

MATTHEW 21:1-11

Palm Sunday is in all four Gospels. It's not just the twelve disciplines or the hundreds of Jesus followers. It was crowds, cheering for the king. Give it five days, and the chant will be something entirely different. In Biblical times, if a ruler came in peace, at the head of the procession would be him on a donkey. It was majestic but coming in peace. Jesus went in peace to his crucifixion, but he is King and he will rise again.

Amid all the praise, Jesus weeps. He knows in his heart that people will turn their backs on him, betray him, deny him, crucify him. He knows what will happen to his own people, the Jews, not long afterwards. Like daffodils programmed to lean towards the light, we are all God's creatures. God our creator programmed us, not to be robots, but for us to lean to the light.

Weeping and witnessing. Jesus Christ, the one who makes sense of humankind's deepest questions and longings. King of Kings and Lord of Lords, but a donkey rider. Lock, stock and barrel or not at all.



01 — Weeping

Jesus cries twice in the gospels, and the second time is when you would least expect it. Jesus is entering Jerusalem as a king. Why do you think Jesus is weeping?



02 — Witnessing

Jesus was a public example of God's love for the world. As he came into Jerusalem as a king, how would you explain the power of God as the king of your life?



03 — Completing the prophecies

Jesus, as a Jew, would have known the prophecies about Jesus - and would have known those we love, today, who don't yet know Him. How do you think God wants to reach those you love in your life?



04 — Practising what (Andy) preaches

Jesus is both weeping and witnessing. Who will you be praying for in the coming year to know Jesus?

