



Lectionary Bible Study Our Savior Lutheran, Vero Beach

**Palm/Passion Sunday
March 28, 2021**

Live Bible Studies Hosted on Zoom
Wednesdays @ 10:00 AM

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Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

This Sunday begins the holiest of weeks in the church's liturgical life. Through grand drama and moving liturgy, the faithful enter into the central event of the faith – the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Two Gospel readings are shared as this Sunday marks the entry into Holy Week, the Palm Gospel, Mark 11:1-11, and the Passion Gospel, Mark 14 – 15. The movement seems to go from triumph to tragedy.

- 1. Do you have memories of past Palm and/or Palm Sunday worship? How would you describe your experiences of this opening day of Holy Week?*
- 2. What do you think the liturgical calendar hopes to accomplish by combining Palm and Passion readings on this day?*

As you contemplate moving into and through Holy Week, consider carving out time to read both the Palm and Passion Gospels slowly, pausing after each verse to reflect on one word, phrase or thought, then moving to the next verse. Read the passages again, pausing as the Spirit moves you to offer a thought to God in prayer. Then finish by reading the passages a last time without pausing, maybe even out loud as if you are offering as a first hand eye witness.

In the Palm Sunday Gospel...

- 3. What do you find most surprising?*
- 4. What do you find most poignant?*

In the Passion Sunday Gospel...

- 5. What do you find most surprising?*
- 6. What do you find most poignant?*