

LAUNCH

The word "LAUNCH" is written in a large, teal, sans-serif font. Below the letter "A", there is a stylized green rocket ship with three yellow flames at its base.

Sunday 22nd March

So this is Palm Sunday – this is an important Sunday as we enter an important week for Christians leading up to Easter as we remember and think about what Jesus did that week. (I don't say what happened to Jesus – why not????)



Choices: For each of these you have 5 seconds to think and then say which one you would pick. Let me know your answers!

1. McDonalds or Kentucky Fried Chicken?
2. Custard or Jelly?
3. Avengers or Batman?
4. Long hair or Short hair?
5. City or Beach?
6. Harry Kane or Joe Root?
7. Singing songs or Listening to music?
8. Praying by self or Praying with others?
9. Loud or Quiet?
10. Donkey or Horse?
11. Jesus a King or Jesus a good man?

Here is picture of a 'Popemobile' – a vehicle the Pope travels in to greet crowds. You can find other examples on the internet.



Could you design a 'Jesusmobile' a vehicle for him to travel in to greet people? What fuel source would you use? What other features would it have?



Into the Bible: Read the story of Palm Sunday in Luke 19:28–40.

Why did Jesus do this? Why did he use a “colt” not a horse? Look up Zechariah 9:9 and remember our first session about the life of Jesus where we saw how Jesus fulfilled prophecies from the old testament.

Look at 1 Kings 1:32-35 – this is one of the great coronations of a king in the Old Testament. How is Jesus' entry similar? Different?

Now go back to the story in Luke. Find examples of people being:

1. Obedient to Jesus
2. Trusting
3. Generous
4. Full of adoration and praise
5. Aware of Jesus' true identity
6. Irritated and jealous.

At each point of this event all the participants had a choice as to how they would act. Throughout, the disciples were obedient, trusting, giving of their best to Jesus, joyful and not afraid to worship loudly and let everyone know exactly what they thought of Jesus. On the other hand, the Pharisees chose to ignore Jesus' Kingship - which the people now recognised - they called him 'teacher' and asked Jesus to stop the people praising God with so much enthusiasm.

In the same way we have a choice as to whether we are obedient to God, whether we trust and give our best to Jesus, are joyful in our worship and confident in telling others that we are following Jesus. The other option is that we can choose to call Jesus a good teacher but not recognise Him as God and be embarrassed by others worship of Him.

ACTION

How many things can you find to praise God for? How many times can you say “thank you” this week.



Reflection

You could get a stone from the garden or look at a rock, and listen to the song “ I won’t let the rocks cry out 2 by onehundredhours at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2TpAa3N8UjM> – lyrics at the end of this – and reflect that the singer has chosen to give praise to Jesus – he is thinking of the verse in the story where Jesus says the rocks will cry out if the people won’t praise him. Pray a prayer of praise or join in with the song!

The memory verse is:

**“Rejoice greatly, people of Jerusalem!
Shout for joy, people of Jerusalem!
Your king is coming to you.
He does what is right, and he saves.
He is gentle and riding on a donkey,
on the colt of a donkey.”**

Zechariah 9:9 (NCV)

Perhaps you can make a poster of this. If you do send us a photo. What words stand out for you? To me it’s “he does what is right, he saves, he is gentle....

Let us know how you get on with this!

Alec and Jane

I won’t let the rocks cry out

God of wonder hope and grace
My heart is for you

You fill my life with love and faith
And I adore you

So I'll be singing, my heart I'm bringing, so we'll be singing, our hearts we're bringing
These sounds they're ringing out for You

And I won't let the rocks cry out
I won't let the rocks cry out, my heart for you
I won't let the rocks cry out

All the angels come and bow
And it's all for you
We will join them with our lives
For we adore you

Hallelujah, hallelujah

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