



March 29 – Coats and Branches

Common things – coats and tree branches – yet on this day they become so much more. Join us today as we shout Hosanna! with the crowds and begin our journey to the cross with Jesus.

Scripture:

Luke 19:29-40 NLT

After telling this story, Jesus went on toward Jerusalem, walking ahead of his disciples. ²⁹ As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. ³⁰ “Go into that village over there,” he told them. “As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks, ‘Why are you untying that colt?’ just say, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³² So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. ³³ And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, “Why are you untying that colt?” ³⁴ And the disciples simply replied, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on. ³⁶ As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. ³⁷ When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along, praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. ³⁸ “Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!” ³⁹ But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, “Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!” ⁴⁰ He replied, “If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!”

Whole Passion story

Questions:

- When have you been moved to throw your coat on the road? In other words, when have you given away something with abandon, without worrying about the consequences or calculating the cost? What happened?
- Who do you need to work towards reconciliation with this Lent? How can you begin this work?

Reading for the Week:

Monday: Mark 10:21

Tuesday: Proverbs 3:5

Wednesday: Isaiah 45:9

Thursday: Matthew 26:39

Friday: John 4:34