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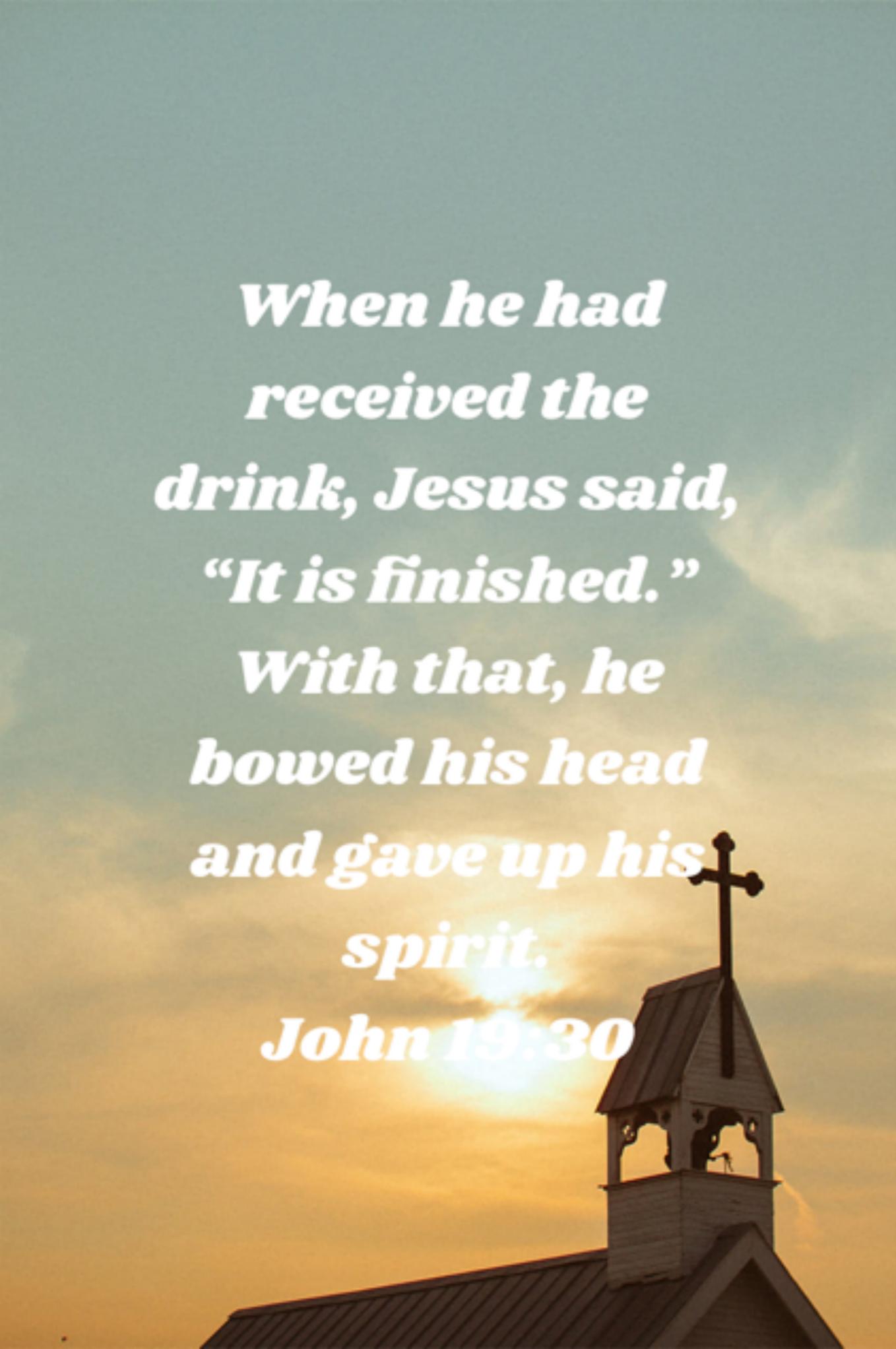
**EASTER - GOOD FRIDAY**

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**JESUS IS IN CONTROL**

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***When he had  
received the  
drink, Jesus said,  
“It is finished.”  
With that, he  
bowed his head  
and gave up his  
spirit.  
John 19:30***

Hello Parents and Kids!

