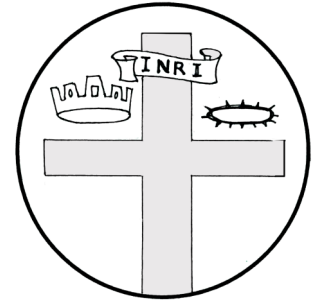


Lesson #4-28*A Different Kind of King*

John 19:16b-22 [12:12-27]

**Key Verse:**

...And carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

John 19:17

The Point:

Both the crowds and Pilate say more than they know by calling Jesus a king.

Unit Theme (March 11—March 25):

God's Kingdom Revealed

*Celebration to Mourning**You will need:*

- † Candles
- † Optional: paraments, a crown of thorns, black fabric to drape the cross

Before worship:

1. The Palm/Passion Sunday narrative changes from celebratory to somber. We begin with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and end with his death. As John 19:16b-22 is read, change the surroundings as you enter the Passion section of the narrative. Have musicians playing while the story is read, changing from joyous to quiet and reflective. Cue helpers to dim lights and add candles. Bring in other elements of

Holy Week as you are comfortable in your tradition: paraments, a crown of thorns, fabric on the cross, etc. End with a moment of silent prayer. Optionally, you can start with reading John 12:12-19 and add appropriate elements.

During worship:

1. **Our story today began in celebration: joyous song, a parade, shouts of Hosanna! But as we have moved through our story, we are coming near the end. We stand at the foot of the cross.**
2. Read John 19:16b-22.
3. **As we stand at the cross, let us take a moment in silent prayer.**