

Keep the Faith

When we look at the events from Palm Sunday to Good Friday, we see that it is an absolute mixed bag of experiences and emotions for Jesus.

In this week, Jesus reached the peak of his popularity, riding in a triumphal procession into the holy city of Jerusalem.

From Sunday to Wednesday Jesus seemed unstoppable, but then on Thursday, things changed.

He was then betrayed, arrested and on Friday, he was crucified.

In just a few days many of the same ones who welcomed Jesus with praises, shouted with anger to have Jesus crucified.

The disciples ran away and the crowd who loved Jesus one minute, cursed him the next.

So, we see at the Palm Sunday event that there were many agendas and expectations at work.

Most importantly, the Palm Sunday story shows us that it was Jesus who kept the faith in the face of overwhelming difficulty and suffering. The rest picked and chose how they responded depending upon their own hopes and desires.

As we enter holy week and journey towards Easter may we also reflect upon and consider our own expectations and responses to Jesus -

***Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to
his own advantage;
rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death -
even death on a cross! Philippians 2:5-8***

Indeed, we may also keep the faith.