

## Holy Week and Easter



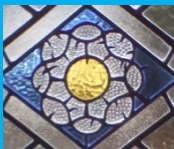
a) The evening before he was crucified Jesus knowing all that lay ahead ate a last meal with the disciples (Mark 14) Then they went to the **Garden of Gethsemane** where he showed his humanness by praying that God would “take this cup” from him, meaning his death on the cross. This window shows the symbolic **cup and cross**. He also prayed for God’s will to be done, whatever. (Mark 14:36). This was a tremendous example of his obedience.



b) It was into this garden that the soldiers from the Temple were led to capture Jesus. (John 18:3) They were carrying **lamps** such as this one. How ironic that in their spiritual blindness they needed a lamp to find him who is the Light of the World.



c) Part of the suffering inflicted on Jesus involved flogging, done by tying to a **pillar** and whipping with cruel strips of leather called **scourges**. (John 19:1) These are also shown here.



d) They also mocked him by pressing a **crown of thorny branches** onto his head. (John 19:2-3) Jesus suffered all this and more rather than take any easy way out. Only then could he show unmistakably that God loves us – enough to die for us. (Matthew 27:27-31)



e) **Crucifixion** was a very cruel way of executing criminals. This was how they killed Jesus – by nailing him to a Roman cross. (Matthew 27:32-66)



f) It seemed to his disciples like the end of all hope. Jesus lifeless body was taken down from the cross and laid in a burial cave. They had yet to discover God’s amazing power and desire to bring new life to all the afflicted. This is symbolised by the **empty cross** and **radiant sunrise**. (John 19:28-42)