



## King Jesus Riding the Wild Ass's Colt

Luke 19:28-40

### *Items Needed*

- ✓ Bible with marked scripture
- ✓ Safety Scissors for each child
- ✓ Pencils/Crayons/Markers
- ✓ Stuffed Animal (Horse or what you have available)
- ✓ Rope or Twine
- ✓ Copies of Coloring/Cut Out page
- ✓ Copies of Take Home Overview



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### Objective of Lesson

This story is an allegory - a picture of how our Lord Jesus Christ came to this earth, and how He triumphantly rules and saves His people from their sin.

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## Lesson Instructions

1. Prior to the start of the lesson, set up a corner of the room and place a stuffed animal (preferably a horse or some other four-legged animal) in the corner of the room tied up. Have the children act out the disciples' part of the following story.
2. As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. 30 He said, "Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find a colt tied up there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If someone asks, "Why are you untying it?" Just say, "Its master needs it." 32 Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 They replied, "Its master needs it." 35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. 36 As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road. 37 As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. 38 They said, "Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens." 39 Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!" 40 He answered, "I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout."
3. Now that we have acted out this lesson let's talk about what it means. Do you think this story is recorded in the Holy Scriptures just to entertain us? No. All the stories recorded in the Bible are to teach us one thing - how Christ came to save His people from their sin! How does this story do that? Let's see...
4. What is the first thing that happened in the story? The Lord commanded His disciples to go into the village and get a young donkey called a wild ass's colt and bring it to Him. How is this command a picture of God's salvation? Did you know that the Bible refers to sinful man as a wild ass's colt? (Read Job

11:12) That colt is us! So what really happened here? God sent His servants to fetch His elect (vain and sinful man, a wild ass's colt) to Himself! Wow, that is an amazing picture of how God really sends His preachers into the world to fetch His people. Jesus told them right where to find the colt and told them exactly what to say to bring that colt to Him. The Colt's master needs it!

5. Do you think they stumbled upon this young ass's colt by accident? NO! There are no accidents in God's world. The sovereign Lord puts His lost sheep, His wild ass's colts, exactly where He wants them, and He ties His wild ass's colts exactly where He wants them tied. Wherever God has someone to save, and whenever the appointed time comes for Him to save them, He sends a preacher. (Romans 10:13-17)
6. Can you hear the Gospel (the good news about Christ and how He died to save His people) by going fishing? No! That's silly. No man can believe the Gospel until someone preaches the Gospel to him. When our Lord sent these disciples on their mission, He assured them that they would find what He sent them to get. It is the same with all His elect. God sends them to the exact spot where His people are.
7. Did you notice that the colt was tied? What do you think that means? Are we tied to our sinful nature and unable to loosen ourselves? Do you think this is a picture of how we need a savior - one who is able to loosen the tie that holds us tight, bound by sin, by Satan, by tradition, by peer pressure, and by religion?
8. Who commanded that wild ass's colt to be loosed! Our Lord Jesus Christ did! He does the same for all His elect!!! He commands them ALL to be loosed and set free from their bondage of sin. What a merciful savior and friend we have in Jesus Christ! Everywhere in Bible, all the stories and pictures in this whole book, tells us that God loosens men from their bondage of sin. (Religion binds; Grace loosens!)
9. Let's review: These disciples found the wild ass's colt, just like the Master



said they would. When they did, they loosed that ass's colt. They were told to loosen him, "because the Lord hath need of him." Imagine that! What possible need could the Son of God have for a wild ass's colt, like you or me? Our Lord needs everyone He fetches to Himself, in order to obey and fulfill the reason God sent Him to this earth. The reason is to save His people by dying on the cross to pay for their sins. Did our Lord Jesus do that? Yes! Even today, right this very minute, He is sending His preachers to fetch all His people, just like this colt. Here is a wild ass's colt, broken by grace and ridden by the Son of God, and he doesn't buck, or kick, or bite. He found the Savior's yoke easy and his burden light.

10. Then they sat the Master on the colt, spread their clothes in the way, and watched Him ride in triumphant glory through Jerusalem, as "...they began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; (Not the works they had done, but the works they had seen!) Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest." The salvation of His people is why He is so great! He alone, all by Himself, without the help of anyone, did something we could not do for ourselves! He saved us from sin and made us accepted of God!

