

Passion Week Celebration

Mark 15:39 (TNIV)

³⁹And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

- 1) Today is Palm Sunday which is the first day of Passion Week. As you prepare to celebrate this week and worship your Lord, ponder the following questions.
 - a. Why do so many Christians consider Passion Week to be the most important annual celebration for the church?
 - b. Share some of the celebration traditions that you have experienced or heard about in regards to Passion Week.
- 2) Read Matthew 21:1-11 or Mark 11:1-11 or Luke 19:28-44 or John 12:12-19
 - a. Reflect on this morning's sermon concerning the Triumphal Entry and share your thoughts with your K-group
 - b. Which event of the Triumphal Entry has impacted you the most
- 3) Take turns reading one of the Gospel accounts of Passion Week. Take the events day by day. After reading the day's account, discuss the significance of the day as a K-group.
 - a. Monday - Matthew 21:10-17; Mark 11:15-18; Luke 19:45-48
 - b. Tuesday - Matthew 21:23-24:51; Mark 11:27-13:37; Luke 20:1-21:36
 - c. Wednesday - often considered to be a day of rest (no mention of the day's events in the Gospels)
 - d. Thursday - Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-23; John 13:1-30
 - e. Friday - Matthew 27:1-66; Mark 15:1-47; Luke 22:66-23:56; John 18:28-19:37
 - f. Saturday - the Jewish Sabbath and a day of rest (no events mentioned in the Gospels)
 - g. Resurrection Sunday - Matthew 28:1-13; Mark 16:1-20; Luke 24:1-49; John 20:1-31
- 4) How can we be intentional in celebrating this year's Passion Week? Specifically, what are some things that you feel God is leading you to do to worship him this week?

Holy Week Services - each day of the week (Monday - Friday), there will be an interdenominational worship service at noon followed by lunch. This year, the 1st United Methodist Church of Arkadelphia will be hosting the service. Southern Baptists are in charge of Thursday's service.

A Call to Fast - this Friday (Good Friday), the pastors of Fellowship Church are calling for a fast. You are encouraged to participate by fasting for at least one meal on Friday. Use the time to read one of the Gospel accounts of the crucifixion (see Friday's scriptures above). After reading the account, spend some time in worship and prayer.