

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – Homily – 04-05-2020

In the gospel that we read to begin this Palm Sunday Mass today we saw our Lord entering Jerusalem amidst a lot of fanfare.

And then within a few days, as we just heard in the gospel for the Mass, Judas had betrayed Him for a few silver coins, all of his disciples had fled and the crowds were calling for his crucifixion.

It obviously came as no surprise to the King of the Universe – the Creator of all things visible and invisible – God Incarnate – that he would be completely abandoned by almost everyone.

And we cannot exclude ourselves from the number of those who abandoned Jesus either.

Every time we sin we abandon Him. Every time we fail to take our sins to the Sacrament of Reconciliation we are more like Judas than St. Peter. St. Peter repented of his sin of abandonment. Judas did not.

Knowing all this, why would God choose to die for us? We certainly can't claim that somehow we deserved it. It was a sheer gift.

This is what we need to take home with us and ponder this Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – that while we were yet sinners, Jesus entered Jerusalem to die for us because he will never abandon us.