

## Palm Sunday 5 April 2020

Luke 19:28-40

<https://youtu.be/z-39h0xYqdE>

### The Rocks Cry Out!

Luke 19:40 “And He answered and said, ‘I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!’”

An often overlooked part of the Palm Sunday story is when the Pharisees approached Jesus. They insisted that Jesus reprimand the people from expressing their praises for Him as He enters Jerusalem. It’s almost as though the praises that nature wanted to sing out were being vented through the voices of the people. If those people were forbidden to praise the Son of God, then the rocks would absolutely burst as their praises built up.

Here’s an idea that’s not included in *Easter-rific!* It will give an idea of what you’ll find in this collection.

### Science Experiment

You’ll need to gather ...  
hydrogen peroxide (20 vol.)  
rocks  
clear vase  
liquid dish soap  
packet of yeast  
warm water  
custard dish  
funnel  
food coloring (optional)

Pour  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of hydrogen peroxide in the vase. (Optional: put 10 drops of food coloring in the peroxide.) Then, add three squirts of the liquid dish soap (about 3 T.) Swirl this around in the vase to mix it thoroughly. Carefully, place some clean rocks in the bottom of a clear vase, just enough to cover the bottom. In a custard cup, place 3 T. of warm water and the packet of yeast. Stir to dissolve and let set for one minute.

In the meantime, ask the children to tell you things that the rocks might cry out if people did not praise Jesus. What would burst from them? What would their praises be? The rocks in our vase are about to burst forth with their praises!

Now, pour the yeast mixture into the vase. (If the vase has a small opening, you’ll want to use the funnel; otherwise, just pour the yeast in.) Step back and watch the praises flow!