

## SERMON NOTES

Palm Sunday, Year B\* March 24, 2024

Sermon by the Reverend Andrew Lazo

Isaiah 50:4-9a \* Psalm 31:5-16 \* Philippians 2:5-11 \* Mark 14:1-15:47

### The Paradox of the Passion

**Philippians 2:8:** And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

- ✦ Today, this week, we find ourselves in the middle of a number of **p**\_\_\_\_\_.
- ✦ One way really to **e**\_\_\_\_\_ **i**\_\_\_\_\_ this week is by putting ourselves in the **s**\_\_\_\_\_.
- ✦ We **c**\_\_\_\_\_ **a**\_\_\_\_\_ with us the **d**\_\_\_\_\_ of **C**\_\_\_\_\_, especially when we think about all that **H**\_\_\_\_\_ **b**\_\_\_\_\_ for us.
- ✦ It may help us to see ourselves in the **c**\_\_\_\_\_ of the **T**\_\_\_\_\_, the **T**\_\_\_\_\_ **D**\_\_\_\_\_.

## Next Week's Lessons

Isaiah 25:6-9\*Psalm 118:14-29 \*I Corinthians 15:1-11\*John 20:1-18

### Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

7. What other paradoxes do you find in your life, and how does faith in God help you to understand them?
8. This is a long account of Jesus' Passion, His suffering. What scene draws you most? Where would you have found yourself had you been in Jerusalem that day?
9. The Christian view of death is VERY different from the world's view. How can we keep looking at death God's way? St. Francis called it "Brother Death." Do you agree?
10. Christ's death has set us free from our shame. So how can we have a healthy relationship towards His sufferings and death for us?
11. Which Day do you find yourself in right now? Why?
12. PRAY:
  - ✦ To keep the Cross always in our eyes.
  - ✦ To find the grace to change from who we are to who Christ will make us as His own.
  - ✦ For ways to share the benefits of the Passion with those who do not yet believe.
  - ✦ To find New Life everywhere in our lives.