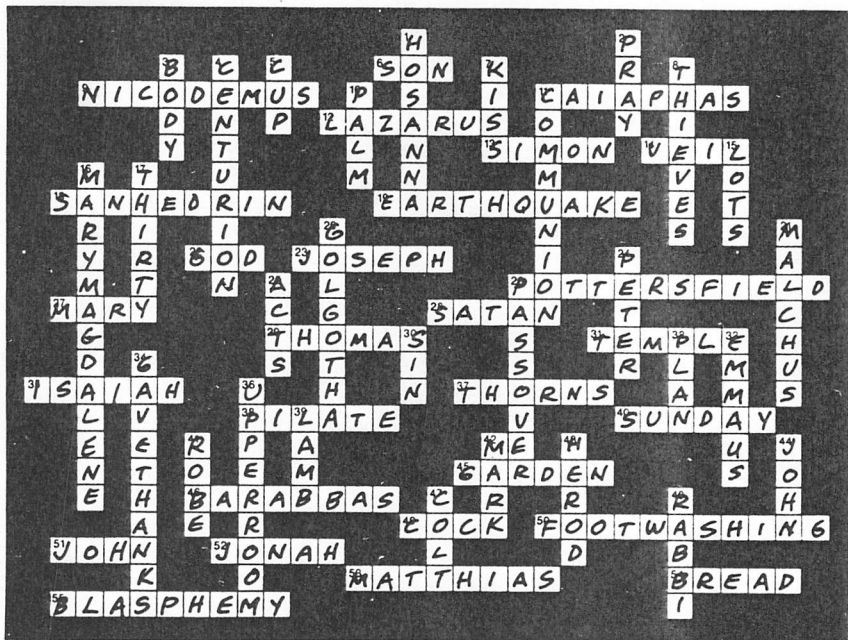
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12. The Jews also wanted to kill this man because he'd been raised from the dead (John 12:10).
13. The man who carried Christ's cross (Luke 23:26).
14. This ripped from top to bottom upon Jesus' death (Matt. 27:51).
18. High council of Jewish leaders (Mark 15:1, NASB, cross-reference).
19. Natural disaster which occurred when Jesus died (Matt. 27:54).
22. Jesus was his only begotten Son (John 3:16).
23. Wealthy Jewish leader who gave his own tomb to Jesus (Matt. 27:59, 60).
26. The "blood money" paid to Judas was eventually used to purchase this burial place of strangers (Matt. 27:6-10).
27. Woman who anointed Jesus with expensive perfume (John 12:3).
28. He caused Judas to betray Christ (Luke 22:3).
29. The disciple who doubted Christ's resurrection (John 20:24, 25).
31. Jesus said he would rebuild this in three days (Mark 14:58).
35. This Old Testament prophet foretold the sufferings of Christ (Isaiah 53).
37. These were fashioned into a crown for Jesus to wear by Roman soldiers (John 19:5).
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45. Peter was observed in this location when Jesus was taken by the mob (John 18:26).
46. Notorious prisoner released to the Jews by Pilate (Mark 15:7-11).
49. Animal which signaled Peter's denial of Jesus (John 18:27).
50. Jesus performed this service for the disciples in the Upper Room (John 13).
51. Gospel writer who devotes the greatest number of chapters to Jesus' last days (John 12-21).
52. Jesus compared his three days in the tomb to the plight of this Old Testament character (Matt. 12:40).

53. This is a symbol of Christ's body, broken for us (1 Cor. 11:23– 24).
55. The crime which Jesus was accused of by the Jews (Matt. 26:65).

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1. The cry of the multitudes during Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Matt. 21:9).
2. Jesus' purpose in going to the Mount of Olives after the Last Supper was to _____ (Luke 22:40, 41).
3. "This is my _____ given for you; do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19).
4. Roman soldier at the crucifixion who became convicted of Christ's deity (Mark 15:39).
5. In Gethsemane, Jesus prayed to have this taken from him (Mark 14:36).
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10. Type of branches cast before Jesus as he entered Jerusalem (John 12:13).
11. Christian sacrament which began with the Last Supper.
15. These were cast by soldiers to divide Christ's clothes (Mark 15:24).
16. First person to see the resurrected Christ (Mark 16:9; John 20:11–18).
17. _____ pieces of silver was the price paid to Judas (Matt. 26:15).
20. "The Place of the Skull" (where Jesus was crucified) (Mark 15:22).
21. Peter cut an ear off this slave of the high priest (John 18:10).
24. Disciple who denied Christ three times (Luke 22:61).
25. Book of the Bible which records Jesus' ascension into heaven (Acts 1:9).
26. The Feast of Unleavened Bread (Mark 14:1).
30. Jesus was made to be this for us, that we might become righteous (2 Cor. 5:21).
32. Jesus' crucifixion was part of God's _____ of salvation.
33. The resurrected Jesus appeared to two men on the way to this village (Luke 24:13–15).
34. Christ did this for the bread and wine (Luke 22:17, 19).
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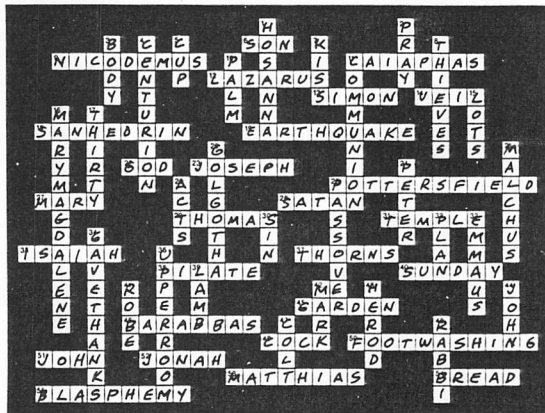
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