

The Master Needs Them.

Characters

Narrator. (Nar)

People: (P1, P2, P3, P4)

Jesus:

Friends: (F1, F2)

Donkey owner: (Own)

Text displayed on projector, OHP or cards.

Nar: Jesus and his friends were on the way to Jerusalem. They were part of a great crowd all going to the city for the Passover Festival, the most important festival of the year. People were excited to see Jesus.

P1: Its Jesus the healer!

All: (card) Hurray!

P2: Its Jesus the teacher!

All: (card) Hurray!

P3: Its Jesus the great story-teller!

All: (card) Hurray!

P4: Its Jesus, and we should make him King!

All: (card) Hurray.

Nar: The crowd were very excited as they approached the city, so they began to sing:

All Ps: (sing to "Here we go"), Jerusalem, Jerusalem Jerusalem....

Nar: Well ... err... that's not quite what I had in mind.

P1: Oh so our singing isn't good enough for you is it not?

P2: Not up to the required standard eh?

P3: Well we'll soon show you.

P4: Come on everyone, join in:

All: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Jerusalem...etc.

Nar: (slightly exasperated), OK, that's enough, stop winding them up, they're very easily led you know and I've got a story to tell here.

All Ps: Ooooooo - Keep your hair on!

Nar: Suddenly Jesus said to 2 of his friends.

Jesus: Go to that village over there and fetch me a Donkey and her foal. Untie the first pair you see and bring them here.

F1: What, just take them?

F2: Without asking permission?

F1: But we'll be accused of stealing!

F2: We'll end up in prison and miss the festival.

Jesus: Don't worry. If anyone asks you why you are taking the Donkeys, just say, "The master needs them," then they will let them go.

F1: The master needs them...?

F2: then they will ...errr...let them go?

Jesus: Trust me, it will be as I say.

Nar: So the 2 friends went off to the village, and sure enough, there they found 2 Donkeys tied up outside a house. They started to untie them, when suddenly a voice came from behind.

Own: (rough eastender), Well well well, what's all this about then eh? Do you think this is a Nogoff day or something?

F1: (very nervous) err.... Nog off, errr. what does thaterrr

Own: Nogoff! Well some think it means: "Nick one, get one free," but personally I think it describes perfectly what I do to people who try and nick my Donkeys:

F2: (swallowing hard) And err... what would that be then?

Own: Knock your noggin off you little runt! So you better come up with a good excuse before I

F1: Err.. I think its time to time to.... RUN.

F2: No, no hang on, What did Jesus say?

F1: Err yes... .. err he did say something didn't he, now what was it...?

F2: He said that if anyone says any thing we should....

F1: We should say

F2: should say

F1: Errr..... I've forgotten.

F2: so have i!

Own: (Menacingly) I'm waiting you two, and let me tell you, I'm not a very patient man!

F1: What shall we do?

F2: Hang on, may be this lot (gestures to congregation) can help, I mean, they should have been listening.

F1: Brilliant, brilliant. (to congregation) Come on then you lot, help us out before he gets fed up of waiting, what did Jesus tell us to say?

Congregation: The master needs them!

F1: That's it, that's it, the master needs them, I remember now.

F2: Well go on then.

F1: Go on what?

F2: Tell him.

F1: What me?

Own: Ten seconds and counting, 9, 8...

F2: Well someone's got to do it.

Own: 5, 4,

F1: But ...

Own: 3, 2...

F1: (Blurting) The master needs them

Own: What? What did you say?

F1: Errr.... the master needs them?

Own: Well why didn't you say before, I mean, it would have avoided all this ... this nasty business. If the master needs them then they are yours, both of them, take them for as long as you like, and tell the master I hope he has a good day!

Nar: Amazed, the two friends took the donkeys to Jesus. They spread their cloaks across them and Jesus sat on top and began to ride along the road into Jerusalem. When the people saw Jesus they started to say:

P1: Look it's Jesus again!

P2: It's Jesus the saviour!

P3: It's Jesus the prophet!

P4: It's Jesus the King!

Nar: People cut branches from the nearby palm trees and laid them in the road, some even laid their cloaks in the road. They made a carpet for Jesus to ride over all the way into Jerusalem. And the people shouted:

P1: Hosanna! Hosanna!

All: (card) Hosanna! Hosanna!

P2: Hosanna to the Son of David!

All: (card) Hosanna to the Son of David!

P3: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

All: (card) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
P4: Hosanna in the highest!
All: (card) Hosanna in the highest!
Nar: Ummmm ... not bad, but I'm sure you can do better, try again!
P1: Hosanna! Hosanna!
All: (card) Hosanna! Hosanna!
P2: Hosanna to the Son of David!
All: (card) Hosanna to the Son of David!
P3: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
All: (card) Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
P4: Hosanna in the highest!
All: (card) Hosanna in the highest!
Nar: When Jesus entered Jerusalem all the people in the city asked, "who is this?" And all the crowds who had been with Jesus and all his friends answered:
P&F: This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee!
Nar: Sorry I didn't quite hear that. It's all that shouting, it's got to my ears.
P&F: This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee!
Nar: No, sorry, maybe you should all have a go:
All: (card) This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee!

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