## Lesson Activities

- Act out the story to encourage them to follow along
- Coloring Sheet/Cut Out



## Take Home Lesson Overview

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I love the way Luke tells us that the Lord Jesus "went before" (v. 28) His disciples. Don't you? In all things He goes before us, leading the way. He never sends where He has not been and does not lead. If He leads you down a winding road into a deep, dark valley, He goes before you. If He leads you into the wilderness of temptation, He goes before you. And when He brings you up to

heaven, "ascending up to Jerusalem" above, He has gone before you, to prepare a place for you.

Here Luke tells us that the Savior is "ascending," purposefully, confidently, determinately "up to Jerusalem" as our great King, ascending to conquer death, hell, and the grave for us, ascending to His throne in *Glory* as our King. This event in the earthly life and ministry of our Savior is one of just a few that are recorded in detail by Matthew (21:1-11), Mark (11:1-11), Luke, and John (12:12-19). It is the only event in our Savior's earthly life and ministry that he seems to have deliberately made a matter of great, public display. Surely, that which is here revealed is a matter of great importance. We ought to read these passages with great care, asking the Spirit of God to teach us the lessons for which He inspired all four of the Gospel writers to record them.

### The Obvious

Several things recorded here are obvious facts, facts so obvious that the only way they can be missed is by the willful, deliberate rejection of the Bible as the inspired, inerrant Word of the living God.

1. The Bible is, indeed, the Word of God. Matthew tells us that all this was done that the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9 might be fulfilled. — "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass." Because that was written in the Book of Zechariah, Luke writes, "And it came to pass."
2. Our great Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the omniscient, all-knowing God. He told his disciples exactly where they would find the ass and her colt and exactly what would happen when they found them.

3. Our Redeemer is the sovereign Lord and King of all the universe. He did not come to Jerusalem to be made a King. He came into Jerusalem triumphantly as the King. He was going, by way of the cross, to receive His kingdom. But he was King already. The ass and her colt belonged to Him; and the men who owned them belonged to Him. All were His servants. All did His bidding.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is, always was, and always shall be King over everybody and everything, by virtue of the fact that He is God. The one true and living God is King everywhere. He always has His way and does His will. Here we see the Lord Jesus ascending up to Jerusalem as our Mediatorial King to take possession of His kingdom, the kingdom and dominion given to Him as the God-man by his Father, as the reward of His obedience to God as our Mediator (Romans 14:9; John 17:2; Philippians 2:9-11). Therefore, we read in verses 36-38 that "as He went, they spread their clothes in the way. And when He was come nigh, 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; Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest."

### An Allegory

But there is more to be learned from this historic narrative of our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem than these facts. There are spiritual lessons in the story that tell us again how it is that God our Savior saves His elect. As the Holy Spirit tells us in Galatians 4 that the story of Sarah and Hagar is an allegory, this too is an allegory. It is a true, historical event; but it is more. It is an event that portrays God's free, sovereign, saving grace in and by our Lord Jesus Christ.



We commonly look upon the events of the Old Testament as things designed and intended by our *God* to be pictures of grace. But, when we read the New Testament, for some strange reason, we tend to overlook the spiritual lessons contained in the historical events. That ought never to be the case.

We must never spiritualize Holy Scripture. I mean by that statement that we must never twist the Scriptures into whatever it is we want them to teach. To do so is to treat the Word of *God* with horrible irreverence. Yet, when we read the Word of *God*, we are always to look for the spiritual meaning, the *Gospel* message, each particular passage is intended to convey, knowing that every event in the earthly life of our *Savior* and every miracle performed by Him is written in the *Book of God* to give us a picture, an object lesson about His great salvation.

When we read the *Book of God* in this way, it comes to life. Several years ago, when he was just four years old, my grandson, Will, pointing to my Bible on my desk, asked, "Poppy, Is this where Jesus lives?" Though I gave him a much more thorough answer, explaining what I could of the person and work of our blessed *Savior*, in a very real sense the answer to his question is, "Yes, the Lord Jesus lives right here in this blessed *Book*." Every word He spoke, every movement He made, every step He took was predetermined before the world began for the salvation of His elect and was designed by *God's* eternal decree to show us something of *God's* sovereign, electing, redeeming, saving, mercy, love, and grace through Christ our Redeemer. Even the small details, those things that appear to be no more than records with information show forth His great salvation.

Here, in Luke 19, we have such a record. Perhaps you have never before read the story as you are about to read it. If that is the case, I promise you that when I am done you will never read it the same again. This story of our Lord Jesus riding the wild ass's colt through the streets of Jerusalem is really the old, old story of His sovereign, electing, fetching, irresistible, saving grace.

