

QUIZ FOR ADULTS

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"PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK 1"

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1. The real name of the day we call, 'Palm Sunday' is:

- a. Holy Week Sunday;
- b. Passion Sunday
- c. 'Hosanna' Sunday;
- d. the Sunday of Suffering

2. The Liturgical colour used at all Masses on this Sunday is:

- a. violet;
- b. royal purple;
- c. red;
- d. white.

3. This is the only Sunday of the year when:

- a. two First Readings are read at Mass;
- b. no Gospel is read at Mass;
- c. Masses can only be celebrated in the morning;
- d. two separate Gospels are read at Mass.

4. Palm Sunday is the day on which most Christians commemorate:

- a. Jesus' condemnation by Pontius Pilate;
- b. Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem;
- c. Jesus' triumphal entry into His hometown of Nazareth;
- d. Jesus' Agony in the Garden.

5. In some Catholic countries on Palm Sunday, blessed palms are not distributed to the people,

- a. instead, blessed crosses are;
- b. instead, blessed olive branches are;
- c. instead, blessed flowers are;
- d. instead, blessed medals of the crucifixion are .

6. Usually beginning on Palm Sunday and until Easter Sunday,

- a. votive candles are removed from Churches ;
- b. Church statues and images are veiled in purple cloth;
- c. flowers are not displayed near the altar;
- d. all of the above.

7. For Catholics and for many other Christians, Palm Sunday marks:

- a. the beginning of Holy Week;
- b. the end of Lenten penances;
- c. the beginning of a week of special fasting;
- d. the end of Ordinary Time.

8. In Canada, on Palm Sunday:

- a. Memorial Mass Intentions for the dead are not permitted;
- b. Catholics over 14 years old are encouraged to abstain from meat;
- c. Funeral Masses are not permitted;
- d. none of the above.

9. The Holy Thursday evening Mass celebrates:

- a. the condemnation of the Lord;
- b. the Last Supper and the Institution of the Eucharist;
- c. the suffering of the Lord;
- d. the Lord's burial.

10. Good Friday is the only day of the year:

- a. that singing at Mass is forbidden out of reverence for the suffering of Christ;
- b. in old English the word "good" is interchangeable with God;
- c. that the 'Way of the Cross' is prayed publicly in churches everywhere;
- d. that Mass is not permitted in Catholic Churches anywhere in the world.

11. On Good Friday we recall both the Crucifixion of Christ and:

- a. the repentance and forgiveness of the thieves crucified on either side of Jesus;
- b. the repentance and forgiveness of one thief crucified beside Jesus;
- c. Jesus' burial and resurrection;
- d. Jesus' teachings about eternal life.

12. On Good Friday, Catholics are obliged to:

- a. pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary;
- b. pray the Way of the Cross in their homes or churches;
- c. read the Passion account in one of the Gospels;
- d. fast and abstain from meat.

13. The term, "Easter Triduum" refers to a group of three days in Holy Week:

- a. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week;
- b. Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday;
- c. Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday;
- d. Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

CORRECT ANSWERS

1. b. Most call it Palm Sunday instead, because blessed palms are distributed on this day.

2. c. Red is used to remind us of the blood that Jesus shed during His suffering and death, to free us from our sins.

3. d. The first, an account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, is read before the palms are blessed and before Mass begins. The second is read at the usual place in the Mass. It is an account of the Passion of the Lord.

4. c. The people waved palms as Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly on a donkey on this day.

5. b. Olive branches, like palms denote peace.

6. d. Flowers, images of Saints and lighted votive candles, may distract us from reflecting on the Passion of Christ during Holy Week.

7. a. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.

8. c. In Canada, Funeral Masses are not permitted on any Sunday but Funeral Services are.

9. b. The Last Supper where Jesus instituted the Eucharist is considered "the first Mass".

10. d. Only a Service is allowed but not a Mass. This Service which is usually held at 3 pm, includes Bible readings and Holy Communion.

11. b. Known as the good thief, this repentant sinner is traditionally named, St. Dismas.

12. d. On Good Friday, Catholics who are 18 to 59 are obliged to fast and all who are over the age of 14 are obliged to abstain from meat.

13. d. They begin on Holy Thursday evening and end with the Easter Vigil, on Holy Saturday.