

## Lectio Divina

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| ➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> , out loud and slowly the Gospel                      | ➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition         |
| ➤ <b>Meditate</b> on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life | ➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act / to do) |
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### April 1st 2012 Palm Sunday – Year B – Mark 15:21-41

Today's gospel tells the entire story of the Passion of Jesus. We see Jesus accepting all the cruelty that he was subject to for to save us and show us the way to His Father. As he cried "My God, My God why have you deserted me", it was a moment of total desertion such as God's faithful followers have often experienced. When the deep darkness fell over the whole land it reminds us of great darkness which can come over our own hearts and leaves us unfocused at times.

When are the times in our lives that we felt totally lost and in darkness? Do not despair. Unite yourself with Jesus as he fully understands and will bring you to the new life in His resurrection.

#### **Prayer:**

Lord we thank you for the people who are not afraid to be associated with those who society has rejected, even though at times they are criticised and mocked. Their only interest is in saving them with no worry about themselves. They know Jesus is with them.

Lord forgive us for the times when we believe success and popularity are the most important things in our lives and we did things to gain recognition rather than for true care and compassion.

Lord help us to be true and loyal followers of Jesus like the women in the Gospel who look after Him in Galilee where it is safe and then came to Jerusalem with Him even though it was dangerous and watched with Him as He hung on the cross.

