

## SERMON NOTES



### CROSS EXAMINED: “Why do you need him?”

*Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025*

28 After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.  
29 As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 30 “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. 31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs it.’”  
32 Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”  
34 They replied, “The Lord needs it.”  
35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. 36 As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.  
37 When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:  
38 “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”  
“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”  
39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”  
40 “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

### Why did Jesus need a donkey?

- a. It matches his \_\_\_\_\_.
- Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion!  
Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!  
See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation,  
gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
10 I will take away the chariots from Ephraim  
and the war-horses from Jerusalem,

*and the battle bow will be broken.  
He will proclaim peace to the nations.  
His rule will extend from sea to sea  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.*

- *Luke 19:41 As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it 42 and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. 43 The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. 44 They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."*

**b. It highlights his \_\_\_\_\_.**

- *Philippians 2:5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!*
- *Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

**c. It reflects his \_\_\_\_\_.**

- *Psalms 24:7 Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. 8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. 10 Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory.*
- *John 18:36 Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place." 37 "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."*

## When we see Jesus on a donkey...

a. Will we \_\_\_\_\_ him?...even when people \_\_\_\_\_ him?

- *John 19:14-16 "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.  
15 But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!"  
"Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.  
"We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.  
16 Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.*

b. Will we \_\_\_\_\_ him?...even when it's hard to \_\_\_\_\_ him?

- *Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.*

c. Will we \_\_\_\_\_ him? ...even when it's hard to be \_\_\_\_\_?

- *Proverbs 18:12 Before a downfall the heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor.*
- *Proverbs 22:4 Humility is the fear of the Lord; its wages are riches and honor and life.*
- *Zephaniah 2:3 Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger.*

**MY PERSONAL NOTES**

## **SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life**

**The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:**

**The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:**

**The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:**

**My prayers today are:**

**Someone I would like to bless with today's message:**

