

## **Luke 19:28-40**

### **Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power 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 heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

We know the story well. We have lived through enough Easters to tell the story without reference to the Bible but is there a part that you have not noticed before?

Read the passage again, slowly, take in the words that you read, the phrases that are used; is there anything that jumps out at you? If so take those words and phrases and "sit with them" a while. Let God speak to you through these words, this part of the story, and find the message for you this Palm Sunday. The words may take your mind far from the events of Palm Sunday; that is fine. Let God's Spirit guide you and inspire you in what is relevant to you in your life this Easter Season.

I am not going to say anymore in this reflection. I want to leave it to you and God to work out in your life. This Sunday I will be reflecting upon the passage in worship, as will most preachers, yes listen to them but also spend time on your own with the words.