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So Pilate asked Jesus more questions. Jesus was quiet, except to tell Pilate that the reason Pilate had power over Him was because God had given it to him. Pilate put Jesus out where the people could see Him. He said, "Look, here is your King!"

But the people shouted, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him! Only Caesar is our king!"

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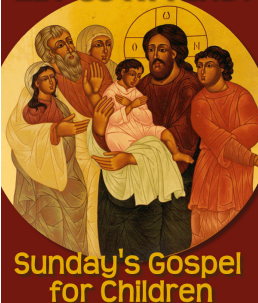


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Jesus' mother, her sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, Mary Magdalene, and John were standing by the cross. When Jesus saw His mother and John there, He asked John to take care of His mother. From that day on, John did just that.

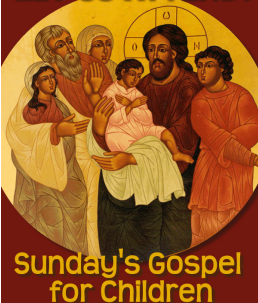
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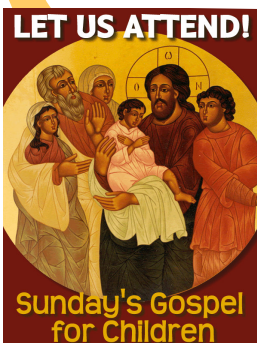
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