



## REVEILLE'S GPS WEEKLY SCRIPTURE GUIDE

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**March 29, 2026**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**Sermon Title: "Behold Your King!" by Rev. Dr. Peter Moon**

Use the space below to reflect on the questions in this week's devotionals, make class and sermon notes, and write down prayers and concerns.

### **Questions for small groups and individual reflection:**

1. What makes a "king" effective?
2. In John 19, Pilate parades Jesus out and says, "Behold your king." What are we "beholding"?
3. Jesus rides a donkey into Jerusalem. Why? What is the message he is trying to send?
4. Enter into the scene as Jesus rides into Jerusalem. You are in the crowds shouting "Hosanna." What is going through your mind?
5. A while ago, someone once said something like our goal in life is to be the donkey that Jesus rode into Jerusalem. What do you think about that?

### **Monday, March 23: Read Matthew 21:1-11**

*"Behold your king!"* Later this week, we will hear these words from Pontius Pilate as Jesus is condemned to crucifixion. Yet in the same way, the palm procession of Jesus invites us to do the same thing. We behold our king, one who is riding on a donkey, clothed in humility, on the way to Jerusalem. What did the people see? Did they behold a powerful king ready to avenge their people and execute the agenda they believed to be in their best immediate interests? Or did they see who Jesus really is – a servant on his way to self-sacrifice, ultimately winning a victory that has nothing to do with war, revenge, or political power, but of love, grace, healing, and eternal life. Is this what you would have seen? Is this what you look for in a leader today?

➤ **Relationship Opportunity:** *Describe the perfect leader.*

## **Tuesday, March 24: Read John 19:1-30**

We cannot skip from Palm Sunday straight to Easter morning. We cannot jump from celebration to victory without walking to the cross. We cannot truly behold our King without witnessing the pain, humiliation, torture, and excruciating death he willingly experienced. We must look around at the crowds yelling, "Crucify him!" and recognize that many were likely the same people shouting "Hosannah" only a few days before. We must wonder why they are so fickle and then look at ourselves and wonder the same.

- **Discipleship Opportunity:** *Reflect on how you would have reacted to a "king" who showed humility, sacrifice, and eternal rewards instead of immediate power and vindication.*

## **Wednesday, March 25: Read Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

Notice that today's psalm says, "O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!" in verse 25, but after it first asks God to open the gates of righteousness so the psalmist could enter (verse 19). Do we ask for righteousness before we ask for success? Do we, like the psalmist, wave branches in gratitude and praise to God even as we are in the midst of our own struggles and conflicts? Let us pay special attention to the order of today's verses and examine our own priorities in our prayers and petitions.

- **Discipleship Opportunity:** *Try reordering your petitions and praise today.*

## **Thursday, March 26: Read Isaiah 50: 4-9a**

Christians recognize Jesus in the ancient prophetic description of the "suffering servant" we read today in Isaiah. Ancient Jews probably recognized their own people's suffering at the time of this writing; people who suffered humiliation, pain, and death while remaining faithful to God for ultimate deliverance and justice. We are assured that God's love and faithfulness will ultimately win; that staying true to God will ultimately vindicate us. What does this mean in today's world? What should this look like?

- **Study Opportunity:** *Research what was going on in Israel and Judah during the time of Isaiah. Why would today's message be so important?*

## **Friday, March 27: Read Philippians 2:5-11**

Today's words from Paul urge all of us to follow Christ's example of humility and self-sacrifice, never exploiting our privilege or position, but lowering ourselves to the most vulnerable, weak, and enslaved among us so that all on earth can be saved. How are we doing this as individuals? A nation? A faith?

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss your responses to the above questions. Brainstorm ideas about how we can do better. Where does "beholding our King" come into this?*

## **Saturday, March 28: SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Philippians 2:5-8**

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form."

## **Sunday, March 29: Let us prepare our hearts and minds with our Prayer of Confession:**

*Gracious Lord, we are waving our palms and welcoming you with shouts of Hosanna! It is a joyful service. We confess we want to jump ahead to next Sunday and fast forward through the events of this week. Remind us to slow down and walk with Jesus. Help us to acknowledge where we have failed. We ask for forgiveness and a chance to start over. Hear our prayer as we journey with you each day, not looking ahead but simply being present to what is happening now, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Prayer of Confession written by Susannah DeBenedetto:  
<https://teaandtheology.com/palm-sunday-prayer-of-confession/>