THE PASSION

The long lesson, telling the story of the suffering of Jesus, can be confusing, with all the people involved, and all the things happening to Jesus. Try to recall who's doing what when you look for the words from the gospel lesson here. The remaining letters will then reveal what Jesus said on the cross.

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On this Sunday we remember the last days of Jesus' life, from his triumphant reception by the people of Jerusalem to his death on the cross when everybody has turned their backs on him.

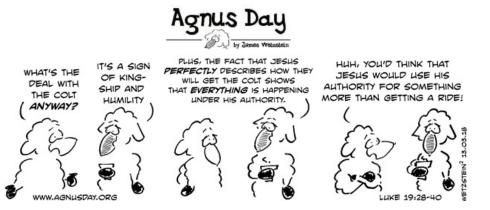


Today's lessons:

- Luke 19:28-40 In the Processional Gospel we reenact how the people celebrated Jesus when he came to Jerusalem. Playing the people of Jerusalem poses the question: will we also act like them when it comes to the crucifixion?
- Isaiah 50:4-9a The Servant of the Lord, sent to teach the people about God, comes to grips with the fact that his mission seems to have little success and people abuse him instead. But he knows he's doing God's work and it's all up to God.
- Psalm 31:9-16 Left alone by neighbours and friends and his life threatened, the person in this psalm wonders whether his life has any meaning. This resembles closely Jesus' own fate.
- Philippians 2:5-11 Paul uses an early Christian hymn, describing Christ's way from Heaven to the cross and back again. Only because Christ did not insist on any privileges, God made him the ruler of all.
- Luke 23:1-49 Like all of the four gospels, Luke culminates in the account of the Passion of Jesus Christ: this is what the life of Jesus leads to and what it aimed at from the beginning, the fulfilment of his mission.



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A true image of humility

That's how Paul depicts Jesus Christ to the Philippians. Now the question is: Is Jesus in the end put above everything because he

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..from suffering and death, the Suffering Servant of the Lord. In today's lesson from Isaiah we hear him tell his own story.

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