

"Here Comes The King!" - Puppet Play: Matthew 21:1-11

Throughout the scene, the chicken clucks instead of saying the words.

Donkey: It's finally happening! This is the day! I'm so excited!

Chicken: (continues to act like a chicken)

Donkey: Oh, hey there Clarice! Aren't you thrilled?

Chicken: What?

Donkey: Today is the big day!

Chicken: What are you talking about?

Donkey: The parade! The King is coming! The King is coming!

Chicken: What King?

Donkey: The King of the Jews!

Mouse: Squeak.

Donkey: Oh, hey Mike! Look at the size of this crowd!

Mouse: Squeak.

Donkey: Hello everyone! Hello boys and girls!

Chicken: (looks up at the congregation as freezes mid-cluck) Wha....!

Donkey: Now don't be shy. They're not here to see us. They're here for the King.

Hey everyone, wave your branches! He's coming on a big white horse with an army. Oh, I wish I could be a big white horse and carry a king!

Mouse: Squeak.

Chicken: What on earth are you talking about?

Donkey: He's called Jesus.

Chicken: (as if sneezing) Yeshua

Donkey: Bless you!

Mouse: Squeak.

Chicken: Yeshua!

Donkey: Oh, sorry, I thought you were sneezing. Yes, Yeshua. Jesus. Joshua. It's almost the same name. He's going to free the people from the Romans, just like Joshua the great warrior leader when the people came out of Egypt.

Chicken: How on earth will he do that?

Donkey: With his army of course. He's a mighty warrior and he has a big sword. He's going to rain down fury on the Romans.

Chicken: You're crazy. (goes back to pecking)

Donkey: Look! The crowd is starting to go wild! MIGA! MIGA!

Mouse: Squeak! Squeak! Squeak!!

Chicken: What are you shouting?

Donkey: MIGA! Make Israel Great Again! Can't you hear the crowd?

Mouse: Squeak! Squeak! Squeak!!

Chicken: Oh look! Something IS happening!

Donkey: People are jumping up and down! He's coming! He's coming! Hooray!

Chicken: Oh I am getting excited! Hooray!

Donkey: Hosanna! Hosanna! Come on everyone, shout it with me! Hosanna!

Chicken: (very excited) Hosanna! Yippee! Hooray! HOOORAAAAY!!!

Mouse: Squeak! Squeak! Squeak!!

Donkey: Wait a minute! Where's the army? Where are the trumpets? Where are the banners?

Chicken: Wait. What?

Mouse: Squeak?

Donkey: I can just see him. He's not wearing any armour! He's not wearing any crown!

Chicken: He's just wearing ordinary clothes!

Donkey: He's just wearing ordinary clothes! And he's riding... he's riding...

Donkey and Chicken to each other: A DONKEY!

Mouse: Squeak?

Chicken: What on earth is going on?

Donkey: A king on a donkey??! What kind of king is this? Hey, wait a minute! That donkey looks mighty familiar!

Chicken: What you know her?

Donkey: I do know her. That's my cousin Debra! She's carrying Jesus! Hey, Debra! And there's her little brother Danny beside her.

Chicken: You're related to someone famous?

Mouse: Squeak?

Donkey: I am related to someone famous! But why didn't they ask me? I could have carried Jesus. I would have done a great job. Gee, now I'm feeling annoyed. I'm not going to speak to Debra and Danny ever again!

Chicken: Oh stop being an ass!

Mouse: Squeak!!

Donkey: Stop being an ass? How rude? I just want to feel important for once. Why should they get all the glory?

Chicken: I thought you were here to celebrate the king?

Donkey: Well yes I am here to celebrate the king. He's just not quite the king I thought he was.