



APRIL 13, 2025
THERE'S A LOT RIDING ON THIS
Discussion Guide

SERMON SUMMARY

Jesus rode on a donkey, but there was a lot riding on Him. Things riding on Him in that moment included our freedom, our peace, our purpose, and our spiritual family. Jesus came through for us so that all these things and more could be available to us today.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- Matthew 21:1-11
- Zechariah 9:9
- Galatians 5:1
- Romans 6:16
- John 14:27
- Jeremiah 1:5 (ESV)
- Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)
- John 1:12

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- Describe a situation when you had a lot riding on something or someone. What was the result?
- What four things did Pastor Daniel discuss that was riding on Jesus in the moment He was riding the donkey?
- How did people react to Jesus showing up in an unexpected way?
- What are the priorities in your life? How do they align with God's purpose for your life?
- How can you intentionally bring God into your daily life?

Freedom

- How did Christ give us freedom from our sin?
- How has your past impacted your present? What steps are you taking to find freedom?

Peace

- What is the difference between living at the pace of God and the pace of the world? Describe your current pace.
- Pastor Daniel said we may need to remove peace robbers from our life. What or who are some potential peace robbers in your life?

Purpose

- Why is discovering and living our God-given purpose needed to live a life that is fully fulfilled?
- How can we begin to discover and live our purpose?

Spiritual Family

- What does it mean to be children of God?
- Who represents our spiritual family?

APPLICATION IDEAS

- Where are you in this moment of finding freedom, finding peace, finding purpose, and finding your spiritual family? What step(s) will you take today to experience a purposeful life?

GO DEEPER

Additional ideas for a deeper study of the sermon topic.

- Read Matthew 21:1-11. Pastor Daniel explained that kings and rabbis didn't ride on donkeys because donkeys were considered lowly animals. Jesus rode in on a donkey. Explain the symbolism in Jesus' act.

PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Thank Jesus for making freedom, peace, purpose, and spiritual family available to us. Pray for each person to boldly invite and bring someone with them to the Easter service.

LEADER TIPS

- Play music in the background while people are showing up for your group gathering. Lifepoint worship music is great for this purpose.