



Trail of Easter

March 1 through April 5, 2026– Daylight Hours Only

The “Trail of Easter” provides a fun way for individuals and families to experience an Easter activity that takes place from the convenience of your own vehicle. The route mapped out for you will take you past the different locations where objects, relating to the Easter story, are randomly placed for you to find. **We ask that you stay in your vehicle** as you slowly make your way past the marked locations while you enjoy the challenge of the search. **Please use hazard lights when necessary. – OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS. Drivers should not use cellphones while behind the wheel, only passengers should look up and read Scriptures.**

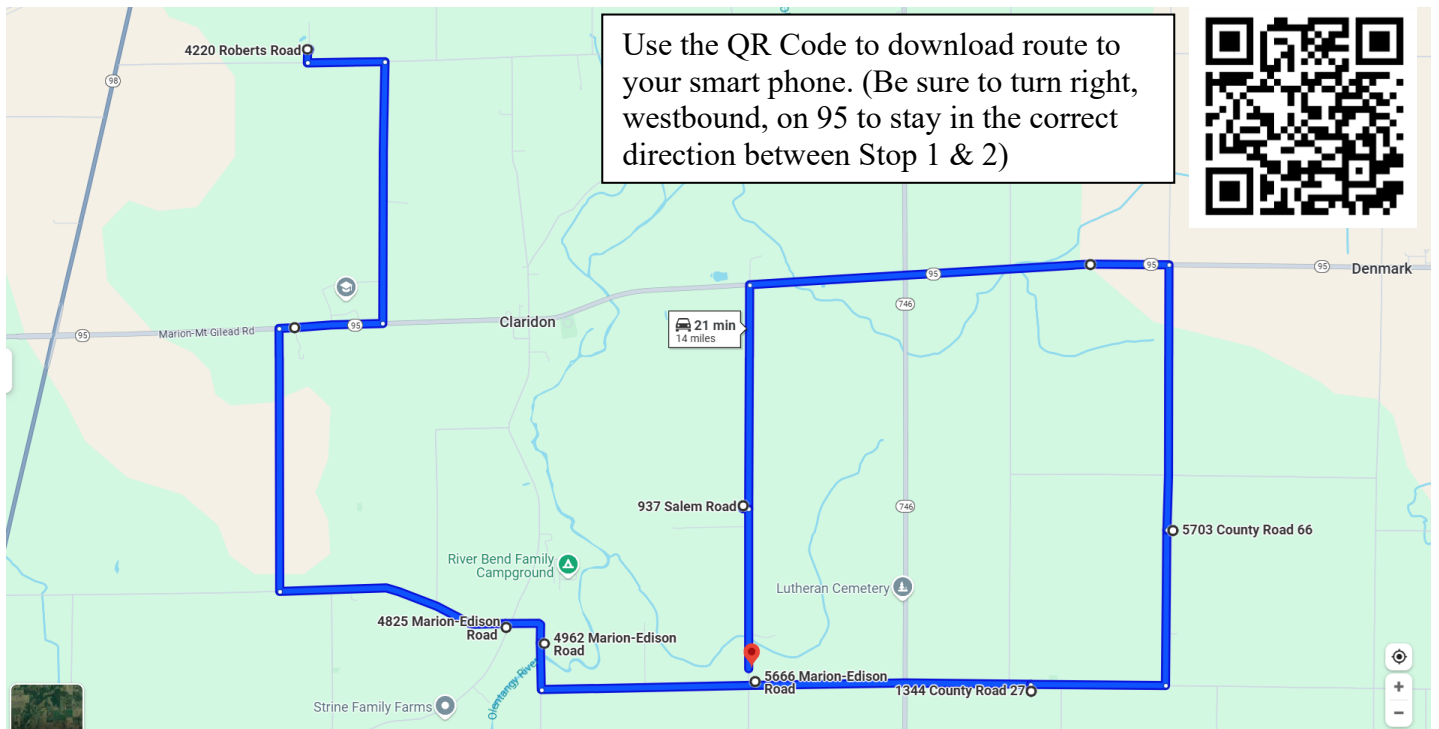
Follow along as we make our way back through Holy Week, where Christ is preparing to make the final sacrifice for all mankind. As Jesus enters into Jerusalem, we hear the people shouting, “Hosanna, blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord;” only to have them turn against Him later, shouting, “Crucify Him!”

