

# MIRACLES

## Part 3: The Miracle of the Donkey

### Big Idea

Jesus chose to enter Jerusalem on a donkey – a lowly, ordinary animal of little consequence in the world’s eyes, but, to Jesus, the desired vehicle for his presence to be brought into the city. When others asked “why” He wanted a donkey, Jesus said, “The Lord needs it.” It is so amazing to think that something so seemingly insignificant could be “needed” for a great, divine purpose. That donkey carried God Himself to the city where He would die for the sins of the world! If God could use a donkey to help set into motion the redemption of the world, how much more could He use us? We must realize that we, like the donkey, have an opportunity to carry Christ to someone who desperately needs Him. This is a tremendous privilege! God Almighty desires to use us right where we are – in our lives, our work, our families, our spheres of influence – to touch others. Could it be that God reached us so that He could reach through us?

*“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.’”*  
Luke 19:30-31

### Discussion Questions

- By riding the donkey, Jesus became visible to the people. Discuss some practical steps you can take to make Jesus more visible to others in your life?
- Jesus did not ask the donkey to be anything other than a donkey. The donkey used its natural abilities to carry out divine purpose. Share with the group the gifts have you recognized inside yourself that God might want to use to reach others?
- The donkey was tied to a post waiting for the time when it would be called into action. Many of us have been in a similar situation. Talk about a time when you used this waiting period to prepare for what He would do through you in the future?

### Prayer Focus

Pray for the Holy Spirit to show you the people in your life who need to know Him, and ask Him for courage and strength to be the one to carry Jesus to those people. Ask God to reveal the gifts He has placed inside of you, and let Him know that you are available and desire to be used for His purposes.

### Next Steps

Commit to having your eyes and ears open for opportunities to carry Jesus to others. Ask the Lord for sensitivity to the Holy Spirit as you go throughout your day so that you can be aware of the needs of those around you. Invite a friend to attend an Easter service with you!

### Leader Tip

Encourage group members to Pray for our Easter services, Invite friends and family to attend with them and Celebrate our risen savior and all that means for us!