

Thought for the day – Thursday 1st April 2021

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I have been reflecting on Jesus' journey through holy week. Its a journey which prompts some questions to reflect on.

Palm Sunday, Jesus enters Jerusalem, to great cheering, but as the week turns out, the crowds are cheering for what God cannot. *In what ways do we strongly expect God to act in ways He cannot?*

Monday of Holy Week, Jesus disrupts the money changing activity in the temple and clears it, much to the anger of those who manage the temple. *In what ways does God disrupt the secure and comfortable things in our life, in order to bring healing and restoration?*

Tuesday of Holy Week, Jesus is anointed in Bethany for his death. This must have been quite a confusing thing for those who expect him to be the Messiah, or someone great. *In what ways are God's ways confusing to us? How can we keep trusting Him through the confusion?*

Wednesday of Holy Week, Judas agrees to betray Jesus. In many ways Judas represents those whose hope in Jesus has turned to despair, and so turn against him. Perhaps Judas was hoping to force Jesus hand? Bring out the Messiah in Him? Who knows. We know he was contrite afterwards. And God loves him. *When do we, in our helplessness and despair, go against God?*

Maundy Thursday, Today. Jesus knew all along that the tide will turn against Him. This is his last evening with his friends. He will give them his last minute instructions. He will share what is utmost in His heart. He will show us what it truly means to be human. A way of living through despair, and confusion when it comes, how forgiveness comes when we take the wrong path. **Join us tonight at 8pm via zoom** for our service, as we reflect on this special night, as the shadow of Good Friday looms large. If possible, please have to hand, a bowl of water to wash your hands, a towel, some bread and wine or something else to drink and eat, and a candle or a table lamp or torch.

Join us on Good Friday at 10.30am via zoom, and between 1-3pm in church as we continue the journey, to the cross, and then on Saturday at 5pm in the church garden or at home, as we pray for our community as we wait in hope for what God cheers for, the newer world of God's kingdom, which we will celebrate on Easter Sunday.

I hope and pray that the next few days will be very fruitful for you.