



Holy Week Morning Watch

for the week of April 10, 2022



As we usually have one main morning watch per week for us to consider, this is an important one for us to think about daily. This historically some 2,000 years ago was the last week of Jesus' life on Earth beginning with what we call Palm Sunday when Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly with children and adults waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna". It was to be the official beginning of His actual ministry and a week to be celebrated. (It turned out quite differently.) How quickly things can turn around. It did not take long for the rumors to start and people who were afraid of Jesus or who misunderstood His purpose began to plot against him, and indeed set about to murder him! By Thursday of that week, as Jesus celebrated Passover in the Upper Room, the plot actually started in earnest, as one of His main followers, supposedly one of his best friends, carried out his part in the evil plan and after being paid to do so turned Jesus over to the authorities. Jesus was arrested, tried, convicted and killed on a cross all before the end of that same week that had started so joyously! As we go through this same week these 2000 years later, I think it might be good to think about this eventful week all those years ago and relate it to our own lives. How loyal are we to our friends? Would we betray a friend for a sizeable amount of money? Would we come to his defense when offered the chance? His "friends" actually could have freed him, but chose instead to befriend a criminal. It all kind of reminds me of a couple of years ago in this country and community when "friends" turned on friends, inciting riots, sometimes not even knowing what they were protesting think it's time for us to:

"Rise above the fray, and shine to show the way!"

