Grapes or Cup



"Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

- Why does Jesus say about the cup, "This is my blood of the covenant"?
- What do you think Jesus means when he tells us that his blood is "poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins"?



Robe and Crown of Thorns John 1915

"Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' and striking him on the face."

- Why do you think the soldiers mocked Jesus?
- Did the Romans believe Jesus was specially sent by God?
- If Jesus asks us to follow his example and be servants (see John 13:3-5), do you think Jesus also may ask us to suffer for others?
- How do we suffer for someone else?



Cross Luke 23:33

"When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left."

- When you see a cross, what comes to your mind?
- How can an instrument used to bring a terrible death become a symbol for the Christian faith and the message of hope and good news?



The Empty Tomb Maille 2011

"After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalane and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards should and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples."

- What is the empty tomb a symbol of for us?
- Why is the empty tomb important?