

**New Revised Standard Version**

**God’s Word Translation**

**Jubilee Bible 2000**

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup>They said, “The Lord needs it.”

<sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying,

“Blessed is the king  
 who comes in the name of the Lord!  
 Peace in heaven,  
 and glory in the highest heaven!”

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup>He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

<sup>28</sup>After Jesus had given this illustration, he continued on his way to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>When he came near Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives (as it was called), Jesus sent two of his disciples ahead of him. <sup>30</sup>He said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you. As you enter, you will find a young donkey tied there. No one has ever sat on it. Untie it, and bring it. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you why you are untying it, say that the Lord needs it.”

<sup>32</sup>The men Jesus sent found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>While they were untying the young donkey, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the donkey?”

<sup>34</sup>The disciples answered, “The Lord needs it.”

<sup>35</sup>They brought the donkey to Jesus, put their coats on it, and helped Jesus onto it. <sup>36</sup>As he was riding along, people spread their coats on the road. <sup>37</sup>By this time he was coming near the place where the road went down the Mount of Olives. Then the whole crowd of disciples began to praise God for all the miracles they had seen.

<sup>38</sup>They shouted joyfully,  
 “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
 Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven.”

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell your disciples to be quiet.”

<sup>40</sup>Jesus replied, “I can guarantee that if they are quiet, the stones will cry out.”

<sup>28</sup>And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, Go ye into the village over against you, in which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, upon whom no one has ever sat; loose him, and bring him here. <sup>31</sup>And if anyone asks you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord has need of him. <sup>32</sup>And those that were sent went and found even as he had said unto them. <sup>33</sup>And as they were loosing the colt, its owners said unto them, Why loose ye the colt? <sup>34</sup>And they said, The Lord has need of him.

<sup>35</sup>And they brought him to Jesus, and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus upon it. <sup>36</sup>And as he went, they spread their garments in the way. <sup>37</sup>And when he was come near, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying,

Blessed be the King that comes in the name of the Lord; peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

<sup>39</sup>And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. <sup>40</sup>And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that if these should be silent, the stones would immediately cry out.

## Luke 19:28-40

## Have you had a Triumphal Entry?

1. Verse 28: Before this passage, Jesus tells the parable of the nobleman who gave 10 of his slaves 10 pounds (or minas) each to do business with while he is on a journey to receive a kingdom. When he comes back, one slave had earned 10 more pounds and a second had earned 5 pounds. A third slave, though, hid the money and did nothing except keep it safe. The first slave is rewarded with rule over 10 cities, the second with rule over 5 cities, but the third has the money taken away because he did not even think to at least put it in the bank to earn interest. He says that to those who have much, much will be given; but those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. A subplot in this parable is that there were some of his subjects who hated him and did not want him to rule over them. When he returns, he says, “Bring these enemies of mind and slay them before me.” With the above story in his followers’ minds, where does Jesus go? What symbolism does the story he told lend to his journey?
2. Verses 29-34: Where is Jesus when he gives two of his disciples a task? What is that task? Where will they go to fulfill it? What obstacle might they encounter? What does Jesus tell them to do if they encounter this obstacle?
3. If you were one of the disciples given the task by Jesus, how might you feel? What conversation might you have with the second disciple as you both walk to the next village to complete the task?
4. What happens while the pair are fulfilling their task? How do they handle the situation? What is the outcome? Does anything strike you as odd about this story within the story? Explain.
5. Verses 35-38: What happens after the pair fulfill their task? Where does Jesus go? What do the crowds do? What do they say? Why?
6. If you were one of the disciples, one of the inner circle of Jesus’ followers, what thoughts might be going through your head and what emotions might you be feeling? If you were in the crowd, what might you be thinking and feeling? If you have ever seen this event depicted in a movie or on TV, recall the face and body language of Jesus during this event? What thoughts and feelings might the producers of the movie or TV show be portraying Jesus as experiencing? Knowing what you know of “the rest of the story,” do you think these portrayals are accurate, overplayed, underplayed, too simplistic, too complex, etc.?
7. Verses 39-40: What is the reaction of some of the Pharisees? Do you think the reaction of these Pharisees is representative of all the religious leaders, of a few of them, of most of them? What does Jesus tell them?
8. What are some “triumphal entry” events in history you can think of? What has been the role of the church in some of these events? Have you ever participated in this type of event?