The week takes many twists and turns as Jesus moves toward His final hours on earth. He accepts the will of His Heavenly Father and continues to teach and prepare His followers for what is about to happen. All the while, the religious leaders plot against Him. Even His most faithful followers turn their back on Him. Jesus, knowing this would happen, gave Himself into the hands of His aggressors and offered His body and His blood as a sacrifice for all humanity. As He hung on the cross, He suffered the penalty for all sin, even though He Himself was without sin. It is sin that separates us from God. God’s desire is for all people to come back to Him. For this reason, He sent His Son into the world. Jesus was willing to pay the price for our sin so that we can be reunited with our Heavenly Father and, one day, live with Him for all eternity. When Jesus hung on the cross, and before He took His final breath, Jesus said, “It is finished.” At that very moment, the curtain to the room called the Holy of Holies where God was known to reside, and only the high priest was allowed to enter once a year for atonement but could never look at God’s face, tore from the top to the bottom as a sign that Jesus made it possible so anyone could enter God’s presence through Jesus Christ. The choice is ours as to whether we will accept it or not.

Jesus didn’t stay dead. On the third day after His death on the cross, He arose from the grave, just as He had said He would. He presented Himself to hundreds of people before He went back to heaven. Jesus said that He was going to prepare a place for us in heaven and that one day He will return again to take all of His followers with Him.

Whether you have heard this a thousand times or this is your first-time hearing, this is our reason to celebrate! Please join us as we recall the story of Easter as we make our way through the “Trail of Easter!” If you would like to know more about Jesus, Marion Salem Church invites you to join us for worship on Sundays at 10am—the church is the last stop on the Trail of Easter.

—Special Thanks to Lockport Mennonite Church in Lockport, OH for the idea



The QR codes below will direct your smart phone to the Scripture passages referencing each item:

#1: Triumphant Entry – 4220 Roberts Rd.



Donkey (Matthew 21:1-7)
 Palm Branches (Matthew 21:8)
 Cloaks on the ground (Mark 11:8)
 Hosanna (sign) (John 12:13)

#5: The Trial – 1344 County Rd 27



A rooster (Matthew 26:74-75)
 Crown of Thorns (John 19:2-3)
 Blindfold (Mark 14:65)
 Purple Robe (Mark 15:17)
 A whip (Matthew 27:26)

#2: Clearing the Temple – 4825 Marion-Edison Rd.



Caged Birds (Mark 11:15)
 Money Changing Table (Matthew 21:12)
 Lamb (John 1:29, Mark 14:12)

#6: The Cross – 5703 County Rd 66



A Cross (Matthew 27:32)
 Dice & Clothing (John 19:24)
 Nails (John 20:25-27)
 Sponge & Jar (John 10:29)
 Jesus' Crime Plaque (John 19:19)
 Spear (John 19:33-34)

#3: Last Supper – 4962 Marion-Edison Rd.



Basin & Towel (John 13:3-5)
 Bread (Matthew 26:26)
 Chalice (Luke 22:20)

#7: Burial – 937 Salem Rd.



Linen Burial Cloth (John 19:40; 20:6-7)
 Spices (Mark 16:1)
 30 Silver Coins (Matthew 26:14-16; 27:3-10)
 Guard's Armor (Matthew 27:65-66)

#4: The Garden – 5666 Marion-Edison Rd.



Hands clasped in prayer (Luke 19:46)
 Angel (Luke 22:43)
 Imprint of a Kiss (Mark 14:44)
 A Sword (Matthew 26:51-52)

#8: Empty Tomb – 1640 Salem Rd.



(Parking lot by cemetery)
 He is Risen! (Matthew 28:1-10)

We invite you to take any of the giveaways on the table (Please one of each per household.)