

# G O S P E L

A reading from the Gospel of Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus and his disciples were on their way to Jerusalem.

And when they were close to Bethany, a town near the Mount of Olives, Jesus said to two of his disciples, "Go into the next town and you will see a young donkey tied there. Untie it and bring it to me. If anyone asks you why you are doing that, just say, "The Lord needs it".

When the two disciples went into the town, they found the donkey, just as Jesus had said they would. While they were untying it, the owners asked, "Why are you untying that donkey?"

The disciples said, "The Lord needs it."


Then they took it to Jesus. They put their coats on the back of the donkey and then helped Jesus up on it. People came and spread their coats on the road in front of him. When he came close to Jerusalem, at the bottom of the Mount of Olives, a large crowd of his followers began to rejoice and praise God for all the wonderful and powerful things they had seen.

They shouted, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven, and glory to God."

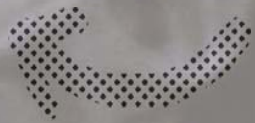
Some of the Pharisees who were there said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell your disciples to stop shouting."

But Jesus answered, "I tell you that, if they stop, these stones will start shouting it out."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



Who do you think Jesus is riding a donkey?

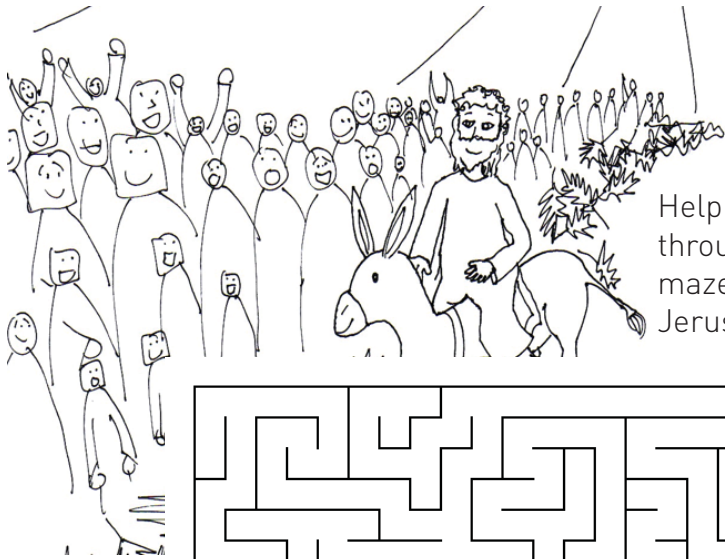


Why do you think a large crowd came to see Jesus?

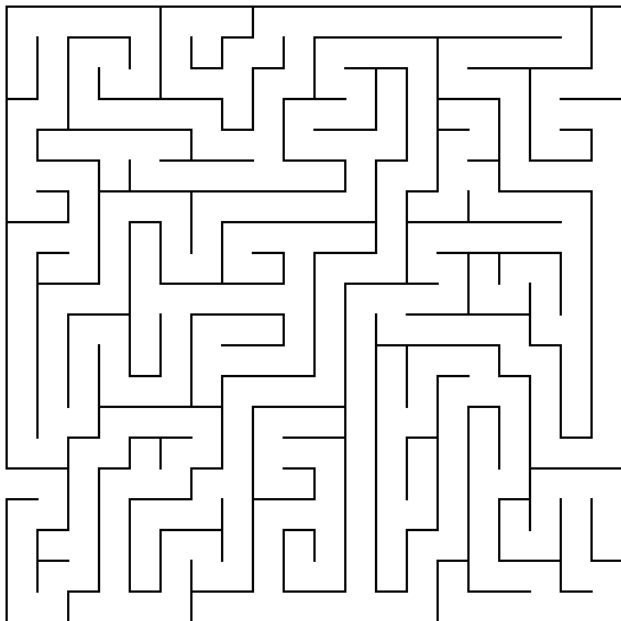
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L I T U R G Y

CAN WE TALK  
ABOUT IT

We are nearly there! We are entering Holy Week, with the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Now is the time to reflect on the important events that are about to happen. Think about today - how a crowd of people welcomed Jesus, but only one week later, allowed him to die on a cross. Things change quickly! And even more quickly, on Easter Sunday, Jesus rises from the dead!



Help Jesus through the maze to enter Jerusalem!



MAKING JESUS  
WELCOME

Cut out the circle below and decorate it. Attach a popsicle stick to it so it's like the palm or items that the people of Jerusalem welcomed Jesus with!

