

## Marinating in God's Word: Mark 11:1-10

On this Palm Sunday our choir is leading us in a musical consideration of the whole of Holy Week, and our Lord's passion. But for our Marinate reflection, we will focus on the event of Palm Sunday itself.

For further reflection on your own or in a small group, consider these questions:

- “Hosanna” literally meant “save I pray”, and the people shouted it as Jesus rode into Jerusalem wanting him to do just that, to save. Only they thought he would save them from the Romans when he came to save them from themselves! Who in our culture offers to “save” us? What sort of salvation do they offer?
- When we offer a “Hosanna” (save me) prayer, what sort of salvation does God bring? Is it simply assurance of eternal life, or something more? Can it manifest in particular ways in our lives now? Have you ever offered a “save me” prayer, meaning one thing, but found the Lord answering in ways beyond what you knew to ask? What happened?
- Jesus is the answer to our Hosanna prayers. Through him God does save. How?
- Usually when we pray “save me” we have in mind “save me from”. But biblical salvation also includes “save me for” - for what?

Next week we celebrate that greatest of all good news, the resurrection, reading John 20:1-10.