### Proof

As I said before, we must not give such a meaning to the story without clear evidence from Holy Scripture that this is the reason why the story was written. This may or may not have been the reason Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John had in mind as they recorded the story; but it is the reason God the Holy Spirit inspired them to write it down in the very words we have in the Gospel narratives. Let me show you two texts from the Old Testament that will demonstrate this.

First, look at the prophecy of Zechariah one more time (Zechariah 9:9-10).

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth."

The prophet Zechariah shows us here that when Christ rode into Jerusalem, His triumphal entry was made in the way it was made to display the character of His kingdom and His work as our King. He came riding "an ass, and upon a colt, the

foal of an ass," to show Himself in the infinite humility of His grace as One who is "just and having salvation." He comes to break the bow of war and "speak peace unto the heathen," and to do so in universal dominion "from sea to sea, even to the ends of the earth."

In Job 11:12 we will see who the wild ass's colt is, upon whom the King of *Glory* rides through the streets of Jerusalem in triumphant grace. There we are told that "vain man" is "born like a wild ass's colt." The ass's colt upon which our Savior rode through Jerusalem is in Scripture a picture of fallen man.

### Disciples Sent

"He sent two of his disciples" (v. 29). — Wherever *God* has someone to save and whenever the appointed time comes for Him to save them, He sends a preacher (Romans 10:13-17). No man can believe the *Gospel* until someone preaches the *Gospel* to him. Notice that these two disciples were sent by the Master. No prophet or preacher in the Scriptures ever applied for the job! *God's* preachers are chosen, called, gifted, and sent by Him.

These two disciples were sent on a very specific errand. They were sent to fetch something for the Lord Jesus. *God* sends His servants to fetch His elect to Himself, as David sent Ziba to fetch Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9). How I thank *God* that in the appointed time of love, He sent one of His servants to fetch me! Don't you?

### An Assurance

When our Lord sent these disciples on their mission, He assured them that they would find what He sent them to get, saying, "Saying, Go ye into the village over

against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither" (v. 30).

Men often raise this argument against the teaching of Holy Scripture with regard to *God's sovereignty*. — "If election is true, if some are predestinated to be saved, and their salvation is sure, why preach?" What a foolish question! If I could convince you that every person who knocked at my door would be handed \$100.00, that it is a matter of absolute certainty, I doubt anyone would say, "If that is the case, why knock at the door."

We preach the *Gospel* to all men because our *God and Savior* has sent us to do so. He says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the *Gospel* to every creature." We preach the *Gospel* because "it pleased *God* by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." And we preach the *Gospel* with confidence because He has told us plainly and assured us that those to whom and for whom we are sent shall be saved. — "All that the Father hath given Me shall come to Me." — "Other sheep I have...Them also I must bring." All *Christ's sheep* shall be found. Each of His elect shall be called and shall come (*Isaiah 55:11; 2 Corinthians 2:14-16*). And *God's elect* will be found exactly where He puts them in His wise and good providence. There were many wells in Samaria; but that chosen woman to whom *Christ* came was found at a certain well. There were many trees along the *Jericho Road*; but *Zacchaeus* was found up a certain tree.

What an encouragement to preach the *Gospel*. — "Ye shall find!" There are no accidents in *God's world*. The sovereign Lord puts His lost sheep exactly where He wants them. And He ties His wild ass's colts exactly where He wants them tied.

## An Ass's Colt

Our Lord Jesus told these two disciples exactly what they were looking for in verse 31. He sent them to find "a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat," as we saw in Job 11, "a wild ass's colt." Mark 11:4 tells us where they found this colt. — "And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met." He sent them to find a colt tied outside in a place where two ways met. This was not the colt of a fine Kentucky Thoroughbred, or a Tennessee Walker, or even the colt of a Quarter Horse. This colt was the foal of an ass, a wild ass's colt, "whereon yet never man sat." (Matthew 2; Zech. 9:9).

What a good, accurate description and picture this is of every stubborn, unbroken, untamed, wild sinner. God's Word is very plain in describing mankind in very clear terms, with very obvious meanings. And you will find that, unlike the preachers of this day, God never has anything good to say about fallen man. God describes our race as fallen, altogether, filthy, and incapable of doing good (Psalm 14). From the soles of our feet to the crown of our heads there is no soundness in us, nothing but wounds and bruises, and putrefying sores (Isaiah 1). In Romans 3 we are described as being totally unprofitable and useless.

And the pictures of fallen men are even more debasing than the words used to describe us. Like Lazarus, we are dead and stinking. Like the aborted infant described by Ezekiel, we are polluted in our own blood.

