

Lent
Series
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Let's walk with Jesus

On the 5th of this month many in the Christian Church will begin a spiritual pilgrimage in which they will accompany their Lord on the way to Calvary, and from there to the empty tomb. The scriptural text traditionally read at the beginning of this pilgrimage is in the gospel of Luke: *"When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem"* (Lk 9.51).

The season that now begins is called "Lent," and it includes 40 days leading to Easter. Its beginning is called "Ash Wednesday" because our pilgrimage will be a time of self-examination and spiritual discipline leading to repentance from our sins, taking up our cross, and following the Crucified. *(The season of Lent encompasses more than 40 days because Easter Sunday are days for celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, and therefore are a time of joy and celebration, and not of Lenten compunction.)*

There are many ways of walking with Jesus during these 40 days, moving towards the pain of the cross and the victory of the empty tomb: fasting, abstinence, retreats, etc. But there is no better way to join Jesus on the way to Calvary than walking with those with whom he walked loving those whom he loved: unclean lepers, sinners, the sick, the despised, the defenseless...

Let us then walk with Jesus, the political refugee. Let us walk with Jesus, who was scorned because he came from another land. Let us walk with Jesus, who criticized the religious leaders who sought their own advantage. Let us walk with Jesus, who dared criticize King Herod. Even if only for 40 days, let us give it a try:
Let us walk; let us walk with Jesus!

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