

# Chapter 2

## In Jerusalem

*Preparation:* Read Luke 19:47-22:6

The movie *Braveheart* is a story about a man named William Wallace who is intent on fighting for the freedom of his homeland, Scotland. William devotes all of his time for this cause and inspires droves of his countrymen to do the same as they fight against the political captivity of the British king, Edward the Longshanks. There is a powerful scene in which William is betrayed by a friend he had trusted as a soldier in arms. The expression on William's face at his betrayal is of absolute disillusionment and one of the most powerful scenes in the film. Does this scene give us some insight into the hurt Jesus may have felt as He was abandoned and betrayed by those whom He loved?

*“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem” (Mk 10:33). With these words, the Lord invites the disciples to journey with Him on the path that leads from Galilee to the place where He will complete His redemptive mission.”*

✠ **John Paul II**

*Entering into Christ's Passion:*

## *Entering the Holy City*

- 1 **Read Luke 19:41-42.** As Jesus nears the Holy City of Jerusalem, He weeps for it. Why do you think Jesus is weeping?
  
- 2 Have you ever been betrayed by someone you loved? Describe your reaction to that betrayal.
  
- 3 Christ knew that He was to be betrayed more deeply than we could ever imagine by His own beloved creation. His reaction isn't anger. It's tremendous sadness. Is Jesus weeping for Himself or for His betrayers? What do you think about His response?
  
- 4 **Read Luke 19:45-46.** Immediately upon entering Jerusalem, Jesus heads straight for the Temple. When He reaches it, He acts in a way we might not expect. What does Jesus do and why?

- 5 Have you ever invited someone to be a guest in your home and felt as though they abused your invitation? What was your response?

*Can't Touch This*

- 6 **Read Luke 19:47-48.** We see here that Jesus' enemies are ready to put Him to death. According to these verses, what prevents them?
- 7 What does this tell us about our need to cling close to Jesus? What might it tell us about the need to support one another in our faith?
- 8 What are some ways we can do this?

*Entering into Christ's Passion:*

Have you ever used a charcoal grill before? If so, you'll notice that when the individual briquettes are all grouped closely together, they produce a great heat. Take one away however, and you'll find it dies out quickly. The briquettes need the heat of one another to keep the fire going. So it is with our need for fellowship. The "lone ranger" Christians, those who don't turn to the support of others quickly become susceptible to the elements and may burn out.