

## Jerusalem ITV – Sketch for Palm Sunday

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### **CAST:**

**News Reader: NR** (*dramatic reader*)

**Outside Reporter: Ann Announcer – AA** (*loads of enthusiasm*)

**Temple Store Holder: Mr Crook - I mean Rook! Mr R** (*could use a brummie accent*)

**Follower of Jesus: Sarah** (*enthusiastic follower of Jesus*)

**Professor of Prophetic Studies: P** - *Professor IC Further!*

*(First scene: set in a T.V studio. Play the News theme tune!)*

NR: Hello, this is Jerusalem ITV Lunch Time News. There have been reports of disturbances in Jerusalem when followers of Jesus of Nazareth staged a demonstration with Jesus leading the way riding on a donkey! Now for an up-date report we are going over 'live' to our outside reporter, Ann Announcer, who is inside the temple court. Ann, give us an up-date!

AA: Well, hello! Here I am reporting 'live' from the temple court in Jerusalem where earlier today Jesus of Nazareth came riding on a donkey with hundreds of his followers all singing and shouting, and demonstrating. There was also a serious disturbance inside the actual temple it's self. I have one of the store holders Mr Hy-Am-A-Crook. Good afternoon, Mr Crook!

Mr R: The names Rook not Crook!

AA: Err, sorry Mr Crook, I mean Rook! Can you tell us what happened here earlier on today?

Mr R: I certainly can! This Jesus of Nazareth came in with a rent a mob from Galilee all singing and shouting something about the Son of God! Anyway, he came over to my pens and drove my sheep out! It's not right!

AA: Well Mr Crook, I mean Rook, why on earth didn't you stop him?

Mr R: You know Mr Shilock, the money changer – he had his table knocked over and the money went everywhere! He's a cheat, he's the one Jesus should drive out. Anyway, he owed me 10 Denarius's so I was helping myself to the money off the floor and didn't notice Jesus come up and open my pens and drive out my sheep with a whip, ranting and raving something about his Fathers house!

AA: Some people claim that your prices are at least twice the price of market prices and that you are in fact cheating the people in the house of God – what do you say to that!

Mr R: (rather irate) This is in fact rubbish! We provide a service to the people, we have to collect the live stock from the market and pay a large temple rent! We make an honest profit and deserve protection – yes I'll say that again and I'm sure my brothers will support me in this! We demand protection!

AA: Thank you Mr Crook, sorry I mean Mr Rook...  
Here we have Sarah, a follower of Jesus. So Sarah, what do you have to say about Jesus?

Sarah: He's great! He's wonderful! He's marvellous! He healed my dad he did. Stone deaf he was! Now he can hear a pin drop!

AA: (Sarcastically) Probably the hot heat melted the wax!

Sarah: But he'd been deaf for forty years! Anyway, I was there when he fed all those people with just 5 loaves and 2 fish, it was great! He's going to be king you know! He rode on the donkey just like Zechariah said he would. We all shouted and waved palm branches and sang! He'll be crowned before the weeks out, you'll see!

AA: May be, but what sort of crown? This is Ann Announcer returning you to the studio.

NR: Thank you Ann - now for a final comment from the assistant director of prophetic studies in the temple 'Professor IC Further'.

P: Good afternoon!

NR: Professor - Could you and would you firstly comment on this reference to Zachariah!

P: (in an excentric manner) Well yes, Zachariah does mention a king riding on an ass but this does not mean that it will actually happen! People take a simplistic view without regard for the dispensational aspect! A better exegesis of this is that it is a poetic picture of Israel's ultimate triumph!

NR: Err? I see – I think! And what is your opinion of Jesus?

P: Oh! He's just of those many working class people who happens to be able to talk! He's say's nothing new! And no important Teachers of the Law follow him! But – these disturbances must stop! We shall deal with him! And in 6 months time no-one will have heard of Jesus of

Nazareth! Can you imagine anything as ridiculous as a king from Nazareth!

NR: What about the miracles?

P: They never happened! I never saw one! Did you?

NR: Well, there you have it! Will people remember this day in years to come?

P: (interrupts) Of course not!

NR: Only time will tell!  
This is Roger Mac Donald at the end of a remarkable day!

*(play News Theme Tune)*

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*Ask the question:*

*Have people remembered that day 2000 years on?*

*Not only is the day remembered but millions of people still say 'Jesus is their King'!*

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