March 24, 2024 – Palm Sunday – PALM & THORN

It's Palm Sunday! Come join the parade, the excitement of Jesus coming to town! Come also to recognize how far love will go to make sure you know you are forever loved by God, no matter what!



Scripture:

Luke 19:28-40 NIV

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'' ³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They replied, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: ³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" ⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Gospel of Mark (The Passion Story) Mark 11-15

Questions:

- When you hear the story of Palm Sunday...and the week that follows is it just a habit to listen to the story or do you let the truths of the story seep into your soul?
- When in your life have you been like the crowd on Palm Sunday and welcomed Jesus wholeheartedly? When have you been like the crowd later in the week who wanted nothing to do with Jesus?
- The challenge of this week is to travel the whole week with Jesus and not just skip from Palm Sunday to Easter. This is hard because it takes time and intentionality on our parts. But...what if you made time for Jesus this week and traveled the whole week with him? Went to the table on Maundy Thursday? Went to the cross on Friday night? It just might make Easter Sunday all the more amazing!

Reading for the Week:

Monday: Matthew 10:40 Tuesday: John 13:20 Wednesday: Luke 8:40 Thursday: Matthew 21:1-11 Friday: Romans 10:9