



The Life of Jesus (70)

Jesus Entering Jerusalem

Luke 19:28-38



#1 Jesus Enters Jerusalem on a Donkey

After spending a night in Jericho, Jesus and His disciples were approaching Jerusalem on Sunday morning.

When Jesus was near Bethany, close to Jerusalem, He sent two of His disciples ahead, 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.’” (Lk 19:30-31)

The two disciples did what Jesus had told them to do. They found a colt and untied it. Surprisingly, the owner allowed them to take the colt with them.



#2 Jesus Enters Jerusalem on a Donkey

What's important is that God prepared a donkey there to fulfill the prophecy about the Messiah to come.

“Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! **See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey**” (Zch 9:9)

This prophecy was written around 500 hundred years before Jesus was born, which means that the event where Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey didn't happen randomly. **It had been planned by God and was fulfilled according to the exact timing that He had set.**

“This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey’” (Mt 21:4-5)



#3 God's Faithfulness to His Promises

The first thing we see from the fact that Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey is God's faithfulness to His promises about our salvation.

The Old Testament is filled with prophecies about the coming of the Messiah. God had revealed it through many prophets in the Old Testament before Jesus was born so that those who saw Him could recognize that **He was truly sent by God as the fulfillment of the prophecies.**

Just as the Old Testament is filled with the prophecies of the first coming of Jesus, the New Testament is filled with the promises of the second coming of Jesus. And just as God faithfully fulfilled the prophecies in the Old Testament in Jesus' life at the time He had set, **God will also perfectly fulfill the promises of Jesus' return in the future.**

"Until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished" (Mt 5:18)

#4 Jesus, the Most Humble King

We also see Jesus' humility from His entering Jerusalem on a donkey.

Jesus didn't enter Jerusalem on a fancy animal like a war horse but a donkey, which was commonly used to carry burdens.

A donkey would've been the most unsuitable animal for a king. But by riding on a donkey, Jesus implied that He wasn't coming as a political king who would save Israel from Rome, but as the humble King of peace who would reconcile humans with God through His obedience and death on the cross.

“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!” (Php 2:5-8)

#5 Jesus, the Most Humble King

This passage tells us that we find Jesus' humility in His birth and death.

Even though Jesus was God in His very nature, He intentionally chose to throw away all His authority and honor in heaven and **come to the earth in human form**. Not only that, Jesus humbly laid down everything, including His life, **on the cross**.

Why did He abandon all His privilege and authority on heaven's throne and become like one of His creatures and die? That's because **it was the only way to pay the ransom for our sins**.

If Jesus hadn't become a human who had flesh and blood like us, it would have been impossible for Him to shed His precious blood and die on the cross, which was the only way for our sins to be perfectly washed away.

#6 Jesus, the Most Humble King

In Jesus' humility, we see His unending love for us. The true meaning of love doesn't lie in one's feelings, but in sacrifice. We see how much Jesus loves us by what He humbly gave up to save us.

Humility is the mindset we should have as Christians.

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, **for I am gentle and humble in heart...**” (Mt 11:29)

What Jesus wants to form in our hearts is His humility. He wants us to take after His humble heart. We're to humble ourselves in our relationships with others just as Jesus did for us because **that's how we reflect who Jesus is through our lives and lead people to Him.**

Memory Verses

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Reflection Questions

1) Where do you see God's faithfulness the most? What are some promises that are written in the Bible but haven't achieved yet that you think are most important? Have you personally experienced God's faithfulness in your life? If you have, please share your experience with us.

2) Why do you think Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey? What characteristics of Jesus do you see in this? What do you think is the best way to reflect His humility and love in Your relationships with others?