

Lesson From A Donkey (Not Me)

Luke 19:28-40

Introduction: Donkeys have a fascinating story in the Bible.

Deuteronomy 17:16 Don't gather for yourself horses

Horses seen as powerful: (Joshua 11, Rev. 19:11-16)

Evil Israel worshipped horses (2 Kings 23:11)

Donkey to Balaam, Num 22:23 (1 of 2 animals in Bible to speak)

Measure of wealth: Job (1:3, 42:12), Abraham Gen. 12:16)

Work truck of 1st century/Generals & Kings chariots & horses

The Strangeness

A. Imagine a grown man on a donkey

God doesn't choose to operate in our ways

B. We are pilgrims in a strange land

1 Pet 2:11-12, Romans 12:2

The Prophecy

A. Zechariah 9:9

Royalty: David's sons: 2 Sam. 13:29 (Absalom (2 Sam. 18:9)

Solomon 1 Kings 1:38 rode on David's mule

B. The Word of God is sure

We can trust God's promises, Titus 1:2, Psalm 19:7

Only Bible fulfills prophecy: now we can trust in all things

The Submission

A. It is impossible to ride an unbroken donkey this way

Genesis 16:12 (Ishmael) , Genesis 49:10 (Issachar)

Power over nature: young, not ridden

B. We are called to submit under the Lord

Mt 11:29-30, 1 Peter 5:6

The Sacrifice

A. This donkey represents sacrifice

Genesis 22:3, Exodus 13:3 (34:20)

B. We are to be sacrificed to the Lord's work

Romans 12:1, 2 Cor. 2:15 sweet aroma of fragrant offering

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.