



## March 24, 2024, Triumphal Entry or Anointing at Bethany Mark 11:1-11 or Mark 14:3-9

*Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.*



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God, our blessed sovereign, we gather with shouts of hosannah, knowing full well that we will soon be shouting 'crucify.' Remind us that, come what may, you are still our God, and your love for us cannot be shaken, that we might go into this holy week with our eyes and ears open to what you would teach us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"* Mark 11:9-10



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus's controversial anointing at Bethany kicks up a huge range of emotional reactions to who Jesus is and what he came to Jerusalem to do.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Who was the last world leader you hoped would bring huge change? Were you disappointed by what happened in their time in office? Why or why not?
- Have you ever needed something but weren't able to understand or admit it? Who or what helped you realize the truth? What did you do when you realized it?
- For the littles: Do you like to celebrate? Celebrate Jesus' love for you!



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May the Lord who we celebrate fill you with hope and light in the days to come. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Celebrate that Jesus came to save the people from so much more than they could have expected! Bake a cake and wear hats. Talk about what your faith means to you and celebrate!



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday, Mark 14:3-9, *Woman Anoints Jesus*

Tuesday, Mark 14:43-65, *The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus*

Wednesday, Mark 14:66-72, *Peter Denies Jesus*

Thursday, Mark 14:12-42, *Lord's Supper*

Friday, Mark 15:16-39, *Crucifixion*

Saturday, Mark 15:40-47, *The Death and Burial of Jesus*

