



Doug's Reflection

03-29-26 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Today we commemorate Jesus entering Jerusalem. A careful study of Sacred Scripture tells us 4 important things about this entrance: (1) It was carefully planned. It was no sudden, impulsive action. (2) It was an act of glorious defiance and superlative courage. Why? There was a price on Jesus' head! (John.11:57.) (3) It was a deliberate claim to be king, a deliberate fulfilling of Zechariah 9:9. That's how the crowd treated him. "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." (4) It was one last appeal. Jesus came with hands outstretched, implying "Even now, will you not take me as your king?" Before hatred engulfed Him, He once again confronted Jerusalem with love's invitation. But the crowds on Palm Sunday and the crowds on Good Friday were the same people! This is the kind of u-turn we DON'T want to make!