

LUKE 19: 28 - 40

Simple puppet script: You will need a donkey puppet and a person as the host

Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls! Today we have, at great expense to the management, the most famous celebrity donkey of all time. More famous than Mr. Ed the talking horse, more entertaining than Donkey in Shrek, deeper than Eeyore, friend of Winnie the Pooh...Yes, folks, today we talk to Digby Donkey. So let's hear it for Digby!!!
(Crowd goes wild).

Digby appears, wearing sunglasses, nodding to various sections of the audience.

Well, Digby, it's great to have you here. You are very famous, I believe, but can you tell us why? How does a humble donkey come to be a star, such as yourself?

Digby brays expressively.

Ah-hah! Hmmm, hmmm, aha, ahah. Did we all get that, boys and girls? No? – Digby, it seems that not everyone understands what you are on about. We're all really excited that you're here though, aren't we?

(Crowd cheers ecstatically again.)

Digby brays again.

Yes, well...let me just fill in a few details from your biography "Day of the Donkey".

(Show book with mock up cover)

Here's an incident from when you were just a young colt:

²⁸When Jesus had finished saying all this, he went on toward Jerusalem. ²⁹As he was getting near Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples on ahead. ³⁰He told them, "Go into the next village, where you will find a young donkey that has never been ridden.

Digby brays again.

So that's you, Digby?

Untie the donkey and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks why you are doing that, just say, 'The Lord needs it.'³²They went off and found everything just as Jesus had said. ³³While they were untying the donkey, its owners asked, "Why are you doing that?"

³⁴They answered, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵Then they led the donkey to Jesus. They put some of their clothes on its back and helped Jesus get on. ³⁶And as he rode along, the people spread clothes on the road in front of him. ³⁷When Jesus was starting down the Mount of Olives, his large crowd of disciples were happy and praised God because of all the miracles they had seen.

³⁸They shouted,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory to God."

³⁹Some Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, make your disciples stop shouting!"

⁴⁰But Jesus answered, "If they keep quiet, these stones will start shouting."

Digby brays very excitedly.

Oh dear! I'm still not exactly sure what Digby is trying to say.

Digby brays in frustration and disappears

Oh, no, Digby! Where have you gone? Come back. Girls and boys, what's happened to Digby? It was so great to have him here – we were so excited - even though I didn't fully understand him. But now he's gone! Oh dear.

Digby brays from behind the screen, then reappears with a sign saying

LIKE JESUS

What's this? Read this Girls and Boys, what is Digby trying to say? Together – "Like Jesus".

What is? What is like Jesus?

Digby Brays in frustration and disappears again. He reappears with the signs in the following order.

CROWDS EXCITED

DIDN'T UNDERSTAND
JESUS

JESUS DIED

JESUS CAME BACK

Ohhhhhh. Digby, I see. Like Jesus – when Jesus entered through the gates of the city, the crowds were so excited to see him, just like we were excited to see you!

Digby Brays enthusiastically

But then you disappeared and I didn't really understand what you were doing before – I just didn't get it until you came back.

And the crowds didn't really understand what Jesus was doing either. The people didn't get it until after Jesus came back to life.

Digby brays again

Now I get it! I really get it! Digby, you really are a sensational Donkey, and it has been great to have you here today. One more big cheer for Digby!