



Scripture for the week of March 28, 2021 (Palm Sunday): Mt. 21:6-11, Luke 22:10-20, 23:46-47, Mark 16:1-4

Mt. 22: 6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" 10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" 11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

Sunday, March 28:

Scripture: Read above Scripture slowly and visualize what this might have looked like.

Questions: What stood out for you as you read this Scripture? What do you hope to be reminded of as you focus on a condensed version of what this week is about? Will you be open to learn what Jesus did for you and how much He cares for you? Will you allow it to be life changing?

Prayer: Lord God, help me to be focused on what this week is all about and how much You love each one of us. I have heard this story so many times and sometimes something new comes up and other times it seems routine. But I want it to pierce my heart so that I can really experience and know for sure the love You have for me.

Monday, March 29:

Scripture: Read Matthew 21:6-8: "6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road."

Questions: Can you sense the excitement in the air as the Disciples prepare for Jesus to enter the city? What thoughts do you have as the excitement builds here but quickly turns to suffering? How can this Scripture become more personal to you?

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for this little bit of time to celebrate Your arrival. I desire to rejoice in Your entrance as I prepare myself for what the rest of the week holds. Give me a heart of praise for this day and tomorrow. . . Prepare my heart for what is to come.

Tuesday, March 30:

Scripture: Read Matthew 21:9-11: 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' 'Hosanna in the highest heaven!' 10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, 'Who is this?' 11 The crowds answered, 'This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.'"

Questions: Have you ever wondered how there could be such excitement about Jesus one day and then turning against Him the next? Have you ever done this in your life? Been excited about what He has done one day and then become angry that He is not doing enough another day? How can you be more consistent in your relationship with Him?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I desire to be consistent in my walk with You. Take my trust of You to another level as I walk through this week. Provide me with peace in those times when I don't understand what You are doing.

Wednesday, March 31:

Scripture: Read Luke 22:10-16: “10 He replied, ‘As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, 11 and say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ 12 He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there.” 13 They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover. 14 When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. 15 And he said to them, “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.””

Questions: Do you see we are getting ready for Maundy Thursday? What impact does the “Last Supper” have on you? What impact does communion at Tabor have on you? Is it a routine or something more?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the reminder of what the fellowship in our church means during communion. Help us to prepare our hearts each month in anticipation of receiving communion and what it means.

Thursday, April 1:

Scripture: Read Luke 22:17-20: 17 After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. 18 For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” 19 And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” 20 In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.”

Questions: Thinking of the body and blood that Jesus mentions, what impact does this have on you? Is there a way you can make this more personal for you when we celebrate communion together? Don’t you think we should have our communion Sundays have more of an impact on us?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the reminder of what communion means for us today. Help the reminder of Your love for us fill us so that we can together be in awe of Your love and goodness.

Friday, April 2:

Scripture: Read Luke 23:46-47: “46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, ‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.’ When he had said this, he breathed his last. 47 The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, ‘Surely this was a righteous man.’”

Questions: This may not be the whole detailed story of the crucifixion but don’t you think it is amazing that afterwards the centurion recognized that maybe they had done something wrong? When you do something wrong, do you recognize the need to turn to Jesus for forgiveness? Isn’t that what the cross is all about?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, the idea that You would suffer for me is sometimes hard to believe. But I am so grateful for what it means. Let me not take this for granted but to be more committed to You because of what You have done for me.

Saturday, April 3:

Scripture: Read Mark 16:1-4: “1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb 3 and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?” 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.”

Questions: How often have you gone to do something for Jesus and the problem you thought might be in your way was taken care of? Do you always trust Jesus enough to move ahead and trust that He will take care of the obstacles? If not, how can you get to a place where you do trust him?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I desire to walk with You trusting that You will take care of my obstacles. Thank You for the times that I have seen You do this and help me to be more confident so that I can see this more often.