



FAITH

Journey to the Cross Lessons from the Triumphal Entry

Luke 19:28-40 (NIV)

going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

1. Jesus invites the unlikely to be used for His glory.

Luke 19:31 (NLT)

“If anyone asks you ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ just say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

Zechariah 9:9 (NIV)

“Shout, daughter of Jerusalem! See your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey.”

1 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NIV)

“I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself...It is the Lord who judges me.”

2. Jesus distinguishes wanters from worshipers.

Luke 19:37 (NIV)

“... the whole crowd began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:”

Matthew 15:8 (NIV)

“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.”

3. Jesus makes those with a religious spirit very uncomfortable.

Luke 19:39 (NIV)

“Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, rebuke your disciples!’”

4. Jesus offers true peace.

Luke 19:41-42 (NIV)

"As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.”

Luke 13:34 (NIV)

Jesus said, “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!”