

JESUS

ROSE

for me

A
BEGINNER'S
GOSPEL
STORY
BOOK

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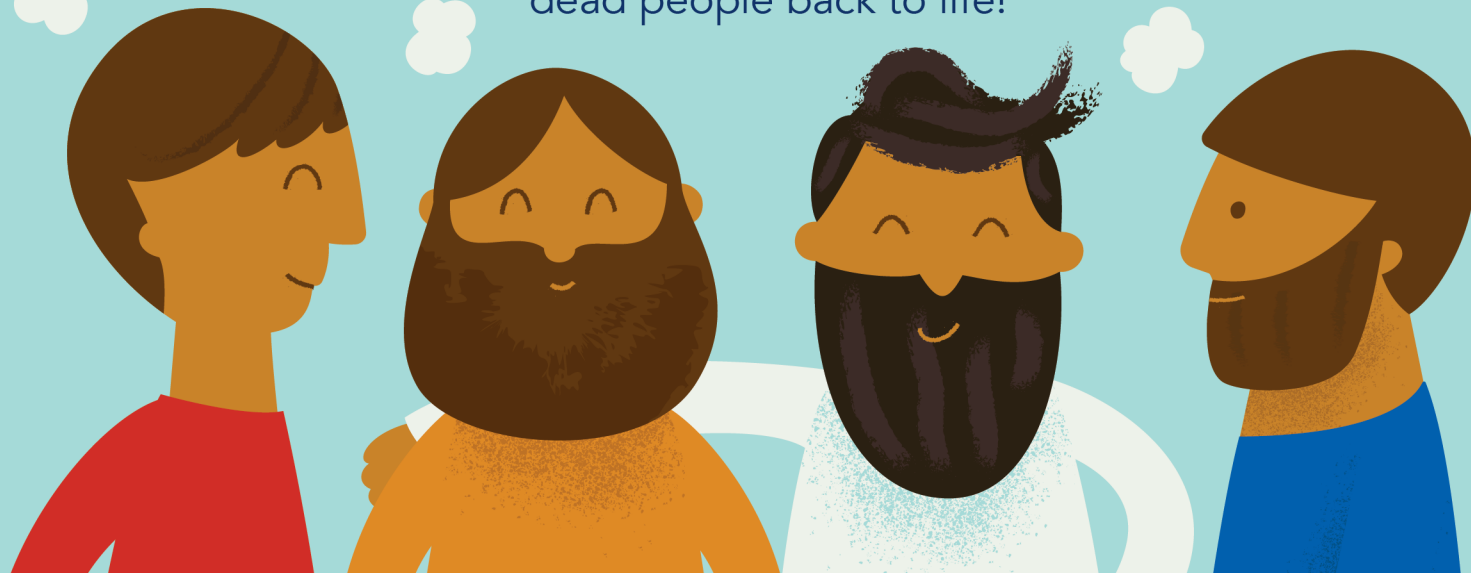
Jesus Rides into Jerusalem

Matthew 21:4–9
Luke 19:35–40
Zechariah 9:9–10

For three years, Jesus's friends followed him while he taught God's people. Jesus's friends saw many amazing things!



They saw Jesus turn water into wine and calm stormy seas. They saw Jesus fill nets with fish and heal sick people. They even saw Jesus bring dead people back to life!



Now it was time for Jesus to go to the big city of Jerusalem. Two of his friends found a donkey for Jesus to ride. Jesus climbed up on the donkey and began riding toward Jerusalem.



His friends walked with him and sang about all the wonderful things they had seen Jesus do.

"Hooray!" they sang, "Jesus is good and powerful! Jesus truly comes from God! Jesus is a friend to children and sinners!"



As they got closer to Jerusalem, more people began to join the friends. They wanted to sing too! They remembered that God had promised to send a king who would arrive in Jerusalem riding on a donkey. The people wanted Jesus to be their king. So they picked up palm branches and waved them in the air. It was like a big parade! The people shouted,

"Praise Jesus! He is our King!"

But some of the people did not sing. Some people did not want Jesus to be their king. The Pharisees were jealous of Jesus. They wanted the people to praise them instead.



Then Jesus told the Pharisees, "You cannot stop the singing. If the people are quiet, the rocks on the ground will start singing and praising me."



Why do we praise Jesus?

Jesus has done wonderful things for us. We praise him because Jesus is the King God promised.