

SCRIPT: EVEN THE ROCKS KNOW JESUS

TEACHER GIVES INTRO TO THE STORY: TWO OLD STONES AND ONE YOUNG STONE ARE SITTING ON THE EDGE OF A PATH IN JERUSALEM TALKING AMONGST EACH OTHER.

ROCK #1: Sometimes I think people don't give us rocks the credit we deserve. We've seen a lot of things in our lives.

ROCK#2: I think they just take us for granite. Last week someone kicked me as they walked along the road. Don't they know that I was the very rock that David used to kill Goliath!

ROCK #1: No kidding. Last week someone swept me off their floor. They didn't even stop to thank me for being one of the stones that Solomon used to build a beautiful temple for God!

ROCK #3: You guys were around in the Old Testament? You are old!

ROCK #2: Hey, we might be older than you but we're still a solid part of the New Testament. Remember the time Jesus taught about wise men building their houses on rocks. Even when the storms came, the houses on the rocks stood firm.

ROCK #1: Us rocks, we're a whole lot wiser and important than people think.

ROCK #2: I agree. People don't even realize everything we have seen and heard. Have you guys been listening to all the people walking around in Jerusalem these days?

ROCK #3: I can't hear anyone talking. It's way too loud with all those animals. I think I've counted 30,000 lambs so far. I think those sheep are planning a takeover of this city.

ROCK #1: According to what I've heard, the Roman leaders aren't worried about the sheep taking over, but they are worried about someone else taking over.

ROCK #2: I heard two of the Roman soldiers talking yesterday. They kept on saying that too many Jewish people were talking about Jesus. They were mad that the Jews were calling Jesus the "King of the Jews" and the "Son of God."

ROCK #3: Why were they mad?

ROCK #1: The Roman leaders think that only the Caesar should be called names like that.

ROCK #3: Why would the Caesar be called the King of the world or the Son of God?

ROCK #2: Years ago A guy named Octavian became the ruler of the Roman Empire. He decided to tell everyone that he was a majestic leader and that he was the son of god!

ROCK #3: Was he the son of God?

ROCK #2: NO WAY! But word travelled through the whole world that Rome had a new emperor and the news said that the Son of God had become the King of the world!

ROCK #1: People were pretty intimidated by the Roman empire. The Roman Empire is still really strong and they don't want anyone getting in their way.

ROCK #3: So why were the soldiers talking about Jesus?

ROCK #1: Those soldiers think that Jesus is going to come and take over the Roman Empire.

ROCK #3: Really?! Is Jesus going to take over Rome?

ROCK #1: Kid, you really haven't been around very long have you? Us rocks have been rolling around long enough to know a bit about God's plans and God's plan isn't to have Jesus become a political leader.

ROCK #3: What's that noise? What's all that shouting about?

ROCK #2: Shhh....Let's be quiet and watch what is happening.

TEACHER: As the rocks watched they saw a magnificent scene take place on the path in front of them. A large crowd started to form. People were shouting and waving palm branches in the air. Others in the crowd were laying down their cloaks onto the ground. Amidst the crowd the rocks saw a man riding on a donkey and making his way through the streets of Jerusalem. The man on the donkey was Jesus!

The crowd shouted:

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Just as Jesus came close to the rocks a group of Pharisees approached Jesus and said, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples! Make them stop all this noise"

Jesus said to them "I tell you if the crowds were to stop and keep quiet, the stones on the ground would cry out."

So the crowds continued to praise Jesus as he travelled through Jerusalem.

ROCK #3: That was amazing! I've never even seen crowds like that! There were more people on these streets than there were sheep - and I counted a lot of sheep! I think Jesus really is going to take over Rome. Didn't you see all of those people following him!

ROCK #1: You are just as confused as those Pharisees are. The Pharisees wanted Jesus to quiet the crowds because they think the Roman soldiers will come in and force everyone to be quiet. Everyone is convinced that Jesus is here to overthrow the government.

ROCK #2: That isn't Jesus' plan. Didn't you see what Jesus came riding into Jerusalem on?

ROCK #3: A donkey. So what?

ROCK #1: A warrior who is coming to overthrow a government would have come riding in on a majestic horse! Jesus came riding on a donkey. A donkey is a sign of peace.

ROCK #3: If Jesus isn't here to overthrow the government, why is he here?

ROCK #2: Well you are asking the right rocks. Even Jesus said that if the crowds stopped shouting we could tell everyone why Jesus is here. We're a part of God's creation and we know a thing or two about our maker!

ROCK #1: Jesus isn't coming to be a ruler for Rome. Jesus is coming to be the true Son of God and the true King to the entire World.

ROCK #3: That sound even better than taking over Rome. If Jesus is going to take over the entire world as King, where will his throne be?

ROCK #2: That's probably what today's crowds are thinking too. Jesus isn't on his way to a throne. He's on His way to a cross.

ROCK #3: A cross? Isn't that where people get killed? Isn't that where people get crucified?

ROCK #1: Yes, it is.

ROCK #3: How is dying going to make Jesus King of the entire World?

ROCK #2: The scriptures tell us that by dying, Jesus will be taking on the evil of the entire world.

ROCK #1: When Jesus pays the price for all the sin in the world, people will be free to enter into God's kingdom. Jesus' death will offer people freedom to live with God for all eternity ~ and that's way better than just taking over Rome.

ROCK #3: Wow - that's amazing. Next time someone asks me who this Jesus guy is all about I'm sure going to be able to tell them the right story!