It is officially the end of term! I don't know about you but this year has gone very quickly. These past couple weeks we've started our lead into Easter and the big, life changing moment has almost arrived. In today's devotional we'll be looking at Jesus' death. It might seem strange and/or sad to be talking about death but this was not ordinary death. When Jesus died, something amazing was about to happen (but we'll save that for Sunday).

Right now, our world seems out of control. Some people are getting sick. Some people are losing their jobs. And nearly all of us have to stay at home and can't go out and play with our friends. But the Bible reminds us again and again, that even when things seem out of control, Jesus is still in control. In this devotional we'll look at the incredible events of John 18 and 19 that led up to Jesus' death on the cross.

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Please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or the pastoral care team if you or your family need any assistance.

Haylee Morgan

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 *“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”*

# Good Friday

Video: Quizworx - Jesus is in control  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwVJOktUq1w&feature=youtu.be>

It may have looked like things were out of control but...

1. What were the ways things seemed out of control?
2. How did Jesus show he was ultimately in control?
3. Why is this encouraging?

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There were four pictures in the video which helped us remember four stories in John 18 & 19.

Can you remember them?



## Jesus being arrested

When Jesus was arrested, we see that Jesus was in control because he knew “all that was going to happen to him” (John 18:4). So he didn’t fight, or cause a fuss because it was all part of God’s plan. He protected the disciples.

*Read John 18:8-9. If with older children, you can read the full story in John 18:1-13*

Q. Who arrested Jesus?

Q. What did Jesus say about the disciples?

Q. Who did Jesus let go, and why was this important?

## Peter’s denial, and the rooster

When Peter denied Jesus, Jesus knew it would happen. Back in John 13:38,

Jesus had told Peter this.

*Read John 18:15-18, 25-27*

Q. Peter was one of Jesus' friends, but he denied knowing him. Why do you think he did this?

Q. How do we know that even as his friend denied knowing him, Jesus was still in control? (Hint: Read John 13:38)

### Jesus before Pilate

When Jesus is on trial before Pilate, we as readers know he is innocent. Pilate and the Jewish leaders know that he is innocent. Yet the Jewish leaders want to get rid of Jesus because they were threatened by Jesus and his teaching. John 18:28 tells us that Pilate couldn't find any reason to charge Jesus. Pilate wanted to let Jesus go but he gave into the crowd and sentenced Jesus to be crucified. Jesus remained quiet, and didn't fight back. Jesus knew that to save people, he had to die.

*Read John 19:8-12; 16. If with older children, read the full story in John 19:1-16a*

Q. What did Pilate want to do?

Q. What did Pilate actually do?

Q. How do we know that Jesus was still in control even during his arrest?

### Sponge offered to Jesus on the cross

As Jesus hung on the cross, we are reminded of his words in John 10:18: "No one takes my life from me, but I lay it down of my own authority." Jesus gave his life willingly.

*Read John 10:18 & 19:28-30. If you are with older children, read the full story in John 19:16b-27*

Q. Who takes life from Jesus?

Q. What did Jesus choose to do?

Q. Why did Jesus choose to do it?

These are all powerful reminders that no matter what things look like or what's going on in our lives, Jesus is and always will be IN CONTROL. So we can, and we must, trust Jesus.

Happy Easter!

