

The Case of the Christ



Welcome Detectives...

I hope your investigations began well...

Wasn't it good to find such a reliable source of evidence in Luke? He didn't make it up in his head - he found the eyewitnesses who saw and heard Jesus, and investigated things carefully - so we could be sure the things we are learning about Jesus are true!

But the investigation is only beginning - who is this Jesus everyone is talking about?

Here is your next assignment!

Signing off...

P.I. Paul

Opening Prayer

The Bible is God's word - so we need God to help us understand it!

Pray together

'Dear Heavenly Father, help us to know you better as we read this true story from the Bible now, and to love Jesus more. Amen.'

Challenge

God is a God who gives fun and life. So looking at the Bible can be fun too. A simple challenge can also help focus the mind!

Give it a go

Try and think of 10 different types of transport or ways of travelling - which one would you most like to use? Which one would you be most impressed by if you saw it?

Or/and

Think of 10 adjectives or describing words you would associate with a king/ queen?

Read Bible Passage or Bible Story

Read Luke 19:28-40

Maybe you could assign different parts as you read it out - a bit like a mini-play. One person could be the narrator, another Jesus, another the owner of the donkey, another the crowds and someone the Pharisees? They could wave things as the crowd shout.

"After Jesus said this, he went on in front of them toward Jerusalem. 29 As he came near Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead 30 with these instructions: "Go to the village there ahead of you; as you go in, you will find a colt tied up that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If someone asks you why you are untying it, tell him that the Master needs it."

32 They went on their way and found everything just as Jesus had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying it?"

34 "The Master needs it," they answered, 35 and they took the colt to Jesus. Then they threw their cloaks over the animal and helped Jesus get on. 36 As he rode on, people spread their cloaks on the road.

37 When he came near Jerusalem, at the place where the road went down the Mount of Olives, the large crowd of his disciples began to thank God and praise him in loud voices for all the great things that they had seen: 38 "God bless the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory to God!"

39 Then some of the Pharisees in the crowd spoke to Jesus. "Teacher," they said, "command your disciples to be quiet!"

40 Jesus answered, "I tell you that if they keep quiet, the stones themselves will start shouting."

If you want to see it acted out - you can sign up for 'The Easter Tale' videos for free here (until April 17th) - then watch the Palm Sunday Video - <https://talesfromthemiraclebook.co.uk/>

Chat it through

It is really important we think about what it means - that is what God wants to teach us through it, and then what it means in our lives. But that doesn't need to be long or complicated.

Some questions to help

- When the people see Jesus riding into Jerusalem - who do they say he is? (*God's king*)
- But what is he riding on? Is that a surprise? (*You might expect it to be a mighty war horse, not a donkey*)
- Here is an extra piece of evidence from part of the Bible 500 years before Jesus came...

'Look, your king is coming to you!
He comes triumphant and victorious,
but humble and riding on a donkey—
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
Zechariah 9:9

What does it say God's mighty king would be like? (*Humble - that is gentle, not bossing people about*)

- How is Jesus different than many people in charge? (*lots of people in charge in this world use their power to boss others about and get what they want. But Jesus uses his mighty power for our good!*)

Pray it through

The Bible isn't there just to teach us more things, God is wanting to change us through it. So we need to pray for his help, as well as other needs.

This week



Thank you Father for...

Sorry Father for...

Please Father for...

Grab a teaspoon from your kitchen drawer - why not pass it around each person and they can pick to pray a T, and S, or a P.

It might be something like...

Thank you Father that Jesus is a king who uses his power for good.

Sorry Father when I have bossed others around.

Please Father, help people poorly with coronavirus.

Craft

If you want to make a Palm Sunday Craft - here is an idea and print out you could use...

<https://www.sundayschoolkids.com/activities-lent-easter/1-fanpalm-instru.htm>



Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and the people cried “Hosanna!” and waved palm branches. John 12:12-15