

Look Book Took
Humility
Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Look: How would you define “humility?”
When is a time when you felt humble or humbled?

Book:
Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

1. What do you think it means to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus?”
2. This is one of the 7 authentic letters of Paul (we know he wrote it). This is a hymn that he inserted into the letter that would have been familiar to them. Describe Jesus’ progression through the hymn as if it were a story. For example, if you were summarizing “Boy named Sue,” you’d say “a man named his son Sue, Sue went and looked for his Dad because he had a bad life because of his name, he fought his Dad, he was reconciled, he would never name his own son Sue.” (maybe not the best song to use, but give it a try with the text).
3. The word “slave” can also mean “servant” in the original language. How would you describe Jesus as “servant” or “slave?”
4. How was Jesus “humbled?”
5. How would you define “confess” as used above?
6. How would you explain that those who are humbled are exalted using Jesus and his teachings as an example? (think, the first shall be last).

Took:

How did you feel when life humbled you?
Did you feel God with you or recognize God may have been with you at a later point?
Do you feel in control of your life? How do you try to control your life?
When has life reminded you that control is an illusion?

When we receive a gift, it makes us want to give back. God’s gift of grace, when received, helps us to give back in our lives. Have you felt the gift of God’s grace in your life? It is often felt after a feeling of being humbled.

This week, we walk with Jesus in the Passion narrative. How would you tell someone not knowledgeable of this event what happened?

How do you describe this week to someone who does not observe Holy Week?

How do you observe Holy Week?