



Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40

And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'"

So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near - already on the way down the Mount of Olives - the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Some things to think about...

Imagine yourself in this story. How would you have reacted to seeing Jesus in the crowd that day?

Why did Jesus ride on a donkey (colt/young horse)? Why not in a chariot or on a grand horse?

Why did some of the people in the crowd take off their cloaks and lay them on the ground?

Activity

Make a template of a palm. Write on the palm your gifts and talents that you can offer to serve others.

Perhaps you can re-enact the story, using your palms to welcome Jesus.

Materials needed for the activity:

Palm template
Scissors
Glue sticks
Paint
Green cardboard (optional)

Teacher's Notes

On Palm Sunday Christians celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem the week before his death and resurrection. The bible reveals that when Jesus entered Jerusalem the crowds greeted him by waving palm branches and by covering his path with palm branches and their cloaks. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

One significant moment in this Gospel is Jesus choosing to ride in on a colt (donkey). You may wish to read a different translation of this passage to your Mini Vinnies where the word "donkey" is used. This moment signifies Jesus showing his humility - he is a King who serves others. This humility links to being a member of the SVP - serving others.

The crowd puts their cloaks on the ground acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah and to demonstrate that they were willing to give their all. We do the same in our Mini Vinnies mission because we give our time, gifts and talents to Jesus by serving others.