

Palm Sunday (B) 2018

I am sure that many of you are fans of the movies. If you are anything like my wife and I, you try not and miss the previews. We all know the reason they show them, they get us hooked on the story. They give us little bits of the story, peak our interest and boom, they leave us hanging. How many of you have leaned over to your moving going partner and said, "that's one we have to see". How many of you have come back then when the movie was released, thinking you knew what it was about but walked away shaking your heads saying, man I didn't see that coming.

So too today maybe we can say we are experiencing something of the same thing. What's different is that we know the whole story, we know the ending.

We now begin Holy Week. Jesus will purposely journey from Galilee to Jerusalem, entering the city through the Mt. of Olives. He will start his journey with the 12 disciples and people will slowly join him along the way. When they arrive, it is actually Jesus's followers who cry out with joy and worship, laying down their cloaks and waving their palms as if Jesus were their King. It will not be the people of Jerusalem that will do this, they are not ready for Him nor do they want anything to do with His followers.

Today, we are given a great deal of the story and then we are cut short, left hanging. Today, we are his people walking with Him to Jerusalem, worshiping Him, trying to tell people, look, look who has come into your city. Come, come and see. Yet, today, like those later on the road to Emmaus, we will be left saying; I didn't see that coming, they put Him to death.

We know the end, what is to come; but apply the circumstances to your own lives. Whatever it may be. We know what we are up against but so many times we don't know how things are going to end. Especially when things get tough.

Many times, not knowing can cause great anxiety and fear. We don't have to live in fear or anxiety of how things in our lives might end up. We are people of hope.

The paschal mystery shows us the way to that hope and we can enter into it every day of our lives. Jesus shows us two important keys to bring that hope into our lives; obedience and trust. Through His obedience and trust we are given hope. We know the end of the story. We have a God who loves us so much he gave His only Son. Because of that, we have hope, we know how it ends, it ends with Easter.