



March 25, 2018 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Lectionary: 37 and 38 At The Procession With Palms

Gospel MK 11:1-10

When Jesus and his disciples drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethpage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately on entering it, you will find a colt tethered on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone should say to you, 'Why are you doing this?' reply, 'The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.'" So they went off and found a colt tethered at a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. Some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They answered them just as Jesus had told them to, and they permitted them to do it. So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!"

JN 12:12-16

When the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: "Hosanna! "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel." Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written: Fear no more, O daughter Zion; see, your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt. His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him.

Spiritual Reflection:

Palm Sunday positions Jesus as being the true king of Israel. The question that should arise to anyone who has read the Old Testament is this: "Will Jesus be a good king that follow's God's command to the end? Or Will he be a bad king and do things His way." Throughout the Old Testament there were many bad kings who did things there way and people suffered the consequences for it. There were also a few good kings who followed God's will and thus brought about prosperity. What type of king will Jesus be?

Spiritual Questions:

1. What do you know about the kings of the Old Testament?
2. How does entrance to Jerusalem speak of His true indemnity?
3. How does the crowd go so quickly from welcoming Christ as their king to wanting Him crucified?
4. What do you think Herod or Pilate thought about Palm Sunday?
5. Are you ready for Holy Week?