



Hello!

We hope you've had a good week!

We'd normally be celebrating the start of our school holiday right now... it feels a bit weird this year, but we *are* still having Easter! Today is Palm Sunday - a day to remind ourselves of what happened in Jerusalem, nearly 2000 years ago, and a week before Jesus died and rose again.

Luke asked lots of eye-witnesses what happened that day. Here's what he wrote about it:

Luke 19:28-40 New International Reader's Version: Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

**28** After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead. He was going up to Jerusalem. **29** He approached Bethphage and Bethany. The hill there was called the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent out two of his disciples. He said to them, **30** "Go to the village ahead of you. As soon as you get there, you will find a donkey's colt tied up. No one has ever ridden it. Untie it and bring it here. **31** Someone may ask you, 'Why are you untying it?' If so, say, 'The Lord needs it.' "

**32** Those who were sent ahead went and found the young donkey. It was there just as Jesus had told them. **33** They were untying the colt when its owners came. The owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

**34** They replied, "The Lord needs it."

**35** Then the disciples brought the colt to Jesus. They threw their coats on the young donkey and put Jesus on it. **36** As he went along, people spread their coats on the road.

**37** Jesus came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives. There the whole crowd of disciples began to praise God with joy. In loud voices they praised him for all the miracles they had seen. They shouted,

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"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" ([Psalm 118:26](#))

"May there be peace and glory in the highest heaven!"

**39** Some of the Pharisees in the crowd spoke to Jesus. "Teacher," they said, "tell your disciples to stop!"

**40** "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

It's all about praise today - so here are some ideas for things to do. Pick one, or do a few - your choice!

- Paint or draw how you imagine the scene you've just read.
- Make a list of things you'd like to praise God for;
- Dance - put some loud worship music on, make up a dance, and go for it!
- Go online to find a worship song you like - and sing it, really think about the words as you sing them!
- Write your own worship song - pour your heart out!
- Imagine you were in the crowd that day... write about what you saw! (Spelling and handwriting don't matter ;-))

We'd love to see/hear what you've been up to so please send your responses to me at [elainec@niclethworth.org](mailto:elainec@niclethworth.org) or post it on GeckoLife. Look forward to seeing what you've all been doing.

Miss you all and much love,

Elaine, Martyn, Mary & Grace.