

Meditations for the Sixth Week of Lent

WE THIRST FOR YOU, O LORD

The King of the Jews

Mark 14:1–15:47

The final week of Jesus' life was filled with activity, from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Sunday until his death on Friday. We remember his actions, his prayers, his trial, his sufferings, and finally his death. As Lent draws to a close, we have the opportunity to join our sorrows more deeply with him so that we, too, can rise again with him on Easter.

Today we are given the entire story of the Passion that will play

out this week. One way to enter more fully into these events is to imagine that you are present at Christ's passion. Take in the details and think about what you would have been thinking or feeling if you were present when Jesus entered into Jerusalem to be greeted by palms and "Hosannas." How would you have reacted when the woman poured precious oil on his feet? What would have been going through your

mind at the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, or the Way of the Cross? By allowing yourself to enter more fully into the experience of the Passion, Easter Sunday will become even more meaningful.

FOR REFLECTION

- › What part of the Passion narrative touches me the most deeply?
- › Can I set aside time this week to simply be in the presence of the Lord?
- › How might I more fully immerse myself in Holy Week this year?

