



Easter 2022: “Christ’s Personal Approach”
Sermon #2: “Jesus Notices”
(Holy Week)

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Christ is welcomed into Jerusalem

Mark 11: 8-10

The Triumphal Entry:

⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

Synopsis of Holy Week

- Palm Sunday: Christ's entrance into Jerusalem
- Teaching: Christ interacts with the common people
- Maundy Thursday: The Last Supper
- Good Friday: The Passion and Crucifixion



Notice the plans already in place

(Mark 11: 1-7)

Jesus sends two disciples to get the donkey:

11 Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus^[a] sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, **“Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’”** ⁴ **And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵ And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?”** ⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it.



Notice that Jesus observes the faithful

(Mark 12: 41-44)

The widow's offering in the synagogue:

⁴¹ And he sat down opposite the treasury and **watched the people** putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny.^[a] ⁴³ **And he called his disciples to him and said to them**, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”



Notice that Jesus defends good deeds

(Mark 14: 3-9)

The woman anoints Jesus' head with nard:

³ And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper,^[a] as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. ⁴ There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? ⁵ For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii^[b] and given to the poor." **And they scolded her.** ⁶ **But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me.** ⁷ For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. ⁸ She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. ⁹ And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

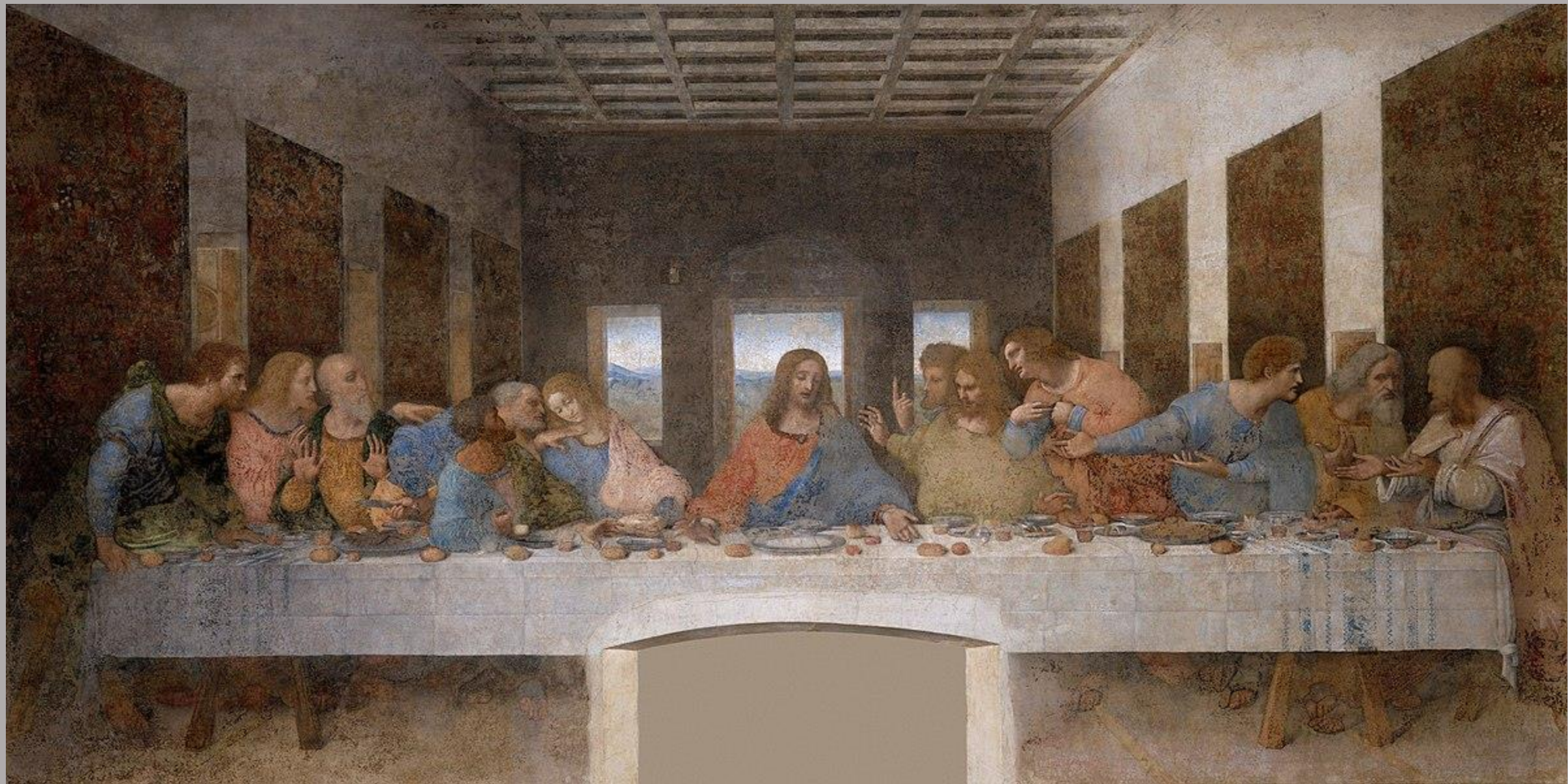


Notice the seemingly insignificant details

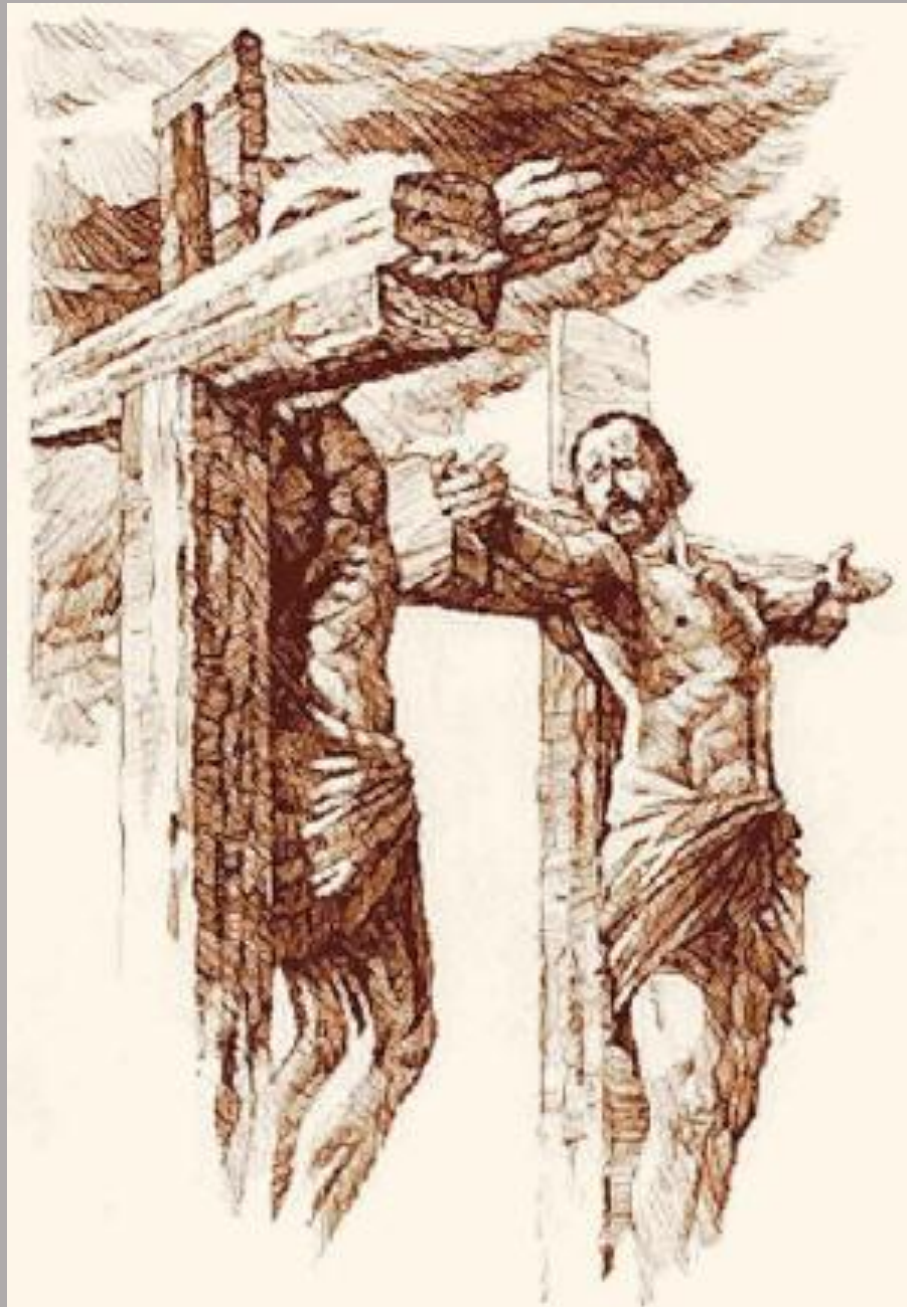
(Mark 14:12-16)

A man carrying a pitcher to the Passover room:

¹² And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, “Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?” ¹³ And **he sent two of his disciples** and said to them, **“Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him,** ¹⁴ and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹⁵ And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us.” ¹⁶ **And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them,** and they prepared the Passover.







Notice that it is never too late

(Luke 23: 39-43)

Jesus assures the criminal on the cross:

⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, [\[a\]](#) saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² And he said, “**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**” ⁴³ And he [Jesus] said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”



Notice that Jesus creates community

(John 19: 25-27)

Jesus makes arrangements for his mother and his disciple:

²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When **Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved** standing nearby, **he said to his mother**, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷ Then **he said to the disciple**, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.



