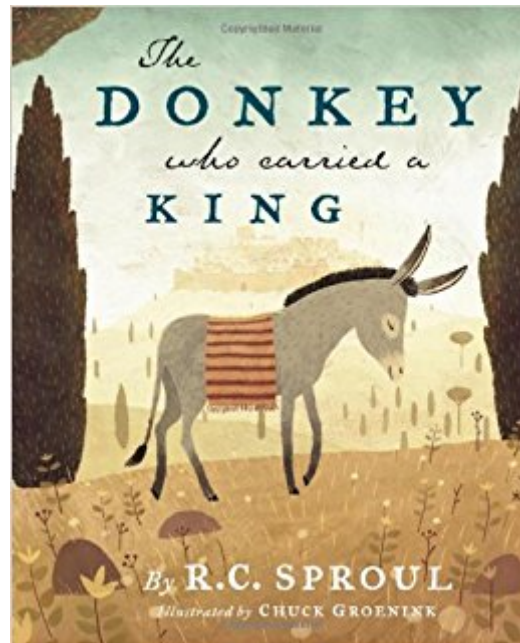




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The Donkey Who Carried A King



Synopsis

SummaryThe biblical teaching that Jesus was the Suffering Servant who carried the sins of His people when He went to the cross is vividly brought home to children in *The Donkey Who Carried a King*, a children's book from respected theologian, author, and educator Dr. R.C. Sproul. Davey was a young donkey who was bored and unhappy because he was never given anything to do. Then one day, some strangers came to the gate and Davey's master picked him for a very special task. Davey carried the King, Jesus, into Jerusalem. A few days later, Davey saw some angry people making the King carry a heavy beam of wood. Davey could not understand it until another donkey helped him see that the King was being a Servant on behalf of His people. *The Donkey Who Carried a King* offers a unique perspective on the events of Jesus' Passion Week and calls all believers, both young and old, to follow in the footsteps of the Suffering Servant for the glory of God. Jesus was willing to leave the glories of heaven to suffer and die in this world on our behalf, so we should serve Him with all our hearts.

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Customer Reviews

Dr. R.C. Sproul is the founder and chairman of Ligonier Ministries, based in Sanford, Florida. He also serves as senior minister of preaching and teaching at Saint Andrew's in Sanford and as president of Ligonier Academy of Biblical and Theological Studies. His teaching can be heard

around the world on the daily radio program *Renewing Your Mind*. He is the author of more than seventy books, including several other children's books, such as *The King Without a Shadow*, *The Lightlings*, *The Prince's Poison Cup*, and *The Priest with Dirty Clothes*.

When I picked up this book I expected a straightforward retelling of the Easter events, with some explanation about the significance of the donkey in the Triumphal Entry. This is instead a moral lesson based on Matthew 20:28 - "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." In the setup, a young boy comes home distraught at being picked last for a game. His grandfather sits down with him and tells the story of Davey the donkey, who learns from his old friend Barnabas that although he was chosen to carry a great King, that didn't mean he was too good for simple roles. The King Himself humbly chose to become a willing servant, so Christians should recognize that every role is important and not seek only prominent positions. After making this point, Grandpa explains that Jesus died to save His people from their sins, bearing their punishment and erasing their guilt. He now reigns forever with His Father, and is worthy of our service. Although the story hangs on the events of Jesus' Passion, burial and resurrection, the main part of it is entirely fictional. We know almost nothing about the real donkey on which the fictional Davey is based, except that he fulfilled the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9. Davey's donkey friend Barnabus, who is supposed to have carried Jesus' mother Mary to Bethlehem, isn't actually mentioned in the Bible at all. Although the meaning of Easter is explained on the last page, the Gospel isn't the main point of the story -- rather, you might say the main point depends on an understanding of the Gospel. It's possible that some children reading this may be confused about the historical events of Easter. However, even children usually understand the difference between real animals and anthropomorphized ones. Although I'm usually uncomfortable with embellished Bible stories, if anybody can pull it off without getting into theological trouble it's R.C. Sproul. This book is well-written, interesting and engaging, and attractively illustrated. It has a biblical message, and although its message isn't central to the Easter observance, it could make a good addition to an Easter reading basket.

we love this book. I am trying to instill a Christ-like attitude in my child at an early age and purchased this for Christmas for him. The pictures are beautiful and the story is precious. This is an exceptional author who wrote several Christian books.

bought for my 5 year old. Its pretty lengthy for him, but we definitely will enjoy it later.

It is very difficult to find Christian children's literature that is also quality. This one is excellent. It is beautiful, and compelling. These are not the most important things, but when it comes to a child selected resource I think they are important. This, however, mentions 3 stories with a donkey from the Bible which I love. It mainly focuses on when Jesus rode the donkey over the palm leaves from the point of view of the donkey. This covers thankfulness, humility, and the Gospel. I loved it and will be purchasing books by the same author. There is so much good in this one I can't even think of any flaws.

LOVE THIS BOOK!!!! As the "parent" of two sweet donkeys myself, I love books about donkeys. This book is very pretty!!! I HIGHLY RECOMMEND IT!!!

This book is incredible. I love that the main character (a donkey) who will eventually get to carry Jesus, speaks with another donkey that carried Mary into Bethlehem. It's just precious to recount the plans of God in this unique way. Great story - points to Jesus. Would make a great gift.

I'm 10 years old and I got this book for Christmas. I think It teaches very important lessons. To not give up do your best and to do what your told with out complaining. Jesus died on the cross to save us and he wants us to behave good to God and other people. The illustrations are GREAT and the donkey learned not to be sassy and every job is important. Thanks to Mr. Sproul for a good book!

great story -- redemption for donkeys. sturdy/colorful book. great for my grandson who loves donkeys!

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