*Pray*

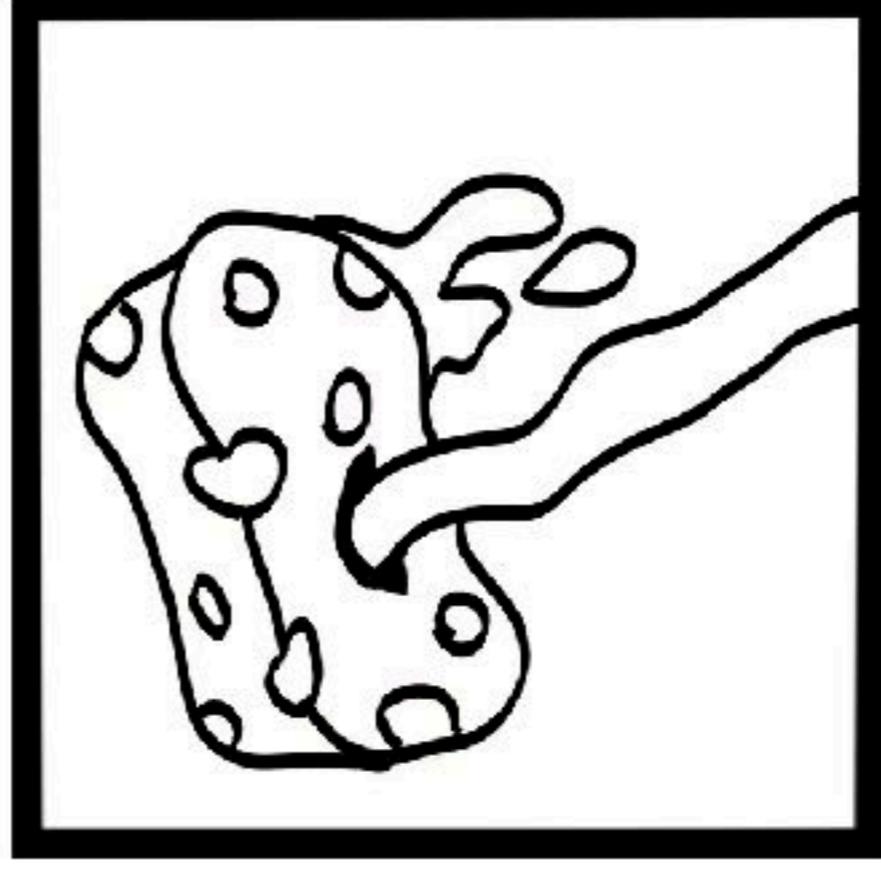
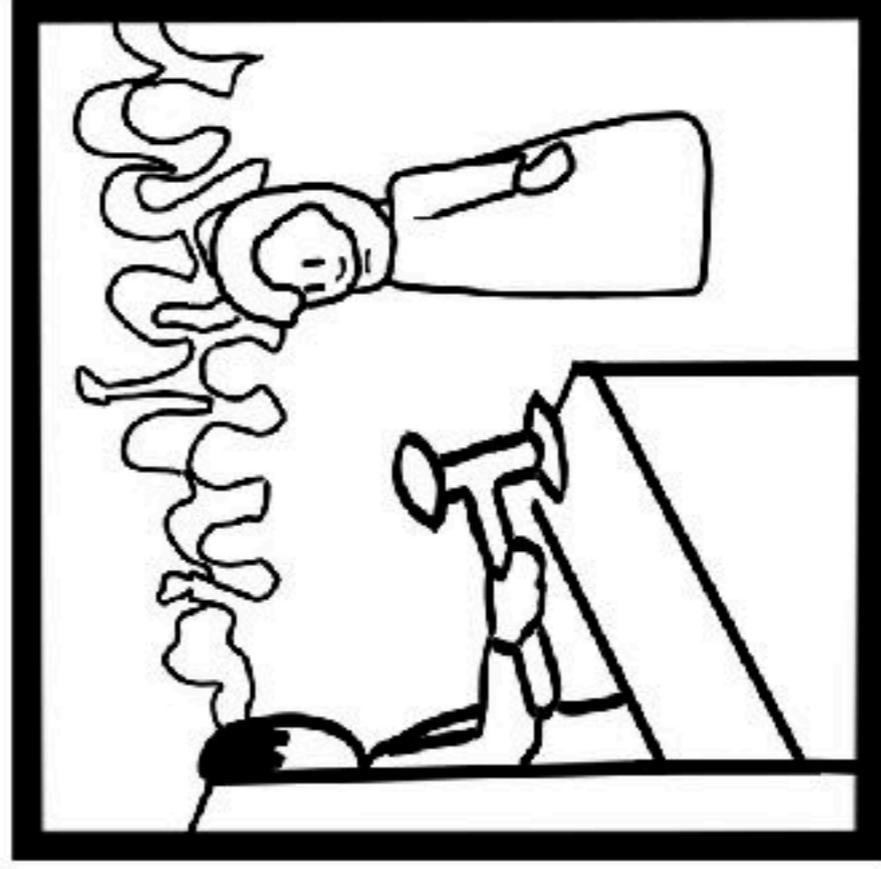
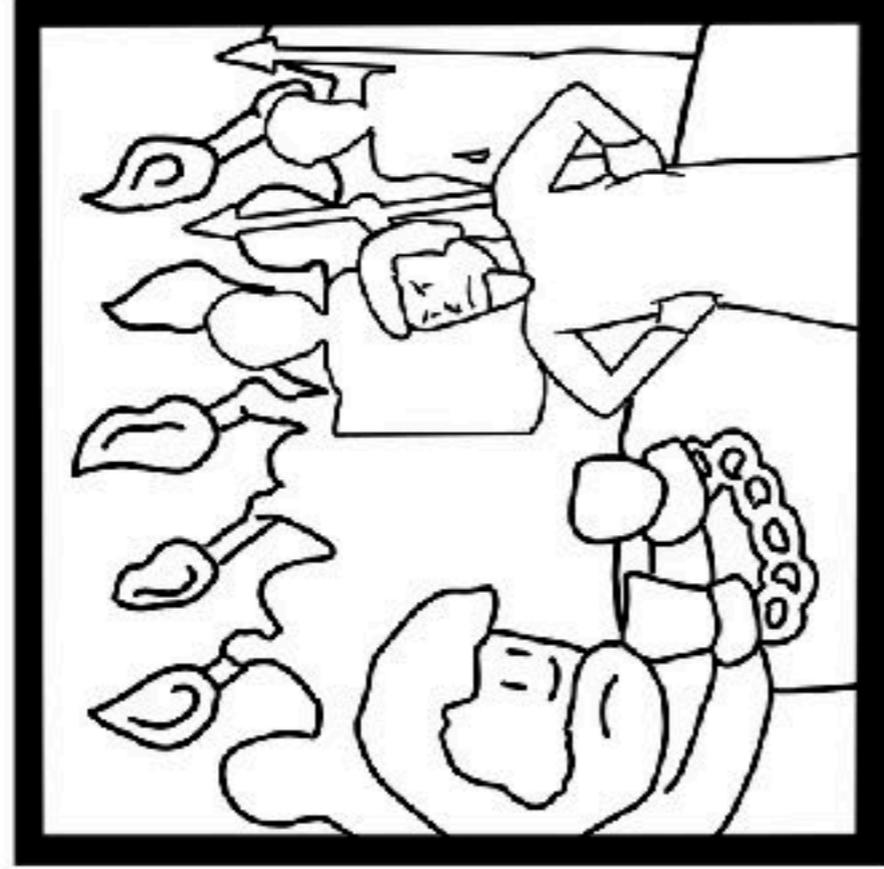
*Dear God, thank you that you sent your Son to die for our sins. We're sorry for our sin and we ask that you will forgive us. Thank you for loving us and always caring for us.*

