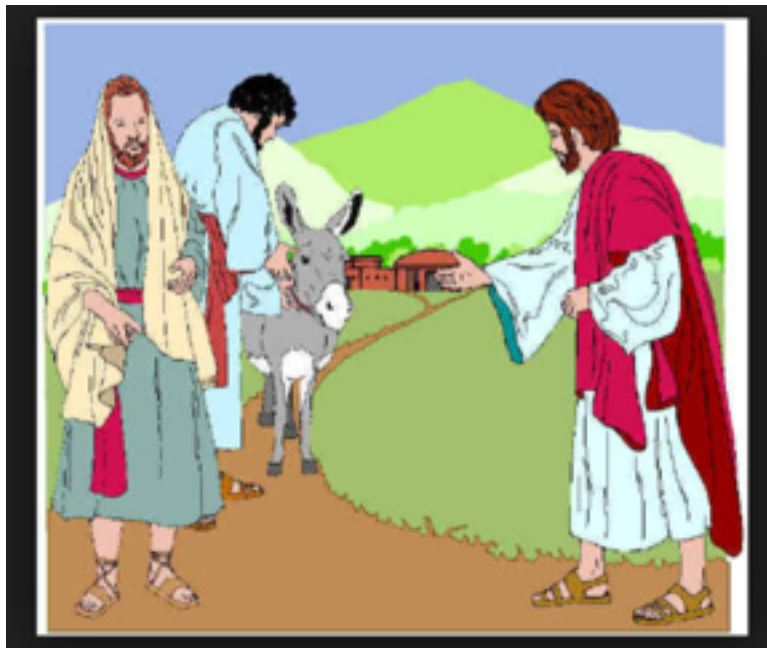


## Untying the Donkey

Today we continue our unit on Spiritual Practice, S #2 (Session #1 was Adventure).

Now you may remember that last week, Miss Abby was telling a story about a man named Jesus who was on his way to a place called Jerusalem and you might remember that he and his disciples stopped at the Mount of Olives and it was there that Jesus sent two of his disciples to the next village, to find a donkey that was tied there. You might even remember that he told them to bring the donkey to him.



Well, as you know, they did exactly what Jesus asked and just as they were untying the donkey, the owners said something like, “Hey you... yeah, you two... now just wait a Mediterranean minute here! I haven’t seen the likes of you in these parts before and now you show up and try to untie our donkey. This isn’t just any donkey, you know; this donkey has never even been ridden before so you best be telling us who you are and why you’re untying our donkey?”

And do you remember what Jesus told the two disciples to say to the owners? Deciding to trust Jesus’ wisdom, the two disciples looked at each other, shrugged their shoulders, turned to the owners and all they said was, “The Lord needs it.”

Now this story could go two ways from here; either the owners are unwelcoming and run the disciples out of town, or, they’re very welcoming and give the disciples the donkey. What do

you suppose happened? As soon as the owners heard that Jesus needed the donkey to do God's work, they said something like, "Well, why didn't you say so sooner!" And at that, they gave the donkey to the disciples and bid them farewell.

Now this may seem to be the end of the adventure, but in many ways, it was only the beginning. Having said that, if you want to find out what Jesus did with the donkey, you're gonna have to come back next week...

Prayer: Holy God

Thank you for this stupendous day. Thank you for the adventures of Jesus. Adventures that teach us... to welcome and trust your guidance. Thank you for your voice... that lives deep inside of us. Please help us... to be welcoming of your voice.... and to listen to .... what you want us to do. Amen