

Triumphant entrance? Am I wearing red because this is the colour of royalty and the special one for kings? Let us look at the text and perhaps realize that the intention of Jesus does not coincide with our most triumphant visions. In fact, he enters on a donkey, knows that he walks towards death and that he will end up enthroned on a cross. The apostles also suspect it, but like us, enjoy the moment. They believe, despite all that they have heard and lived in those years, it may be time to ascend to power. The temptation to think in a powerful Jesus and his mission in the way of this world has always been present in the Church, Jesus Christ is King, but a King that reigns as we will see in this Holy Week, from service and love (Holy Thursday) and the cross (Good Friday).

It is necessary not to create another Jesus different than the one we find in the Gospels, we can't adapting him to our fantasies or illusions, the Risen One is the

Crucified, and our faith invites us to follow his path. It is difficult our condition of men. The same ones that today receive him like king, days later they ask for his death. *Crucify him!!!* Our condition of believers is also difficult. The disciples who today seem happy singing songs and following the Master, will in a few days leave him and deny him three times. We have a whole week to meditate, in the most central part of the Christian life. Palm Sunday is the gateway through which we enter Holy Week and that's why we read the Passion. In all the characters that appear in it, we will find something of us, cowardice, washing our hands, betrayal, the centurion faith, women at the foot of the cross ... but above all, in the Calvary we have to see the Crucified. Our crosses are often light, but there are people around us, who carry crosses that are difficult to bear.

Everything that is going to happen this week will trouble us and fill us with sorrow: the Son of God, who came into the world

to free the poor and the suffering, decides to live out in his own body the experience of pain, of the silence of God, of death. The Good Shepherd becomes the sacrificial lamb; the Sower becomes the grain of wheat that dies; the Lord becomes the servant wounded by suffering, as the prophet Isaiah foretold.

This is the Jesus we want to follow, because we believe in Him, because we know that ***his Cross is the source of life***, because we already feel in ourselves the light of the resurrection that we will celebrate in a week.

Let us celebrate and sing with great joy: "Jesus, You are our King!"

Let us not allow these ***days of grace*** to go to waste. Let us go to the ceremonies; find time to read and meditate the Gospel account of the last days of Jesus; or as we meditate on the Crucifixion, let us think of our own death, and prepare for it with faith; let us help someone who is terminally ill, by drawing them closer to

receive the last sacraments. How much do we have to ask him for, and also to thank him for!

Psalm 24 is a prophetic passage which echoes this triumphal procession of the King of glory:

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors! That the King of glory may come in.

Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home? Do your walls echo with the praise of his glory?

"Lord Jesus, be the King and Ruler of my heart, mind, life, and home. May my life reflect your meekness and humility that you may be honoured as the King of glory!"