



Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday and Holy Week

Meditations for Holy Week

*“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!” (Mark 11:9-10)*

I grew up with church services every day during Holy Week. We have a lot going on in our world today, and some people think it seems almost silly to insist on giving so much time and energy to the religious observances this upcoming week. Perhaps, this is especially true because so many people around us only go to church on Easter and Christmas. These days with the restrictions of the pandemic and many churches still not able to meet in person, Holy Week itself may begin to feel a bit out of touch with the world around us. Or are we and the world out of touch with Holy Week?

To experience those crucial events of 2000 years ago I recommend the Gospel of Mark, which takes considerable care to tell the Holy Week story so that we can follow the events of Holy Week, day by day and even hour by hour.

- **Palm Sunday**: “When they were approaching Jerusalem” (11:1-11). The celebration of the entry into Jerusalem for Passover.
- **Monday**: “On the following day...” (11:12-19). The cursing of the fig tree. The prophetic demonstration against the Temple. Why was Jesus so angry?
- **Tuesday**: “In the morning...” (11:20-13:37). Many important parables.
- **Wednesday**: “It was two days before the Passover.” (14:1-11). The woman who comes to anoint Jesus.
- **Thursday**: “On the first day of Unleavened Bread” (14:12-72). The Last Supper.
- **Friday**: “As soon as it was morning...” (15:1-41). The trial. The Crucifixion.
- **Saturday**: “The Sabbath” (15:42-16:1). Jesus’s burial.



Special Prayers: for students whose educations are being disrupted, especially those nearing graduation who face an uncertain future; for John and Devra continuing medical treatments; for those suffering from the recent tornadoes; for the people killed and injured during the recent mass shootings and for all victims of violence; for those suffering during the COVID pandemic; and finally, for peace and justice within our country.