

Donkey Sunday (John 12:12-19)

Introduction: *Military parades today & in Bible times, AND...*Donkeys

- I. JESUS CHOICE OF RIDING A DONKEY TELLS US A LOT
 - A. It tells us Old testament Prophecy is being fulfilled (Zechariah 9)
 - B. It tells us what enemies He has come to defeat
 - 1. Some thought: the Roman enemy
 - 2. Others supposed: the Jewish religious leaders
 - 3. Really the enemies were <u>our enemies</u>: sin, devil & death

+ the GPS cartoon: "you have reached your final destination"

- II. JESUS GOES INTO BATTLE AGAINST THESE ENEMIES RIDING ON A DONKEY
 - A. A donkey was the animal of peace, not the animal of war
 - B. Jesus came as the Prince of Peace
 - C. This Prince of Peace withstood all that sin, devil & death could throw against Him
 - D. The peace He brought defeated our enemies & brought us peace with God

Conclusion: Victory parades, GPS's, AND... Donkeys!

(Blessed "Donkey Sunday" to you.)