*Amen*

Colour in the pictures and retell the story of what happens in John chapters 18-19

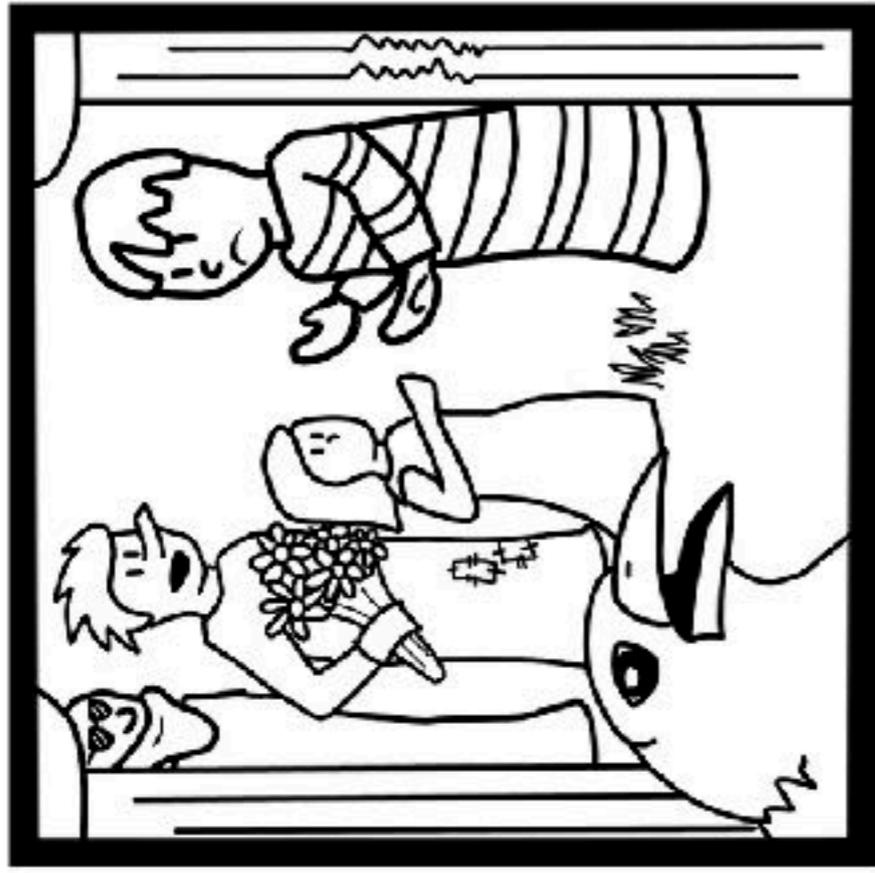
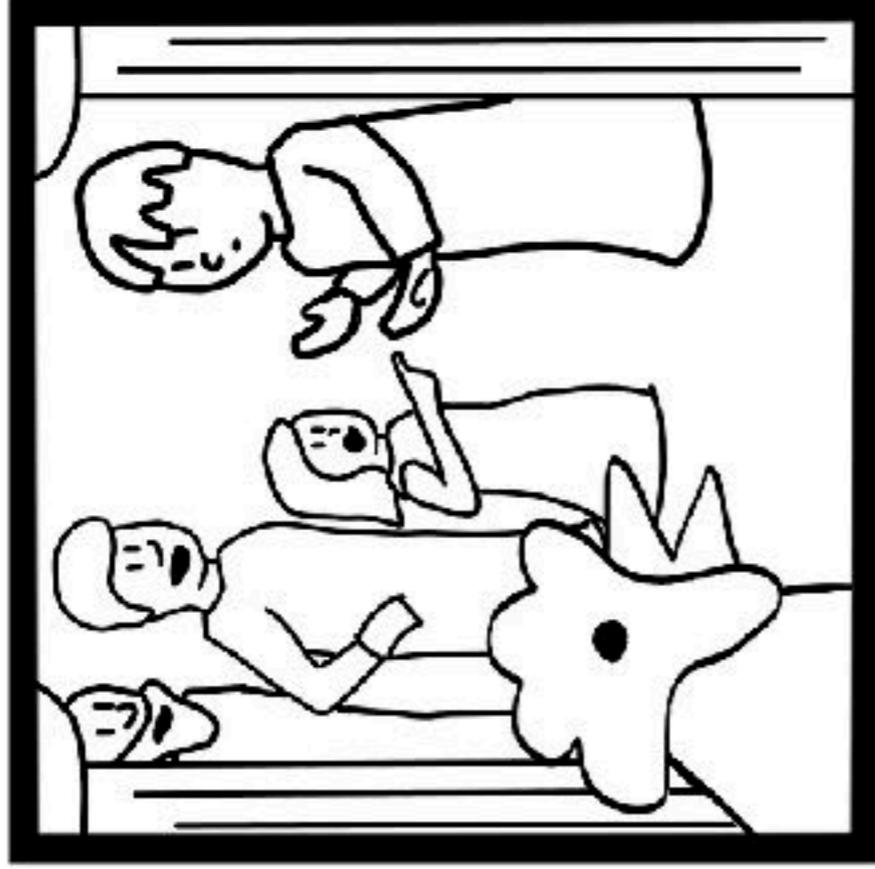
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# IN CONTROL

