



Christian Mentoring

JOHN MALLISON MINISTRIES

TWO QUESTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK

As Palm Sunday leads us into the trauma and glory of Holy Week, I suggest two questions for us to ask each day of this week ... two questions that rise out of the gospel story.

What do you want Jesus to do for you?

As Jesus passed through Jericho, on the way to Jerusalem, Mark tells us that a blind man named Bartimaeus cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." The disciples sternly told him to be quiet, but Jesus called him and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimaeus asked to see again, and Jesus healed him.

What does Jesus want you to do?

Immediately after this healing, Mark recounts that Jesus send two of his disciples into a village to find a colt, untie it, and bring it to him. If anyone asked why they were doing this they were simply to say, "The Lord needs it and will send it back immediately."

So here are two questions arising out of these two stories to ask daily this week.

What do you want Jesus to do for you?

What is the true and deepest desire of your heart?

What does Jesus want you to do for him?

What does he need of you, and ask of you?

What a gracious Saviour he is, offering himself to death to give us abundant life! What a commanding Lord he is, asking us to offer our lives for his Kingdom!

If we live with these questions this week, asking them again and again, prayerfully, thoughtfully, listening to our hearts and to the Spirit of Jesus within, our lives after this week may be different.

Mother Theresa's bookend prayers.

Then we may be able daily to pray two prayers that Mother Theresa used as bookends for her days. In the morning, using the fingers of one hand, she would pray, "He did this for me." And in the evening, with the fingers of the other hand, she would ask herself, "I did this for him?"

What do you want? What does he want?

Leighton Ford April 4, 2009