



## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN

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Palm Sunday leads us into Holy Week. These are days of deep sorrow, contrition for our sin, and --paradoxically-- great spiritual joy. Jesus, the King of the Universe, enters into Jerusalem riding not on a tall, strong horse of a warrior, but rather upon a donkey. This humble animal was used to carrying cargo. Today the donkey is carrying the savior of the world who takes upon himself our cargo of sin and death.

The people welcome Jesus into Jerusalem with palm branches. They lay their robes upon the ground to give him a hero's welcome. They knew this man was a miracle worker and placed their hope in him to carry out a political miracle of freeing them from the Roman rule. Jesus, had in mind for them--and for us--another type of freedom. His Kingdom, he said, was not of this world. He was entering Jerusalem to be crucified and prepare us for the New Jerusalem....heaven....where all who wish to turn away from sin and accept God's salvation on this earth can live forever in peace and harmony with Him and with each other.

Let's all pray for each other this week. We pray that the mystery of God's love for us goes deep into our hearts and minds.

**God Bless,  
Father Jonathan**

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