

## **Episode 1: Entry**

The episode starts with the last supper and all the disciples together for the Passover meal. The creators of the show mix it up a bit here by starting with the end of the season and we will circle back to the beginning where Season 4 left off. As each episode starts with a clip from the Last Supper, the beginning of each section of the study is dedicated to that final meal Jesus had with his disciples.

### *Last Supper Clip*

- This Last Supper clip has Jesus talking to the disciples and he quotes from John 16:1-33. Read these passages for a refresher on what scripture says.
  - Jesus warns that he will go away, come back and they will lament while he is gone. (See John 16:16-20)
  - He says they can talk to God directly with the holy spirit. (See John 16:4-15)
  - Jesus talks plainly to the disciples. (See John 16: 25-33)
  - John 16:33 (ESV) I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. How does this particular verse give you comfort?

After the Last Supper clip, but before we get to Jesus's triumphant entry, the Jewish leaders approach Jesus. They understand why he is planning to enter Jerusalem on a donkey and ask him to stop. Jesus says that the stones would cry out as noted in Luke 19:39-40 (ESV). <sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." <sup>40</sup> He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

We finally have it, his triumphant entry! I admit, it is a little odd, but it is also prophetic. He rides into Jerusalem on a donkey with the people waving palms, throwing their cloaks on the road and singing Hosanna.

- Matthew 21:8-9 (ESV) <sup>8</sup> Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup> And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the highest!"
- This is also mentioned in Luke 19:36-38 and Mark 11:8-10. Do you see any differences between the scripture?

Oh, how so much is going to change as the week progresses, but Jesus has such a great start!

His entry is prophetic as Zechariah said Jerusalem's king would come mounted on a donkey. Zechariah 9:9 (ESV) Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

This episode tees up a couple of things that will happen later on. First, we see Peter deciding he wants to start preaching. As we know from Acts, Peter is an integral part of the beginning of the church. He has to start somewhere! Second, Pontius Pilate wants peace and order during the Passover. This is the time of the year when he gets a huge amount of revenue through the taxes imposed on the Jews. He doesn't want anything to jeopardize that, especially a Nazarene named Jesus.

Now that Jesus is in Jerusalem, he gets to what he does best, preach! He says "if you love your life you will lose it" John 12:25. The crowd is a little stumped. What does this mean to you?

I don't know if you forgot this from scripture like I did, but the crowd thinks they heard thunder and an angel's voice when Jesus is preaching!

- John 12:27-32 - (ESV) <sup>27</sup>"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world, now the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

There is nothing in scripture about Jesus going to a wedding while he is in Jerusalem during Holy Week. But in the show, he blesses the couple and references some Old Testament characters. Jot down what you know about the characters he mentioned. Circle any characters you didn't know of before?

- Sarah (Genesis 21:1-3)
- Rebekah (Genesis 24:67)
- Rachel (Genesis 30:1)
- Leah (Genesis 29:31-35)
- Ephraim (Genesis 48)
- Manasseh (Genesis 48)