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The Colt Nobody Had Ridden

Luke 19:28-40 · 5-8 actors · about 6 minutes · kids 7+, teens or adults

THE MESSAGE IN ONE SENTENCE

Jesus came to Jerusalem as a lowly King on a borrowed colt, on his way to the cross for us, and he still asks for what we have: the Lord hath need of it.

SCRIPTURE AND TRANSLATION

Luke 19:28-40, with Zechariah 9:9. Lines marked * are quoted from the King James Version (KJV). All other dialogue is ours, written to dramatise the passage; it is not scripture. Luke says only that the colt had “owners”: Benjamin and Abigail are storytelling characters, and the leader can say so.

PROPS

A rope tied to a chair (the colt can be imagined offstage, a hobby horse, or a child in paper ears with no lines), three or four coats or scarves, paper palm branches, a small stone.

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Performance licence: one congregation, as often as you like. Please don’t resell or post it online.

Characters

NARRATOR - Warm and clear; reads the scripture narration. Can stand at a lectern.
JESUS - Calm and kind. Two short speeches at the start and one line at the end, all scripture.
FIRST DISCIPLE - Steady; knows the line.
SECOND DISCIPLE - Nervous; gets the line wrong once. The comic part for a confident teen.
BENJAMIN - The colt's owner: proud, fussy, soft-hearted underneath. The big comic part.
ABIGAIL - His daughter, about ten: quick, kind, one step ahead. Ideal for a child.
PHARISEE - Worried about the noise, not a villain.
CROWD - Everyone else, any number, with coats and paper palms. One line, said together.

The opening

(The village: a chair with a rope tied to it. Benjamin brushes the colt; Abigail holds the rope. Jesus and the two Disciples stand at the far side, or at the back of the church.)

NARRATOR: Jesus was on his way up to Jerusalem for the Passover. "And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples."*

JESUS: "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."*

JESUS: "And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him."*

(The two Disciples walk to the village, practising under their breath.)

SECOND DISCIPLE: (whispering) What if they ask?

FIRST DISCIPLE: (whispering) Then we say the line.

SECOND DISCIPLE: What if I forget the line?

FIRST DISCIPLE: It's six words.

SECOND DISCIPLE: Six is a lot when you're nervous!

FIRST DISCIPLE: There. A colt, tied, just like he said. Nobody has ever sat on him.

SECOND DISCIPLE: How do you know?

FIRST DISCIPLE: Look at his face.

(They begin to untie the rope. Benjamin turns round.)

BENJAMIN: Excuse me. EXCUSE me. "Why loose ye the colt?"*

SECOND DISCIPLE: (panicking) Because... the colt... hath need of the Lord!

FIRST DISCIPLE: (calmly) "The Lord hath need of him."*

End of the free preview.

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