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Signs of Spring – Walking to the Cross

The signs of Spring are beginning to show throughout the neighborhood and even in my own yard.

Daffodils, Tulips and Crocus have their heads starting to pop out of the ground and people have been working in their yards, cleaning out signs of winter and preparing for the next season.

Ash Wednesday will be here on March 2nd. Another sign of a changing season. Christmas seems like it was just here and now we start to prepare our hearts and minds as we start the journey to the Cross with Jesus.

So how will you prepare this season? Are you a person who “gives up something” for Lent? Or are you a person who sets aside special time during this season to walk the road traveled by Jesus?

Are you ready to accompany Jesus as He enters into the streets of Jerusalem? Are you ready to join the crowds as they praise His entrance into the city?

And what about the week that lies ahead for Him?

Are you prepared to watch those you love deny Him? Are you prepared to sit at the table and share in the last supper with Him and his closest companions? Are you prepared to say “I know Him, He’s my friend” or are you going to deny knowing Him when things get tough?

Walking outside during the Lenten season offers up all sorts of views on the Easter story.

It offers seeing the death of Winter being cleaned up. It offers seeing the new birth of plants breaking forth. It offers up seeing baby birds being nurtured by their mamas. It offers up sunshine on cold, brisk mornings, and sunsets in the cold as well.

Walking also allows a time to reflect on the walk Jesus took for His 33 years. He was a carpenter’s son and led a simple life. He spent 3 years in ministry.

He made friends with fishermen, tax collectors, prostitutes, and others who were not held in high esteem.

He walked in love and healed those that were sick. When He grew tired He often went off by himself to pray and to rest.

He suffered for us. He was beaten, stricken, smitten, spit upon, friends denied Him, others mocked Him.

Are you ready to walk this Lenten Season in the footsteps of Jesus?

We will reflect when ashes are placed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday.

We will drape the altar in purple. We will reflect on penance and sacrifice.

We will begin the walk with Jesus to the Cross.

Mid way through the Lenten Season Spring will officially begin.

We will embrace Daylight Saving Time. We will gain an hour of more light each day.

And each day of our walk will draw us closer to the Cross. We will ponder the death of Jesus on Good Friday and we will look forward to His resurrection.

Are you ready to walk to the Cross with Jesus during this Spring?

