

Lenter Bible Study 2024

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Lesson One: “My Broken Hosanna” and “Do You Know”

From “Into the Mess and Other Jesus Stories” by Debie Thomas

Lighting the Candle as we journey during Lent together . . . Come Holy Spirit!

Opening Prayer

Introduction to the last section of the book:

The last section of Debie’s book entitled “Mysteries” explores the last week of Jesus’ ministry and seems a good fit for this Lenten Season. Each week we will look at her short chapters and follow Jesus to the Cross.

Scripture Reading: John 12:12-19

We begin our study with Jesus’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem. What do we know about this significant event?

Book Study: “My Broken Hosanna”

- 1) In celebrating Palm Sunday, what does “Hosanna” mean to you? What does the book reveal? How does that change your understanding?
- 2) As we begin our Lenten journey, how are we feeling and what are we hoping for? Our author seems weighed down by the world, and is in need of saving.
- 3) On page 172, the author gives us a backstory of this Passover event – what new thoughts does she share that perhaps help us see this differently? Where are the paradoxes of the story?
- 4) How do we deal every day with our despair and hope? How does disappointment turn into trust and assurance?

Scripture Reading: John 13:3-15

We enter the upper room with Jesus and the disciples sharing their last moments together. And Jesus has much for them to learn. Here is Maundy Thursday, how do we celebrate?

Book Study: “Do You Know?”

1. Do you think the disciples understood what Jesus was showing them? Do we understand what is transpiring? What are the four thoughts that the author shares with us in her explanation?
2. In the end, what can we be doing this Lent to move into this world with actions of Love, to reflect God's presence?

Concluding Questions: Are we ready to trust and accept our role in God's saving grace? Can we learn to love enough?

Closing Prayers