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Title: Avoiding FOMO

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**Discussion Questions:**

1. Have you ever been afraid of missing out or felt like you did miss out on God's plan for you? Explain.
  2. From this section of Luke, who do you think has the greater role you or God in fulfilling God's plan? Why?
  3. How would you have felt about getting the donkey?
  4. What helps you push through troubles? Does it glorify God?
  5. How do you feel about the fact the disciples didn't really understand what was going on?
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**Teaching Notes:**

Have you heard Psalm 118:24, **This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it...?**

Have you ever wondered, what if you missed the day?  
Or what about missing out on God's plan for your life!?!?

Do you know what that is called? FOMO.

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*I don't want you to worry that you are going to miss out on what God has for you, what His plan is for you or for those around you.*

Psalm 118:24 is actually referring to THIS day...

**This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice & be glad in it...**

...this is the day Jesus comes into Jerusalem...

...receiving praises as the Christ, the chosen One.

The phrase that will carry us thru the week is [Just As He said](#)

What you need to understand about God is...

[God wants to have a relationship with you, and every relationship is built on trust.](#)

[God regularly predicts the future, & when what He says happens our faith is built up & our relationship deepens.](#)

[BIG IDEA: Jesus came to save us.](#)

Today Jesus shows Himself as their Savior, their Messiah.

And they will see it is, just as He said.

Luke 19:29 And it came to pass, when He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, *that* He sent two of His disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village opposite *you*, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring *it here*. 31 And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you loosing *it*?' thus you shall say to him, 'Because the Lord has need of it.' "32 So those who were sent went their way and found *it just as He had* said to them.

If you don't want to miss out...

### 1. Follow what He says

Sometimes we wonder, do I really need to follow Jesus here?

Jesus doesn't know about business.

Jesus doesn't apply to 2024.

Jesus doesn't understand where I am at.

You don't have to follow through...

...but you or someone else will miss out if you don't.

Jesus has a plan, and that is why He needs the donkey...

...Jesus has a plan for us too...

...we need to follow through with what He says.

Matthew 21:4 tells us why Jesus said to get the donkey.

4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 5 "Say to the daughter of Zion,

'Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

This colt was part of a prophecy from Zechariah.

God told the people their king would come riding a donkey.

When the prophet predicts it and the Lord fulfills it...

...when we find it just as He said...

...our faith is built up and relationships are deepened.

But as they get the donkey...there is a little trouble!

...and that is pretty typical!

33 But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why are you loosing the colt?" 34 And they said, "The Lord has need of him."

If you don't want to miss out...

### 2. Trust Jesus in the trouble.

Jesus prepared them ahead of time...  
...Jesus knows pushback is part of the process...  
...and He has prepared you!

Jesus literally promised we will have trouble and tribulation.  
People will hate you. There will be pain and suffering.

Why?  
Because when you follow Christ...  
...on the other side of trouble is glory & strength & blessing.

This donkey was key for everyone else to see Jesus and worship Him according to the plan.

35 Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. 36 And as He went, *many* spread their clothes on the road. 37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, 38 saying: "Blessed *is* the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Clothes speak of identity, personal possession, who you are.

If you don't want to miss out...  
3. Lay yourself down and lift Him up.

Most of us grow up worshipping ourselves.  
We are the god of our own life.

Think of the rich young ruler who wanted eternal life.

Lay down your identity, your stuff, your time, your treasure...  
...and it will be used as a way for others to worship Jesus too.

39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." 40 But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

These guys don't have FOMO, they have JOMO...  
...They were happy to miss out...  
...& they wanted everyone else to miss out too!

It will be just as He said, even if it means rocks cry out.  
Psalm 118:22 The stone *which* the builders rejected  
Has become the chief cornerstone.

Matthew 10:33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things *that make* for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

Jesus came to lay His life down so we could have peace w/God.  
He came to build up our faith & deepen our relationship with God.  
...and Jesus is heartbroken for those that miss out.

And the truth is even those that didn't miss out, didn't totally get it.

John 12: 16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and *that* they had done these things to Him.

Sometimes in the middle, you don't get it.

But later you realize you were right where you were supposed to be doing just what you were supposed to be doing.