

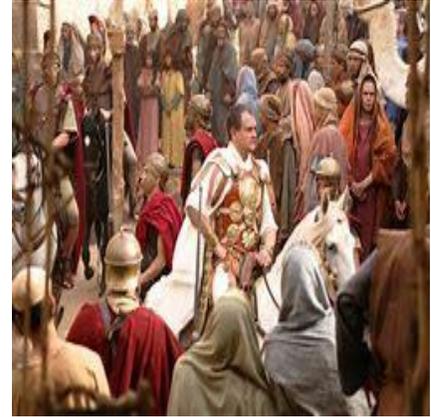


## April 10, 2022 Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast

### Peace



*Jesus rides on a donkey's colt while the crowds lay palm leaves on His path to Jerusalem. In Biblical times, royalty would ride on a donkey during periods of peace, rather than a horse, which was associated with war. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, it is believed that He fulfilled Old Testament prophecy that a king would come in peace and humility.*



### Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday?

In many church services on the Sunday before Easter have started to collapse Holy Week into its last three days and have renamed Palm Sunday "Passion Sunday." While Passion Sunday and Easter Sunday form a powerful pair of death and resurrection, the loss of "Palm Sunday" and with enthusiastic crowds and all the events of that day may weaken the meaning of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection.

While Holy Week is set down in all four Gospels, Mark is a good choice for reading and reflection during Holy Week for two reasons. Firstly, it is the earliest Gospel, the first telling of Jesus' final week. Secondly, Mark takes great care to tell the Holy Week story, day-by-day and by the hour on Friday.

Palm Sunday: "When they were approaching Jerusalem..." [Mark 11:1-11]

Monday: "On the following day..." [Mark 11:12-19]

Tuesday: "In the morning..."; teachings and confrontation at the Temple [Mark 11:20-13:37]

Wednesday: "It was two days before the Passover..." [Mark 14:1-11]

Thursday: "On the first day of unleavened bread..."; Gethsemane and Jesus' arrest [Mark 14:12-72]

Friday: "As soon as it was morning..."; Jesus is crucified [Mark 15:1-41]

Saturday: "The Sabbath..." [Mark 15:42-47]

Easter Sunday: "Very early on the first day of the week..." [Mark 16:1-20]

Two processions entered Jerusalem on a spring day in the year 30. One was a peasant procession, the other an imperial procession. It was the beginning of the week Passover, the most sacred week of the Jewish year. One procession was led by a man riding a donkey who preached the Kingdom of God, and the other was led by the Roman Emperor's representative. Conflict was inevitable.

**Let us keep in our prayers:** Frank's grieving family and friends; our friends who are fighting cancer; peace in the Ukraine and safety for all affected by war; the upcoming summer worship schedule at the Raquette Lake Chapel. Hear our prayers O Lord!