

Making Inferences

When things are not explained literally in a text, you can use clues to reach a logical conclusion. This is called inference.

Read this part of the Easter Story then answer the questions in full sentences.

The Easter Story (Based on Matthew 21: 1-17)

Palm Sunday

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and you will find a donkey tied there, with her foal by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." This was predicted by the Old Testament prophets. "Say to the daughters of Zion, 'See your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey with her foal.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the foal, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them.

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David."

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole place was uneasy and local people asked, "Who is this?"

The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

The blind and the lame came to him at the temple and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple area, "Hosanna to the son of David," they were angry.

"Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked Jesus.

"Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, 'From the lips of children and infants you are praised'?" And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.



The Easter Story Questions

1. What did Jesus feel about riding on a donkey?

2. What did the disciples think about Jesus riding on a donkey?

3. Why did the crowds put cloaks and branches on the ground?

4. Why were the priests so cross about Jesus healing sick people?

5. Why did Jesus leave the city for the night if he had only just arrived?