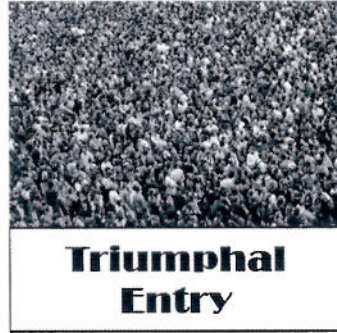


# God's Story<sup>TM</sup> Our Story



April 9, 2017

**Devotion:** Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions. You can do this alone or with others; in the morning, during the day, or at night. Find a routine that works best for you.

**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

**Lord of the Holy Procession,**

**We meet you with praise on our lips. Keep those refrains ringing in our ears when the cheers fade and you face the gravity which this somber week holds. In the name of Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

**Reflect:** Reflect on the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*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."*

Luke 19:39-40

**Study:** Study the reading and consider the background.

**Jesus' long anticipated arrival in Jerusalem is met not by an angry mob, but rather a raucous parade singing his praises. However, the master's eyes can see only certain demise – of himself, and finally, the city itself.**

**Consider:** Consider this theme for the week's text.

**Everybody perceives Jesus in their own way.**

**Read:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding of Sunday's text. After the reading, ask the follow-up questions.

Sunday: *Triumphal Entry (Palm/Passion Sunday)*, Luke 19:29-44

Monday: *Journey to the Cross*, Luke 22:28-46

Tuesday: *Journey to the Cross*, Luke 22:47-71

Wednesday: *Journey to the Cross*, Luke 23:1-31

Thursday: *Last Supper (Holy Thursday)*, Luke 22:1-27

Friday: *Crucifixion (Good Friday)*, Luke 23:32-47

Saturday: *Burial of Jesus*, Luke 23:48-56

**How emotional is Jesus' journey to the cross to you?**

**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household. Discuss the following questions, or simply check in with "Highs" and "Lows."

**What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**

**When has the movement of a crowd gotten swept away and out of hand? Why do you think mob mentality has so much power of people? What is happening in your congregation that is being swept away by such momentum? What needs to change to turn the momentum?**

**What are you willing to give or do to follow Christ? What can you do this week that pushes you beyond your comfort zone?**

**Do:** By acting on what we learn we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

**Use essential oils to mark the sign of the cross on your forehead or hands every morning this week. Let the scent and feel of the oil remind you of Jesus' journey to the cross.**

**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

**Jesus walks a difficult journey for you. You are worth it. Amen.**