

PALM SUNDAY, GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel for Palm Sunday is Matthew 26:14-27:66

MATTHEW 26:39

My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will.



What powerful words has Jesus spoken in this one sentence.

In these words, we are given a glimpse at his humanity. He is frightened by what is to come because he is aware of what must come to pass in order that humanity might be saved from sin.

Still, he asks his father not once but three times that this trial he is about to embark on pass him. What a powerful thought; to see Christ, the Son of God, scared and uncertain. Nevertheless, his eyes never waver from his father. His faith in God was enough for him to proceed.

How many times do we find ourselves asking God if He is sure about what he is asking of us?

In this story we have two options of whom we might imitate; we can walk in the footsteps of Christ uncertainly certain that God has prepared our way, or, we can be like the disciples who fall asleep instead of praying with Christ.

As we enter Holy Week, let us harness the Faith *of* Christ rather than merely have faith *in* Christ.

Let us walk with him, keep praying with him, and look forward to his resurrection joyfully.



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