

# Mosaic Teaching Guide

28<sup>th</sup> March 2010 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Teaching: Onward, To Jerusalem! Onward, To Good Friday?

Philippians 2:5-8

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Luke 19.28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” just say this: “The Lord needs it.”’ So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

‘Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!’

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.’

## **Question:**

Do you enjoy or avoid parades?

**Introduction:**

The Jewish people gather in Roman occupied Jerusalem to celebrate God's life giving freedom.

**Jesus' Journey is Something Different:**

Jesus rides into the city  
He is surrounded by followers  
They sing of peace and glory  
Things are ready and waiting for his entrance

**Two Processionals:**

1. A king or conqueror marches with his people into a newly won city.
2. The king of Israel used to parade up to Jerusalem in common clothes on a donkey.

**This Week:**

Will this week be a jubilant victory for Gods people?

**Participating in the Excitement:**

There is so much anticipation and excitement that the disciples are throwing their cloaks down for the donkey to walk on. They are pouring themselves out to be involved in this parade.

**God's Weakness is Stronger than Human Strength:**

God's power is almighty because it is rooted in self-giving love.

**The Journey Takes Us to Resurrection Sunday, only by Way of Good Friday and Holy Saturday**

**Next Week: *"It's Sunday, but Monday's Coming!"***