

## Palm Sunday 2020 Reflection on the Gospel



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Hosanna! We begin the roller coaster that is Holy Week. From the triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to death and then resurrection. Jesus leads and guides the apostles on Palm Sunday and again on Holy Thursday, setting the stage for them on both days according to his plan. Then he is led away to be tortured and killed. The phrase in the passion narrative that really jumped out and hit me this time like a kick in the gut was when Jesus was arrested and **the apostles ran away**. How must that have broken Jesus' heart. His dearest friends deserted him.

How many times have I done the same? How many more times will I do the same? No matter. What we learn is that Jesus is always the same, loving us and always ready to forgive and embrace us. Many of us are suffering at this time and social isolation is part of that suffering. May we experience that suffering, share it with Jesus, and know that he will give us what we need to rise again. Hosanna!