

**YOU COULD LEARN A
LOT FROM A DONKEY
MATTHEW 21:1-11**



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BACKGROUND TO THE MATTHEW 21:1-11

Jesus was in Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Passover. There were over a quarter million Jews in the city also for this Feast. This was the same day that the lamb was selected to be killed during Passover. Jesus is riding on a donkey into the city to offer Himself as the Lamb of God. The people misunderstood and thought He was coming as a conquering king, that's why they shouted "Hosanna" meaning "Save or Deliver Now"

LESSONS YOU CAN LEARN FROM A DONKEY

GOD IS NOT LOOKING FOR ABILITY BUT AVAILABILITY

For His entrance into Jerusalem Jesus chose a young donkey. He intentionally meant to choose a donkey. He could have walked into the city, He could have rode a horse into the city but He rode on a donkey. A young donkey that had never been ridden before, uninfluenced by man. This was a young untrained donkey with no ability but to serve as transportation. God can get more out of people who say here I am Lord use me than He can out of people with great talent used for selfish reasons.

IT'S NOT THE CONCEIT WITHIN US BUT THE CHRIST UPON US

Jesus chose and anointed this donkey for a specific service. This donkey could not go out the next day and have people spread their garments in the way, lay palm branches on the road and shout "Hosanna, Hosanna." We must constantly remind ourselves that we do what we do by the power of Christ.

MAN SHOULD NOT BE A DISTRACTION TO CHRIST—THE MAIN ATTRACTION

This day, all eyes were upon Jesus. He chose a donkey because a horse might have been a distraction. A horse is a magnificent animal; it has a coat that shines in the sun, beautiful large eyes, a flowing mane that ripples in the breeze and long graceful legs. A donkey is a plain animal. They have floppy ears that are too large and their hair looks disheveled. We should be a reflection of Jesus Christ and any praise that we get should be reflected back to Him.