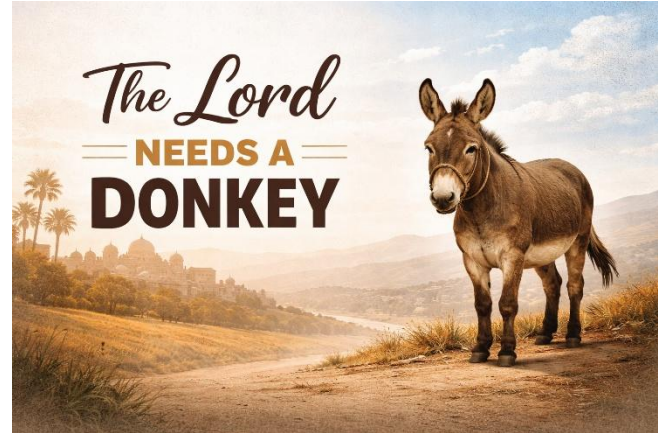


“The Lord Needs Them”



OPEN IT

- Have you ever been asked to do something that felt unexpected or inconvenient—but it ended up being meaningful? What happened?
- When you hear the phrase, “The Lord needs you,” what is your initial reaction—honored, hesitant, confused, or something else??

READ IT:

- Matthew 21:1–11
- Zechariah 9:9
- 1 Kings 1:33
- John 12:12–15
- Psalm 118:25–26
- 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

EXPLORE IT

- In **Matthew 21:1–3**, Jesus tells His disciples to get a donkey and simply say, “The Lord needs it.”
- What does this reveal about Jesus’ authority and God’s sovereignty?
- The disciples obeyed even though the request may have seemed strange.
- What can we learn from their obedience in uncertain situations?
- **Zechariah 9:9** is fulfilled in this moment. Why is it significant that Jesus intentionally fulfills prophecy?

- The crowd shouted “Hosanna” (**Psalm 118:25–26**), meaning “save us.”
- What were they expecting Jesus to do—and how was that different from what He actually came to do?
- Jesus rode a donkey instead of a warhorse.
- What does that communicate about the kind of King Jesus is?
- The message pointed out that the crowd misunderstood their greatest problem.
- Why is “lostness” a deeper issue than the external problems people often focus on?
- In **Matthew 21:10–11**, people ask, “Who is this?”
- Why is that still the most important question every person must answer?
- The donkey was simply available and used by God for a greater purpose.
- What does this teach us about how God uses ordinary people in His mission?

DO IT:

- **Be available.** This week, pray a simple prayer each day: “Lord, I’m available—use me however You want.”
- **Invite intentionally.** Identify at least one person and personally invite them to church or a faith conversation this week.
- **Serve sacrificially.** Choose a way to serve (at church or in your community), even if it’s inconvenient, and do it with the mindset: “The Lord needs me.”
- **Respond to the real King.** Take time to reflect on who Jesus truly is—not just who you want Him to be—and surrender an area of your life to His leadership.