

**Sunday, March 28, 2021**  
**Palm Sunday, Year B**

**John 12:12-19**

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him. Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

**OPEN**

- What do you like best about parades: Bands? Famous Personalities? Watching the girls go by? Celebrating the occasion? Vendors? Clowns?
- What do you like least: Traffic? Noise? Pick-Pockets? Tall people? Clean-up?

**DIG**

- How would you set this opening scene for TV? What "flashbacks" (eg. The raising of Lazarus from the dead) would you use as the TV producer to show the crowd now so whipped up, but once so confused and divided (as in 7:40-43; 10:19-21)?
- How could you tie in their hope that Jesus will do at this Passover what God did at the first Passover?
- Why a lowly donkey for Jesus (see Zec 9:9)
- According to your script, what would the crowds, the disciples, and Jewish leaders be feeling now? One week later? Had you been there, what would you be feeling: Fanaticism, fickleness, faith, or fear? Why?

**REFLECT**

- What convinced you that Jesus is your King? What is the best thing you've seen about the type of king he is?
- Is your worship life like a hero's victory or a funeral dirge? Why?