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**ON THE RECORD**

## Head full of dreams

By CHARLIE MARTIN

The acclaimed British rock group Coldplay has had a busy fall and early winter. They are on their "A Head Full of Dreams" concert tour. In November, they were among the feature artists in Mumbai at India's Global Citizen Festival, a one-day music scene that 80,000 attended.

Given their extensive career and too-many-awards-to-count reputation, having Coldplay at a gig is sure to bring in music lovers by the thousands. The title song off Coldplay's album, "A Head Full of Dreams," and the concept behind a gathering celebrating global citizenship, brings added meaning to both. Twenty-first-century humanity does have so many dreams, and yet to reach these dreams, we need to extend what it means to be a citizen of the world beyond any one culture or nationality.

While elections in the United Kingdom and United States seemed to erode a focus on our common humanity, above all we continue to remain just that, one human family created from the image and likeness of our Creator. The song speaks a truth that we need to hear, that "you can see the change you want to, be what you want to be."

Those changes include an end to all the violence that afflicts so many in God's global family. It means honoring every race, religion and culture as a manifestation of God's love for humanity.

And we must establish a deeply felt commitment to vigilantly safeguard the earth's environment for the future of all who will come after us. To reach such deeply spiritual goals, we will need to learn to be global citizens, sure members of God's family over any other division of what it means to be human.

The song adds that we must see where "miracles are at work." Miracles happen every day; God's power is unlimited. Hearts can change, reconciliation can grow and the senselessness of violence can be unmasked.

In your personal life, God's miracles also unfold. What will be the miracles that your head full of dreams will work toward? Global citizenship, membership in the family of God, begins right where you are.

Will you speak the language of respect for all of God's people in your school, among your friends and in your wider community?

Will you challenge in your parish and other groups that you are part of to put care for the earth into an active plan? You can show a commitment to global citizenship by putting effort into brainstorming new steps for care of the earth. As Catholics, we are fortunate to have Pope Francis as one who speaks eloquently about addressing the burden of poverty in our world – how climate change will continue to make the world's poor even poorer.

Pope Francis asks each of us to have a "head full of dreams" as we live out what it means to be God's family in this age.

With Pope Francis, we stake our hopes on the One who was the biggest dreamer of all time, who announced a kingdom of God that has no political or geographic boundaries. Jesus' teaching proclaimed a reign of the heart where limitless kindness, respect and forgiveness creates a safe place where each person's well-being matters.

Jesus had a "head full of dreams." Do you?

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### "A Head Full of Dreams"

Oh I think I landed  
In a world I hadn't seen  
When I'm feeling ordinary  
When I don't know what I mean

Oh I think I landed  
Where there are miracles at work  
For the first and final hunger  
Come the conference of birds

Saying it's true  
It's not what it seems  
Leave your broken windows open  
And in the light just streams

And you get a head  
A head full of dreams  
You can see the change you want to  
Be what you want to be

When you get a head  
A head full of dreams  
It's a laugh that's just been spoken  
With a head full! A head full of dreams!

Oh, I think I landed  
Where there are miracles at work  
Now you've got me open headed  
Now you've got me lost for words

I sing oh  
I sing oh  
A head full of dreams

It's enough  
I've just been spoken  
With a head full  
A head full of dreams

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## CHILDREN'S STORY

### Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey

By JENNIFER FICCAGLIA  
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Jesus and his apostles were about to travel to Jerusalem. Before they left, Jesus explained what would happen when they arrived.

