

THE OWNER OF THE DONKEY

Jesus fulfilled the prophecy in Zechariah 9:9 when He entered Jerusalem on a donkey on Palm Sunday. So, this was not a completely foreign concept to the disciples or the people of Jerusalem. However, the owner on the donkey is a bit of a mystery. Luke 19 describes the moment.

29 As He came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. 30 "Go into that village over there, "He told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'" 32 So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. 33 And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?" 34 And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs it." 35 So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for Him to ride on. -Luke 19:29-35

APPLICATION

Who was the owner of the Messiah's Donkey on Palm Sunday? Maybe it belonged to an unknown follower of Jesus who jumped at the opportunity to assist the Messiah. Or maybe it was a pre-arranged meeting the disciples were simply unaware of. It could be exactly as many assume – that it was a divine appointment. Whatever the case, what is obvious is that Jesus had a plan. He had a plan for His entry to fulfill the prophecy. He had a plan for His disciples to once again be left thinking, "How did He know?". He had a plan for this young donkey's first rider to be the Messiah. And He had a plan for this secret owner to go down in history as the provider of the Messiah's Donkey.

God has a plan for our lives as well. He gives us insight into that plan through His Word. But He makes the details known to us as we need to know and as we position ourselves to receive His instructions. If we will obey, whatever He needs for His will to be done, He will arrange. We just may not know until the very moment.

DISCUSSION/CONTEMPLATION

- Do you ask God to bless your plans, or to bless you as you follow whatever His plans are for you?

- As you consider the things that are most important to you, how would you respond if “the Lord needs it”?

- How do you handle the uncertainty of what God’s plans might be for you?

D6-CUSSION

Discuss why Jesus would ride into Jerusalem on a young donkey instead of a beautiful horse. How do you imagine Jesus, a full-grown man, looked riding on the colt of a donkey?

- What stands out to you the most?
- What questions do you have?
- What is an application for your life?

PRAYERS & PRAISE