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ENTERING THE SCENE:

Fr. Beck has us on the walk from entering Jerusalem into the city gates with all that ensues once we joyfully sing our way into what will come next. We are making a march on the temple to confront all the ways that of thinking about God has led us astray. Jesus has spent his entire ministry introducing us to the Father in ways that seem beyond anything we could hope or imagine. We are full of enthusiasm and ready to press on. The old ways die hard, and we will meet opposition head on after a night together at table. But for now I invite you to enter into this reading with the viewpoint of someone there those days. See if this gives you a deeper appreciation of the confusion, fear and despair that many felt as they confronted the force of evil's pushback.

Slowly read the text and then choose one of the following people to "talk" to about what was going on inside them as the arrest, passion, crucifixion and death unfolded. What questions do you want to ask your person?

DISCUSSION QUESTION: If you could talk to anyone who might have been there at the crucifixion what would you want to ask them and why?

PRAYER: Suffering Jesus, you come now to that moment that you knew would happen once you entered the waters of the Jordan. In many ways it seems like just yesterday that you knew just what you needed to do, but now things don't seem so clear cut. You even will ask if there can't be another way to do this, but this time there won't be any angels, doves or voices to assure you like before. Yet now as in the wilderness before, you press on with your faith in God's promise of eternal life. Help me as I too press on in spite of what I might have to say yes to on my way to you. Amen.

DISCUSSION: In order to enter into a deeper level of this Passion story from Mark's gospel, I invite you to consider taking the role of one of the following people from his gospel. My hope is by doing lectio this way you will find new connections with this gospel account of those last days and hours of Jesus' earthly life before the Resurrection.