

DEAR JESUS...¹

Dear Jesus,

Just a quick note to let you know how much we enjoyed the parade Sunday. We thought the picnic was a wonderful idea. Of course, the perfect weather helped. It was such a treat to gather with you and the disciples, there in the meadow... And that chicken that Jim fixes... yum! I have **got** to get the recipe.

The kids had a lot of fun with the relay races and the ball game. And when you got on that donkey... I thought I'd split with laughter! Hey, Clint Eastwood you ain't – but it all worked out...

You, riding into the city with your feet dragging – and the kids running beside you, waving palms... sweeping the road ahead of you – marching like drum majorettes, directing imaginary bands... The rest of us got into it – laughing and singing and shouting our *Hey sanna's* and our *Ho sanna's* and our *sanna sanna Ho's...*

I bet you were pleased with the turnout. There were a lot of disciples there I hadn't seen for a while. And it really caught the attention of folks who were out for Sunday strolls or were just hanging around. Plenty of strangers and visitors, and most of them seemed interested in what was going on.

I thought your little speech at the city gate was good – but I suggest going easy on the whole Messiah idea. I realize the donkey and the parade point in that direction. But really, Jesus, you don't seem very Messiah-*ish*, if you know what I mean. It just isn't you. At least that's the way I see it.

Anyway, I think we made a breakthrough Sunday. People are beginning to recognize you – are curious about your message. You are being noticed. The tough times are nearly over.

We had a wonderful time at the picnic and parade. I wish we could come to your supper Thursday – I really do – and be with you Friday, too. But we've made other plans... sorry about that – you know how it is, what with one thing and another. We'll call you sometime – maybe Saturday...

¹ *Dear Jesus, we did enjoy the parade, but...*, [The Next Voice You Hear](#), David Steele, Geneva Press 1999, pages 73-74.