

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Isaiah 50:4–7 † Philippians 2:6–11 † Luke 22:14—23:56



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On this sixth Sunday of the Lenten season—known as Passion Sunday—we commemorate Jesus Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. His pathway was laden with palm branches and garments joyously placed by the rejoicing crowd as He rode on a beast of burden. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and the end of the solemn season of Lent. Next Sunday, a new liturgical season begins as we celebrate the fruition of God's promise to mankind.

This is the holiest of weeks in the liturgical calendar because as the days progress, we witness not only Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem but also the Jewish authorities' and Roman overlords' conspiracies to unseat and kill this pretender king or Messiah and the disciples' denials of knowing Him and betraying—all leading to His arrest (Holy Thursday) and death on a cross (Good Friday).

But the mystery after His death is revealed next Sunday; so, stay tuned for next Sunday's glorious culmination as the Lenten season ends and the imminent joy of His triumphant resurrection.

How often have we felt lost and denied Christ's entry into our hearts? Have we joined conspirators in following the crowd against our better angels?

From the first time palm branches and garments were laid as a pathway for Jesus to enter Jerusalem, we the baptized faithful now lay bare our souls and welcome His grace and love to enter us as we await His return.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.