

**The Way of the Cross**  
**Passion Week Started with ---**

John 12: 12-32

1. The anointing at Bethany ---963 --- House of Date (from which honey is made)

Mary/Judas/Lazarus/Jesus is anointed

2. Then the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the Week was kicked off with a Parade of Prayer

Hosanna --- Ho san nah --- Save us we pray

Jesus answered this prayer with a ride into town on a Donkey --- He answered this prayer by surrendering Himself to be the King that would be killed for His love for the people.

Vs 15 --- Fear Not... thy King cometh riding on an ass the fold of an ass...

3. To be made Glorious — Vs 23 Glorious --- 1392 --- to be made important...

The way to become a blessing... the way to save others is to submit to God and be willing to die.

Vs 24-25 --- This is how we save others

Vs 26 — If any man serve 1247 --- to serve, to wait upon... not set still and wait but to be a waiter and serve... "If any man serve me, let him follow me"

Jesus said what He was going to do in order to save them and for His followers He said that if we are to help others we too would need to die to self.

The Way of the Cross is a declaration of Love/ The Way of the Cross is a Rescue Mission for the lost and alone/ The way of the cross is God's answer to the cry for help/ the way of the Cross is an invitation to come along side of Him and rescue the hurting and embondaged people, But only by dying to self would this be possible.

Vs 26 if any man will serve me... follow He in this and My Father will honor him!

Who is Mother Teresa? Why do we know who she is? Because of her selfless life?

Who is George Washington???

Who is Billy Graham???

Who is Susanna Wesley???

Who is in your world that you love the most? It will be the person or people who died to self to give your life... This is the way of the cross... It is the fact that Jesus died to give us forgiveness and relationship but it is to give us an opportunity to die to bring life to others as well.

What Cross or crosses are you using to give life to someone else?

Jesus paved the way to freedom and gave us the ability to do the same but not without some measure of Sacrifice!