



## Content: Opening the Bible

Matthew 21:1-17

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<b>DISCIPLE</b>	<b>SPEAK</b>	<b>DISCIPLE</b>	<b>DONKEY</b>	<b>DOING</b>	<b>"D"</b>
<b>DONKEY</b>	<b>ACT</b>	Running footsteps	Clip Clop sound	Flex/crack your knuckles	Mexican Wave
<b>DOING</b>	<b>SILENT</b>	"Hot on the heels of Jesus"	"Can't believe he's choosing me!"	"I'm on to it"	"Whoo-hoo"

We are going to read the Bible together today – and you need to make a decision about how you are going to get involved. This actually happens in the passage too. Jesus is rocking into the city and different people choose different ways to get involved – or not get involved (as we'll see with the Chief priests and teachers of the law).

So here are your options: There are some significant words in this passage that begin with the Letter D.

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There's the **Disciples**, the **Donkeys** and the **Doing**.

So each time we arrive at one of these D words you have a choice as to how to get involved.

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You can speak, or you can act, or you can stay silent.

Hold up  
Poster 3

On the word **Disciples**: You can speak saying "hot on the heels of Jesus" or you can act and make running footstep sounds on the ground (*demonstrate*). (*Or you can do both or nothing*).

So make your choice, and we'll practice it now.

Fabulous disciple words and actions!

Hold up  
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On the word **Donkey**: You can speak saying "Can't believe he's choosing me" or you can act: making clip clop noises with your hands (*demonstrate*). (*Or you can do both or nothing*).

So make your choice, and we'll practice it now.

Fabulous donkey words and actions!



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On the Word **Do/Doing**: you can speak saying “I’m on to it” or you can act: flexing/cracking your knuckles (*as if getting ready to do something*)  
So make your choice, and we’ll practice it now.

Fabulous doing words and actions!

Hold up  
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There are a couple of other surprise ‘**D**’ words: If you notice one of them –you can either speak by calling out “Whoo-hoo” or act by doing a Mexican wave.  
(*Or you can do both or nothing*).

So make your choice, and we’ll practice it now.

Fabulous words and actions!

We are ready now to read the Bible and choose to speak or act or stay silent.

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<sup>1</sup>When Jesus and his **disciples** came near Jerusalem, he went to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives and sent two of them on ahead. <sup>2</sup>He told them, “Go into the next village, where you will at once find a **donkey** and her colt. Untie the two **donkeys** and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone asks why you are **doing** that, just say, ‘The Lord <sup>[a]</sup> needs them.’ Right away he will let you have the **donkeys**.”

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<sup>4</sup>So God’s promise came true, just as the prophet had said,

<sup>5</sup>“Announce to the people of Jerusalem:

‘Your king is coming to you!

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He is humble and rides on a **donkey**.

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He comes on the colt of a **donkey**.’ “

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<sup>6</sup>The **disciples** left and did what Jesus had told them to **do**. <sup>7</sup>They brought the **donkey** and its colt and laid some clothes on their backs. Then Jesus got on.

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<sup>8</sup>Many people spread clothes in the road, while others put **down** branches which they had cut from trees. <sup>9</sup>Some people walked ahead of Jesus and others followed behind. They were all shouting, “Hooray for the Son of **David**! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Hooray for God in heaven above!”

<sup>10</sup>When Jesus came to Jerusalem, everyone in the city was excited and asked, “Who can this be?”

<sup>11</sup>The crowd answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”



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<sup>12</sup>Jesus went into the temple and chased out everyone who was selling or buying. He turned over the tables of the moneychangers and the benches of the ones who were selling **doves**. <sup>13</sup>He told them, “The Scriptures say, ‘My house should be called a place of worship.’ But you have turned it into a place where robbers hide.”

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<sup>14</sup>Blind and lame people came to Jesus in the temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup>But the chief priests and the teachers of the Law of Moses were angry when they saw his miracles and heard the children shouting praises to the Son of **David**.

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<sup>16</sup>The men said to Jesus, “**Don’t** you hear what those children are saying?”

“Yes, I **do!**” Jesus answered. “**Don’t** you know that the Scriptures say, ‘Children and infants will sing praises’?” <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus left the city and went out to the village of Bethany, where he spent the night.



Thanks for joining in: We often need to decide whether to speak or act or stay silent.

Jesus came speaking peace and goodnews, and he rode a donkey as a peaceful action: but when he found injustice – he knew it wasn’t the time to stay silent.

I wonder if I had been there that day, would I have cheered for Jesus’ peaceful ride and cheered his action to stop injustice in the temple?