



**Riding Into a New Season  
(Do You Have a Plan)**

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**Text:** Luke 19:28-48, (NIV)

**Big Question:** Are you ready to ride into a new season?

**Side Question:** Do you have a plan for a tough season? (Proverbs 6:6-8, NIV)

6 Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! 7 It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, 8 yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

**Personal Observation:** Christians are so optimistic that they often have no crisis plans. They use the Bible to justify having no vision, no reserves, and no back-up strategies.

**Examples:**

- My God will supply all my needs (Philippians 4:19)
- No weapon formed against me shall prosper (Isaiah 54:17)
- The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want (Psalms 23)
- Psalm 84:11 (NIV): For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

**Statement:** This is a story that paints a picture of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey preparing for the greatest challenge of his life, for the greatest cause. This truly was the ride of a lifetime.

**I. The Ride Described**

**1. Jesus Prepared for the Ride: Clear instructions were given (Luke 19:28-30)**

- 28 After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 30 “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

**2. Jesus Pre-Planned the Details of the Ride: The contract for the mule had been pre-arranged**

- 31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ” 32 Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” 34 They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

**3. Jesus Let the Disciples Process the Plan for The Ride**

- 35 They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. 36 As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

**4. Jesus Properly Processed His Celebrity (They were impressed with the miracles not Him)**



- 37 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:**
- 38 “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

**Question:** Do you properly process moments when people admire you?

**Side thought:** Some people only like the miracle moments you provide, not you!

### **Conclusion**

#### **5. The Leaders Failed to Properly Place the Praise**

- 39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”
- 40 “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

## **II. The Ride Applied**

1. You need to prepare for what is coming
2. You need to plan with more details in advance
3. You need to put the plan into a process and activate it
4. You need to always properly define a moment (Are you lying to yourself? Some Christians are lying today)
5. You need to always properly place the praise (That is more than singing; cp. Matthew 5:16)