But here in Luke, and no less than eight times in the Word of God, we are represented, and very accurately represented, as wild ass's colts. That is how we are described in Job 11:12. You and I are all born by nature "like a wild ass's colt," foolish, senseless, and stubborn, given to lust and debauchery, and wild. As

the wild ass will not bear the yoke, so none will ever bow to the yoke of Christ, except the Son of God break him. Man by nature is like "a wild ass used to the wilderness, that snuffeth up wind at her pleasure" (Jeremiah 2:24; Job 39:5).

In the movies you see old men and women riding donkeys, and get the idea that they are nice, gentle, sweet animals, the kind you would like to have for pets, if you just had the room. But that is never the case by nature. It is their nature to be mean. If you try to get one to ride you, to carry a load, to pull a cart, until he is broken and tamed, he will buck, and kick, and bite. If all else fails, he will just sit down.

That's a pretty good picture of man. Made by God and made for his glory, all men ought to gladly give thanks to Him, submit to His rule, worship Him, and give Him His due. But just try to get one to worship God, and watch him kick. Tell those sweet, religious wild ass's the truth about man, about God, about Christ, about redemption and grace, and watch them buck and bite! Yes, man is well described and represented as a "wild ass's colt."

### Colt Tied

Did you notice that this colt was tied (v. 30)? People love to think they are independent and free. Don't they? But the fact is, every man by nature is tied and bound, by sin, by Satan, by tradition, by peer pressure, and by religion.

The colt was tied in a place where two ways met, at a crossroad. So it is with all men. All are bound and tied at a crossroad, at a place where two ways meet: the way to heaven and the way to hell, the way of grace and the way of works, the way of life and the way of death (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25). Fallen man is tied, like

this "wild ass's colt," outside the door, not in the Door, outside of grace, outside of Christ, not in Christ.

Loose Him

The Lord Jesus sent His two disciples to loose this "wild ass's colt."

"Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither. And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him" (vv. 30-31).

Everywhere in the Book of God the grace of God is set before us as that which looses men. Religion binds. Grace looses! We are in the loosing business. These disciples found the wild ass's colt, just like the Master said they would. When they did, they loosed the ass's colt. They were told to loose him "because the Lord hath need of him."

Imagine that! What possible need could the Son of God have for a wild ass's colt, like you or me? He needs everyone He fetches to Himself so that He may see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied, so that He may ride him triumphantly through the streets of Jerusalem and garner the praises of His people for His great goodness as the King of Grace and Glory!

"And they brought him to Jesus" (v. 35). In John 12:12-15 the Spirit of God sheds more light on this. We have seen that these disciples found the ass's colt and brought him to the Savior, and they did. But in John's narrative the Holy Spirit tells us that it was Christ Himself that did the finding.

"On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt."

It is Christ Himself who comes seeking and finding His people, it is Christ Himself who fetches sinners by His omnipotent grace to Himself through the preaching of the Gospel.

And Then...

What happened when they brought this wild ass's colt to the Savior? — "They cast their garments upon the colt" (v. 35). Not only is it true that all who come to Christ are washed in His blood and robed in His righteousness, clothed with the garments of salvation, they find among His saints a people who receive them and love them, and willingly give them the shirts off their backs.

Then, they sat the Master on the colt, spread their clothes in the way, and watched Him ride in triumphant glory through Jerusalem, as "they began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen." (Not the works they had done, but the works they had seen!) "Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest."

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The religious crowd saw what was going on, heard the shouts of praise to God, and the pronounced blessedness of Christ the King, but they did not have a clue what was happening (vv. 39-40).

Why?

Why an ass's colt? Why not a great white stallion? 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 gives us the answer.

"For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

I once read that one of the rarest mammals in world is the African Wild Ass. There are not more than a few hundred in the world. I am not really very interested in that. But I am interested in the people represented in our text by the wild ass's colt. And I assure you that they are very, very rare.

"To understand these things aright,



This grand distinction should be known:  
Though all are sinners in God's sight,  
There are but few so in their own.  
To such as these our Lord was sent;  
They're only sinners who repent.  
What comfort can a Savior bring  
To those who never felt their woe?

A sinner is a sacred thing;  
The Holy Ghost hath made him so.  
New life from Him we must receive,  
Before for sin we rightly grieve.  
This faithful saying let us own,  
Well worthy 'tis to be believed,  
That Christ into the world came down,  
That sinners might by Him be saved.  
Sinners are high in His esteem,  
And sinners highly value Him."

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