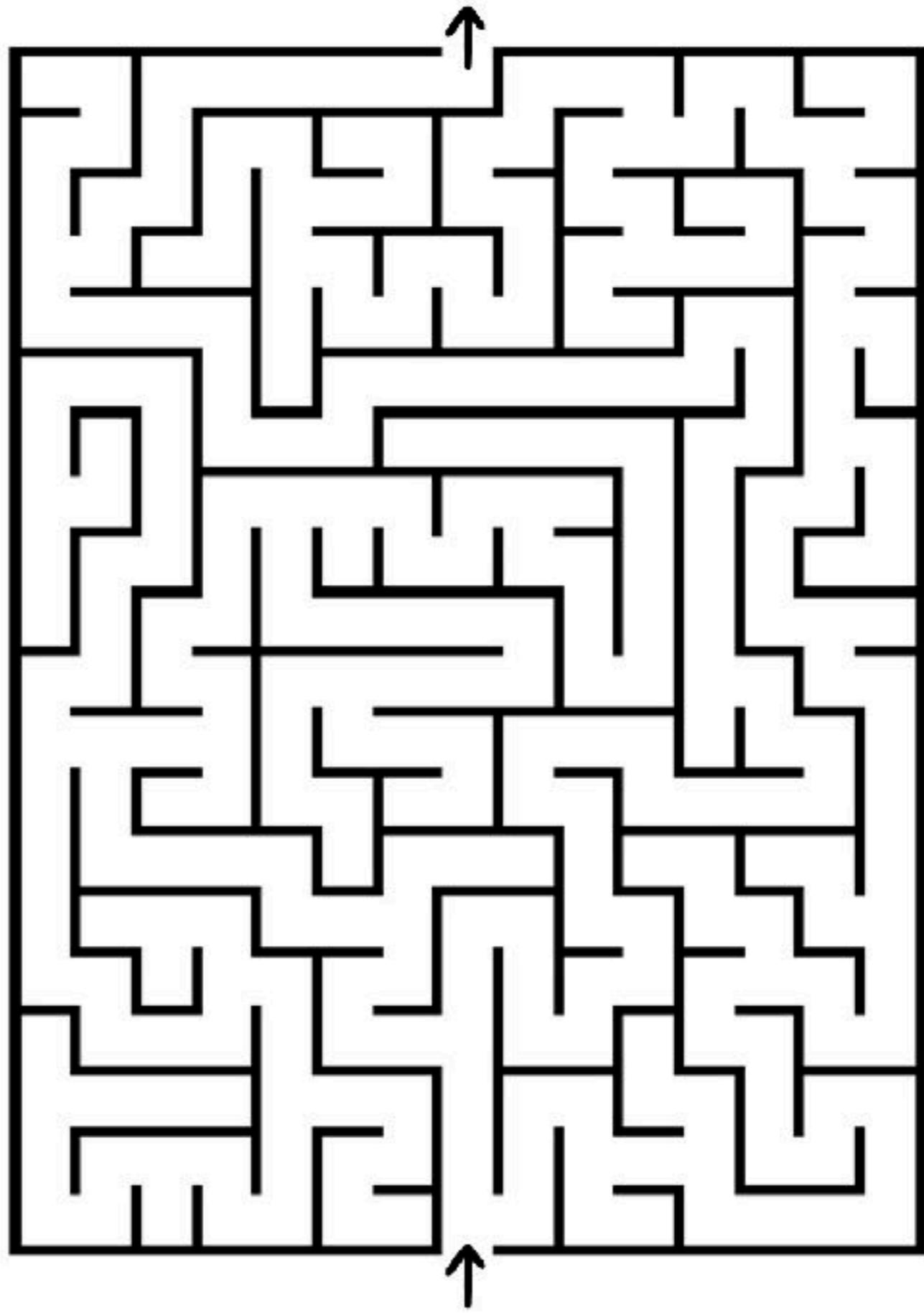


**And Jesus is still IN CONTROL today!**

**Spot all 13 differences:**



**Find your way through the maze:**





# Resurrection Rolls

A RECIPE BY JULIE CLARK

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## ingredients

- 1 cup warm milk
- 125g butter (room temperature)
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 2 large eggs (room temperature)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups plain flour (loosely packed)
- 7g Yeast (1 package)
- 15 large marshmallows
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon

*3 days later*

JESUS' BODY WAS NOT IN THE TOMB...

## directions

- Put the milk and the butter in the bowl
- Sprinkle the yeast over the milk. (If the yeast is not instant yeast, let it sit for 5 minutes to activate.)
- Add the sugar, eggs, salt, and flour. Knead the dough until smooth.
- Cover the bowl with glad wrap and let the dough rise in a warm place for 30 minutes or until doubled.
- Divide and roll dough into 15 golf sized balls. Flatten a dough ball in the palm of your hand.
- Place a large marshmallow in the middle of the dough. Wrap the dough around, being careful to completely cover and seal the marshmallow inside the dough. Roll the dough ball until it is smooth.
- Repeat with the remaining dough balls.
- Place the dough balls onto a tray with baking paper. Cover and rise for 15-20 minutes or until almost doubled.
- Brush the tops of the rolls with melted butter, the sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Bake at 190 degrees C for 13 to 16 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve warm.