

The Triumphal Entry

(Luke 19:29-40)

Characters

Narrator

Jesus

Disciple 1

Disciple 2

Donkey owner

Pharisee

Cheer leader

Narr: It was nearly time for the Passover Festival. Jesus and his disciples had joined the crowds travelling to Jerusalem for the celebrations. It was a large and excited crowd who sang and chanted psalms and hymns as they walked along. As they neared the city they came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives. Jesus took two of his disciples aside and said:

Jesus: I want you to go into the village. Untie the first donkey you see and bring it to me.

Dis 1: But won't the owner object?

Dis 2: There's some pretty dodgy people in Bethphage, I'm not so sure about this.

Jesus: If anyone says anything to you tell them: 'the Lord needs it,' then they will let you bring it to me.

Narr: So the disciples went off into the village and sure enough, there was a donkey, tied up outside a house. They began to untie it when:

Own: Hey what are you doing with my donkey?!

Dis 1: The Lord needs it.

Own: Oh that's OK then, keep it as long as you like!

Narr: So they brought the donkey to Jesus. They spread their cloaks over the donkey and Jesus sat on it and began to ride through the crowds into Jerusalem. There were many there who hoped that Jesus might become their King. When they saw him riding on a Donkey they remembered the words of scripture that say: 'Say to the daughter of Zion: See your King comes to you, gentle and riding on a Donkey, on a colt, the foal of a Donkey. The disciples began to shout:

Dis 1: Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to the coming King!

Dis 2: Make way! Make way! Make way for the King!

Narr: Soon all the people began to join in.

Lead: Hosanna in the highest!

All: Hosanna in the highest!

Lead: Hosanna to the coming King!

All: Hosanna to the coming King!

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

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

Lead: Hosanna in the highest!

All: Hosanna in the highest!

Narr: The people began to lay their cloaks on the road. Some cut palm branches from the trees as well and they made a great carpet for the Donkey to ride over all the way into Jerusalem. Everyone welcomed Jesus with great joy and celebration! Well everyone that is except the Pharisees, the teachers of the law and the Jewish council. They were furious.

Phar: Tell your followers to be quiet!

Jesus: I tell you, if they were silent the very rocks themselves would shout out for joy!

Narr: The whole city was in a commotion. Who is this man? The people asked.

Dis 1: This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee

Narr: and the crowds continued to shout!

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