

Lent: The Last Seven Days – Mark Scene 29

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Mark 11:1-11

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Reflection & Discussion Questions

The details of the final week of Jesus' life and his death are worth slowing down for

We can take this time to remember why he came and pay attention to what he's doing in our lives.

*Do you have any practices or traditions that you observe for Lent?

Read and discuss Mark 11:1-11 (Nicholas Zola translation)

And when they come near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, he sends two of his students and says to them, "Go into the village before you, and immediately upon entering it you will find a foal tied up, on which no person ever sat. Untie it and bring it. And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'Its master needs it, and he will send it back here at once.'" So they left and they found a foal tied at a door outside in the street, and they untie it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the foal?" But they said to them what Jesus said, and they let them go. So they bring the foal to Jesus and throw their outer garments on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their outer garments on the road, while others spread leaves they cut from the fields. And those going ahead and those following behind were crying out, "Hosanna! Praise the one coming in the name of the Lord! Praise the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest places!" And he came to Jerusalem, to the temple, but after looking around at everything, since it was already evening, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

*What does this passage show us about God? About people?

*What is this passage saying to you? Is there something here to share with someone else?

*What do the people in this story seem to believe of Jesus?

Jesus brings the Hosanna people need, not always the one they expect

Instead of saving us from our situation, maybe Jesus is saving us from ourselves.

*When do you most often cry out for saving?

*How has Jesus been a different Hosanna than you expected?

Lent allows us to take time to reflect on Hosanna

To remember he was showing up to save us from our sins and our misplaced faith.

*Where in your life right now are you calling out, Hosanna?

*Do you sense that maybe he is riding into the city of your life to bring a different Hosanna?

*This Lenten season, how will you invite him to make you what he intends you to be?

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