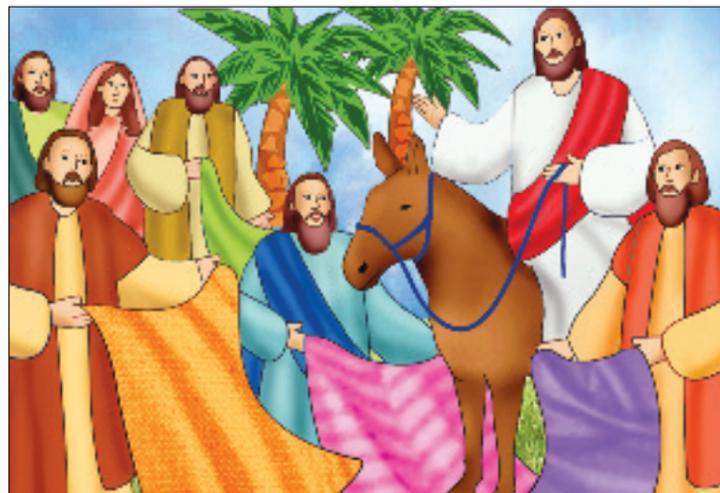
"The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and hand him over to the gentiles to be mocked and scourged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day," he told his friends.

As they neared Jerusalem, they came to the village of Bethpage on the Mount of Olives.

Jesus told his friends to go into the village, where they would find a donkey tethered with her colt.

"Untie them and bring them here to me," Jesus instructed. "And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.'"

Jesus asked his disciples to bring him the animals to fulfill what had been spoken many years ago by the prophets: "Say to daughter Zion, 'Behold, your king comes to you,



meek and riding on (a donkey), and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

Two apostles went to get the donkey and the colt, and they laid their cloaks on the animals' backs. Jesus rode them the rest of the way to Jerusalem.

As Jesus and his friends were about to enter the city, they saw a very large crowd. It was near the time for the Jewish festival of Passover, so there were many people visiting Jerusalem.

When the people saw Jesus, they began spreading their cloaks on the road so he could ride over them. Others cut palm branches and laid them in the road as well.

Eventually, throngs of people were in front of and behind Jesus.

They were all shouting and waving at him with excitement.

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest," the people exclaimed.

And when Jesus finally entered the city gates, those who were not outside to greet Jesus were shocked at all the commotion and wondered what was going on.

"This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee," the people in the crowd replied.

**READ MORE ABOUT IT:**  
Matthew 21

**Q&A**  
1. To which city did Jesus and the apostles travel?  
2. What did the people put in the road?

## PUZZLE

Put a T next to the sentences that are true, and put an F next to the ones that are false. Hints have been provided.

1. Jesus cured people in the Temple area. (Matthew 21:14)
2. Jesus told the people to keep their tax money from Caesar. (Matthew 22:15-22)
3. Jesus said the Temple would not be destroyed. (Matthew 24:1-2)
4. Jesus told the apostles the exact day of his return. (Matthew 24:23-26)
5. Jesus was betrayed by Judas. (Matthew 26:14-16)

Answer: See page 18

## ESSAY

Why is Jesus' entry into Jerusalem important?

## BIBLE ACCENT

### Jesus instituted the Eucharist at Last Supper

Jesus did and said many things after he arrived in Jerusalem before the Passover. For example, in Matthew 21, we read that Jesus went to the Temple and drove out the people who were buying and selling things. He was upset that God's house was being used as a place of business instead of a place of prayer.

He also told many parables. These included the parable of the tenants and the parable of the two sons in Matthew 21, the parable of the wedding feast in Matthew 22, and the parable of the 10 virgins and the parable of the talents in Matthew 25.

Also in Matthew 22, Jesus taught the people that the greatest commandment was to love God with all their

hearts and to love their neighbors as themselves. He also told the people in Matthew 23 to listen to the words of the Pharisees and scribes but not to follow their hypocritical examples.

In Matthew 24, Jesus told his apostles about the signs they should look for that signaled his return. He warned his friends to not be deceived by false messiahs.

When the time for Passover came, Jesus and his disciples gathered together for one last meal. We read in Matthew 26 that Jesus gave his friends bread and wine to drink, saying that it was his body and blood. It was during this meal, which we call the Last Supper, that Jesus instituted the Eucharist.

## FEATURED SAINT

### St. Agnes of Montepulciano

St. Agnes of Montepulciano was born in Italy around 1270. She was raised by nuns, and when she was 15, she was made the superior of a new convent. She was asked to found a convent in Montepulciano.

Agnes lived on bread and water, and slept on the ground for 15 years. She was said to have visions and work miracles.

She died in 1317, and we remember her on April 20.

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