



Palm Sunday

When The Center Feels Far Away

Matthew 21:1-11

The Wilderness Road is Like A Labyrinth

A Very Different Kind of Lenten Journey—Wilderness Wandering

But there is life in the wilderness...

The twists and turns in the wilderness road can be dizzying

Like waiting in line at an amusement park...

Like trying to get your Covid vaccine...

Like trying to find the end to a long, hard journey through wilderness.

Labyrinths—a long and winding path that takes you to the center...

Substitutes for pilgrimage... searching for a spiritual path

Removes the common understanding of linear time and direction.

Your reference points are moot—only what's in front of you.

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- *Jesus journey to the center has a lot of twists and turns.*
- *His followers probably felt disoriented along the way—Donkeys? Palms?*
- *The road seems to lead the wrong way—Loss, Disappointment, Death*
- *But the center is what Jesus was drawing closer and closer to all along.*

The road in the wilderness is like a labyrinth because it requires trust—trust that there is hope at the center, even though it's hard to see it clearly.

What has it felt like this past year with all it's twists and turns?

You had moments when you felt close to hope...

And moments when you didn't.... By a long shot.

What does the center look like for you right now?

A new job... a return to "normal"... relationships restored...

Or maybe something more miraculous...

Restoration... Renewal... Resurrection....

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Wilderness

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SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

FOR FURTHER READING:

A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions for Lent
Walter Brueggeman

Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter
Various Authors

The Unvarnished Jesus: A Lenten Journey
Brian Zahnd

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