

TITLE AND NUMBER: 75. Unforgettable service



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Luke 19:30-37

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.

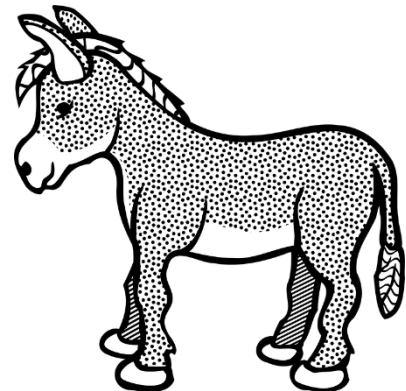
LOOKING FURTHER: Luke 19:28-40; Zechariah 9:9-13; Colossians 3:23

What does this Bible passage tell us?

This event happened as Jesus arrived in Jerusalem for the last time. Remarkably, it happened exactly the way a prophet in the Old Testament had written a long time ago (Zechariah 9:9).

We can learn a lot from this passage. Jesus used a colt (donkey) instead of a horse. In those days, kings and army generals were known to ride horses, which are faster and more powerful than donkeys. However, Jesus' meekness and lowliness in His choice of transport did not make him less powerful or important in God's plan. As followers of Christ, the things we own or use are not what make us important in God's eyes. What matters are our thoughts, motives and actions.

Donkeys have always been used for transport and still are. This donkey is not famous for doing an extraordinary job but for carrying an extraordinary person – Jesus. Similarly, when we allow Jesus' words and teachings to affect our daily tasks or jobs, what we do can shape history - ours and that of those around us. Paul says in Colossians 3, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." As the donkey willingly carried Jesus into Jerusalem, the crowd praised Him at the top of their voices. You never know what the result might be if you serve God willingly.



Reflections:

- Have you thought that God sees you in all that you do and can use your actions even when you may think they are unseen or not important? Pray and commit to God the things you will be doing this week.
- Who might you encourage this week by noticing the jobs that they are doing?

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

