



**SCRIPTURE
of the DAY**

Isaiah 50: 4-7
 Psalm 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24
 Philippians 2: 6-11
 Matthew 26: 14 – 27: 66
 (or 27: 11-54)



**“Palm Sunday
tells us that ...
it is the cross
that is the true
tree of life”**

- Pope Benedict XVI

The story of Palm Sunday helps us to understand the path that needs to be taken by us. Our Lord comes in humility, not in pomp and pageantry. As a King, He does not conquer by force, but by love, grace, mercy, and by sacrificing His own life for His people. He conquers not nations, but hearts and minds. His message is one of peace, a lasting peace, not just a temporal ceasefire.

As we follow the Lord, we, too, will face a certain amount of suffering, rejection, loneliness and the prospect of death. **Where the world values power, we must value humility. Where the world values strength and even physical force, we are called to be peacemakers.** Where the world values popularity, we must be prepared to receive criticism and insults. We must be living contradictions. Still, we must walk with Christ without fear and reservation, for He will lead us through the "valley of death" to everlasting life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Finally, our King and Lord teaches us the true meaning of love. Pope Leo beautifully concludes his reflection on the poor by rooting it in love. "Love is above all a way of looking at life and a way of living it. A Church that sets no limits to love, that knows no enemies to fight but only men and women to love, is the Church that the world needs today" (DT#120).

During this Mass, let us pray for the grace to walk steadily with Jesus. The cheers and jeers of people over the years may come and go, but I remain standing by the King who eternally stands by me and promises a reward to all those who are faithful to Him and His gospel. There will be times we will feel like giving up. But then we remember once again the promise of Palm Sunday, look not for earthly honour from men which will not last but always set our hearts on the heavenly glory accorded only by God that will never wither. In Him, we will be One!✠

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**“In the One,
We Are One”**

Our liturgy for Palm Sunday and Holy Week mirrors life, which is full of bittersweet contrasts. We are given a foretaste of Easter joy but also the grim prospect of Good Friday.