

EASTER SYMBOLS

SOAP

The symbol of the soap reminds us of Jesus, the servant, who washed the feet of his apostles on Holy Thursday.

The symbol of the soap reminds us, too, of Jesus being sentenced to death, of Pontius Pilate who washed his hands of Jesus.

CUP

The symbol of the cup reminds us of the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his death. He took bread and wine, blessed them, and gave them to his apostles, telling them to eat and drink, for this was His Body and Blood.

COIN

The symbol of the coin reminds us of the 30 pieces of silver Judas received for betraying Jesus. Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, turned against Jesus, going to the Chief Priests asking, "How much will you pay me to get Jesus into your hands?"

LAMB

The symbol of the lamb reminds us of Jesus, the Lamb of God. Jesus was God's perfect lamb, who was sent to save us.

LEATHER STRIP

The symbol of the leather strip reminds us of the whip used by the Roman soldiers to beat Jesus. Because Jesus claimed to be God, Pontius Pilate, the Roman Governor of Judea, sentenced Him to death as an enemy of the King.

NAIL

The symbol of the nail reminds us of the nails that were forced into the hands and feet of Jesus, as He was nailed to the cross.

SINGLE DIE

The single die reminds us of the words of Jesus: "They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." The soldiers showed complete disregard for Jesus, as they gambled for His clothing at the cross.

CROSS

The symbol of the cross reminds us of the crucifixion of Jesus. On Good Friday, we remember that Jesus died on the cross for us.

BLACKNESS

The symbol of blackness reminds us of the darkness following the death of Jesus. From His death at noon until 3 o'clock, the whole land was covered in complete darkness.

GAUZE

The symbol of the gauze reminds us of the cloth Joseph of Arimathea used to wrap around the body of Jesus after He died on the cross. He took the body to the tomb and wrapped it in linen cloth, an act of faith and love of Jesus.

STONE

The symbol of the stone reminds us of Jesus' tomb that had the large stone placed over it. Mary Magdalene and Mary found the stone removed, as Jesus had risen from the dead as He promised.

BUTTERFLY

The symbol of the butterfly reminds us of the Resurrection of Jesus. From a cocoon, the butterfly emerges as a sign of "new life". Jesus rose from the dead to bring us new life.