



Welcome!

SERIES: Everything in Between
Today's Message: Finding Your Voice
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PRAYER: Gracious God, we join the humble multitude in laying our lives before You, acknowledging You as the rightful King who comes in the name of the Lord. We ask for the courage to release what we hold—our resources, our plans, and our "colts"—whenever You have need of them for Your divine purposes. Grant us the boldness to proclaim your mighty works with joy, refuse to be silenced by the world, and join the chorus that echoes "peace in heaven and glory in the highest." In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

ICEBREAKER: If you were part of the crowd welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem, what is one 'praise' or personal victory from your week that you'd want to shout out loud?

INTRODUCTION: Holy Week positions us between the extremes of silence and shouting. Jesus embodies divine silence as he rides the colt through the cloaks and crowds, but his disciples found their voice. His entry marks the beginning of the end and we are left to wonder, "Did his silence help to steady and prepare him for what was to come? Did the praise of the disciples give him strength?" Think about your life. Have you ever experienced silence that restored you in some way? Have you ever felt fortified by shouts and praise? Have you found your voice?

SCRIPTURE: Read **St. Luke 19:37-40:** When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

DISCUSSION:

1. **What stood out in the message?** What's one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message?
2. **The Logistics of Faith:** In verses 30–34, Jesus gives the disciples very specific instructions about finding a colt. When the owners ask what they are doing, the disciples simply give the pre-arranged answer: "*The Lord has need of it.*" Why do you think Luke includes this detailed exchange about the colt? What does this tell us about the balance between Jesus' divine authority and the practical cooperation of his followers?
3. **Expectation vs. Reality:** The crowd rejoices, shouting about the "King who comes in the name of the Lord" (v. 38). However, they were likely expecting a military liberator, while Jesus arrived on a young donkey—a symbol of peace. Have you ever experienced a "misalignment" between what you expected God to do and how He actually showed up? How do we handle the tension when Jesus doesn't fit the "King" mold we've built for Him?



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4. **The Sound of Stones:** When the Pharisees tell Jesus to rebuke his disciples, He responds in verse 40: *"I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."* What does this say about the "necessity" of worship? If all of creation is inherently designed to acknowledge its Creator, what are some "stones" in your own life or environment that testify to God's presence even when people are silent?
5. **Public Witness and Risk:** Walking into Jerusalem with a parade was a provocative, public act that put Jesus and the disciples in the crosshairs of both religious and Roman authorities. The disciples' praise was loud and visible. In what areas of your life is it easiest to "be loud" about your faith, and where do you find yourself tempted to stay silent like the Pharisees requested?

CHALLENGE: Identify one area of your life this week where you are holding back, and instead "untie" it and surrender it fully for the Lord's use.

SERVE: TODAY is INVITE SUNDAY. Did you invite anybody? If not, invite somebody to celebrate Easter with you next week: use your voice!

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at www.myspbc.org. You can also "find, follow and like" our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/myspbc. Turn on your notifications.

CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g. answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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NOTICE: PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE GRADUALLY REOPEN OUR CAMPUSES IN THE SAFEST MANNER POSSIBLE. As a small group leader, we depend on you to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

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