

MARCH 28, 2021  
Palm Sunday  
Mark 14: 1-15. 47

“JESUS THE KING OF GLORY!”

“Constantine the Great was the first Christian Roman emperor. His father Constantius I, who succeeded Diocletian as emperor in AD 305, was a pagan with a soft heart for Christians. When he ascended the throne, he discovered that many Christians held important jobs in the government and in the court. So, he issued an executive order to all those Christians: “Either give up Christ or give up your jobs.” The great majority of Christians gave up their jobs rather than disowning Christ. Only a few cowards gave up their religion rather than lose their jobs. The emperor was pleased with the majority who showed the courage of their convictions and gave their jobs back to them saying: ‘If you will not be true to your God you will not be true to me either.’”<sup>1</sup>

My brothers and sisters, as we begin the celebration of the Holy Week with today’s Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion, we remember and commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem which is significant and major part in the life of the Jesus. This was a life-changing moment and defining act of humility, surrender, and submission. This major event in His life wherein He is riding a donkey, Jesus makes an intentional, intended, and painful decision to journey the path to death. We are also asked to do the same. We need to declare our allegiance, loyalty, commitment, and fidelity to Christ, and His teachings by participating wholeheartedly this Holy Week. The carrying of palm leaves to our homes and placing it in the most important place at home, we are declaring Jesus as our choice, our King and ruler of our lives and our families. This palm leaves will be our symbol and reminder of faithfulness to our Savior.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.stories4homilies.co](http://www.stories4homilies.co)

My sisters and brothers let us be with Jesus in all the events of His Passion. Let us accompany and come with Him with fervent prayer, by confessing our sins, and by receiving the sacraments. Let us join Him in the desolation of Calvary as well as the joy of Easter. This is indeed a solemn week, a holy week which we should attempt to enrich our faith and deepen our fidelity to Christ our Saviour by eliminating ourselves of the clutter of life, riding the donkey of meekness, submission, and humility. May we also enter our own Jerusalem, and carry our own crosses, recognizing and trusting that God alone can fulfill and make us complete.

So, my dear brothers and sisters, are you willing to be with Jesus Christ this Holy Week? Are we willing to accompany Christ to the Upper Room, to the Garden of Gethsemane, to the Praetorium, to the Hill of Calvary and then go with His body to the tomb in the hillside? Come and be with Him, participate and joyfully celebrate this great event of our Christian faith.

Let this be our prayer: "Lord Jesus, Ruler of my heart, mind, life, and home, help me to follow and be with You in Your suffering, agony and pain unto Your death in Calvary. As I offer myself to You, may I be the reflection of Your love, mercy, compassion, meekness, and humility for others. Give me strength to do Your will and honor You as my King of glory today and always. Amen."