Luke 19 Jesus is here

[Narrator] Do you remember the Palm Sunday story? You know, the one where the two disciples go and borrow a donkey that Jesus rides into Jerusalem. Well, just like in so many places in the bible, we never really find out how some of the things that are in the story work out. Example, did the donkey that Jesus rode ever get back to the donkey's owner? Well, the bible doesn't tell us, but, today we're going to imagine. Our story is based on what the bible tells us in the book of Luke, chapter 19 if you want to check it out later.

In our story are Jeremiah, who owns the donkey, and his friend Gideon. Also in our story are disciples, the crowd who follow Jesus, played by all of us, a Pharisee, and of course Jesus himself.

[Scene] Two disciples are leaving Gideon with donkey headed for Jesus who is on the side. Jeremiah comes up to Gideon.

[Jeremiah] Hey Gideon, how much did you get for him?

[Gideon] Get for what?

[Jeremiah] for that colt those guys are taking. I figured you must have sold him though I'm really surprised that you would let him go for any price.

[Gideon] Oh, I didn't sell him, I said that the master could borrow him for awhile.

[Jeremiah] The Master?

[Gideon] Yes, Jesus of Nazareth. I've told you about him lots of times. One of the villagers who had gone to follow him for awhile in Galilee came home last week and said that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. Then last night he told me that Jesus was looking for a donkey for some reason and I said sure he could borrow this one.

[Jeremiah] I know you've really been excited about this Jesus but do you really believe that he can actually make a difference? After all, with the Romans and our own corrupt people, well, it's just so bad.

[Gideon] I certainly do. Because Jesus is here things are going to be different. Let's go and see what Jesus is up to

[Scene] Gideon and Jeremiah head off for where Jesus is, Jesus has taken donkey and he and disciples begin to walk.

[Narrator] Gideon and Jeremiah caught up with the crowd that was following Jesus. They saw him get on the donkey and start to ride him down the road that went down the hill to Jerusalem. The crowd was very excited everyone started yelling.

[Crowd] Jesus is here, Jesus is here.

[Narrator] When Jesus reached the bottom of the hill a Pharisee came up to talk with him.

[Pharisee] Teacher you need to make the crowd be quiet, the Romans might get upset and hurt people.

[Jesus] I'm here because God wants things to change so that they will be like God wants so I wouldn't ask the crowd to be quiet even if I thought it would work. You know what, If they were quiet, the stones would start to shout.

[narrator] So when Jesus was through with the donkey, Gideon was there to take him home. He and Jeremiah had seen what started that day because Jesus was there. Like Gideon, we can offer Jesus what we have and follow. We'll see lots of great things as people learn to love and care for each other. Yes, when Jesus is here, and he is, things are exciting and good.

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