

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴ The LORD God gives me
the right words
to encourage the weary.
Each morning he awakens me
eager to learn his teaching;
⁵ he made me willing to listen
and not rebel or run away.
⁶ I let them beat my back
and pull out my beard.
I didn't turn aside
when they insulted me
and spit in my face.
⁷ But the LORD God keeps me
from being disgraced.
So I refuse to give up,
because I know
God will never let me down.
⁸ My protector is nearby;
no one can stand here
to accuse me of wrong.
⁹ The LORD God will help me
and prove I am innocent.

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Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ and think the same way that Christ Jesus thought:
⁶ Christ was truly God.
But he did not try to remain
equal with God.
⁷ Instead he gave up everything
and became a slave,
when he became
like one of us.
⁸ Christ was humble.
He obeyed God
and even died
on a cross.
⁹ Then God gave Christ
the highest place

and honoured his name
above all others.
¹⁰ So at the name of Jesus
everyone will bow down,
those in heaven, on earth,
and under the earth.
¹¹ And to the glory
of God the Father
everyone will openly agree,
“Jesus Christ is Lord!”

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Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵ “Say to Daughter Zion,
‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

¹⁰ When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?”

¹¹ The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

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