

# Luke 19:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt?

## Analysis

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**As they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt?** (λυόντων...τῶν κυρίων αὐτοῦ, lyontōn...tōn kyriōn autou). The verb loose (λύω, lyō) will become thematically significant—Christ came to 'loose' (same root) those bound by sin. The owners (κύριοι, kyrioi—plural of 'lord') challenge the disciples, creating potential conflict that Jesus had foreseen and prepared them to navigate.

This seemingly mundane encounter reveals Christ's meticulous preparation. He arranged this beforehand, either supernaturally or through prior contact with sympathetic disciples in Bethany. The owners' question tests whether the disciples will faithfully deliver the message exactly as instructed. Their obedience to Christ's word, even when challenged, models faithful discipleship under pressure.

## Historical Context

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Property rights were sacred in Jewish law (Exodus 20:15). Taking someone's animal without permission constituted theft. The disciples were in a legally and socially awkward position, relying entirely on the authority of Jesus's name. This scenario would test whether they truly believed He was the Messiah with authority to requisition property.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How do you respond when your obedience to Christ is questioned or challenged by others?
2. What does this interaction teach about Jesus's concern to respect human ownership even while asserting His ultimate lordship?
3. In what situations might you need to use the simple explanation 'The Lord has need of it' to justify seemingly unusual obedience?

## Interlinear Text

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λύετε	δὲ	αὐτούς	τὸν	πῶλον	εἶπον	οἱ	κύριοι
as they were loosing	And	them	G3588	the colt	said	G3588	the owners
G3089	G1161	G846		G4454	G2036		G2962
αὐτούς	πρὸς	αὐτούς	Τί	λύετε	τὸν	πῶλον	
them	unto	them	Why	as they were loosing	G3588	the colt	
G846	G4314	G846	G5101	G3089		G4454	

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