

## The Donkey that Helped Jesus

Jesus was always helping others, but this time He needed some help. He asked his two friends to go and get the donkey. Now getting a donkey may seem like an easy job, but this donkey had never been ridden before. A donkey that has never been ridden usually bucks and kicks the first time someone sits on its back because it's not used to the heavy weight. Like a horse, a donkey has to be trained to take riders and heavy loads.

The two friends of Jesus knew that the donkey had never been ridden. They might have been wondering whether the donkey would kick them as they untied it. They may have thought, 'What does Jesus want with an untrained donkey,' but even though they didn't understand, they obeyed. They did exactly as Jesus said, without arguing or complaining, and to their surprise, the donkey came with them very willingly. It didn't even buck when they laid coats on its back.

The two disciples were being servants because they were helping Jesus. Though he didn't know it, the little donkey was going to be a servant for Jesus too, because he was going to carry King Jesus into Jerusalem. As soon as Jesus got on to the donkey's back, the donkey must have known that Jesus was someone special. The donkey didn't feel afraid with Jesus. He stood quite still as Jesus climbed on to his back. Then he walked along quietly into Jerusalem, carrying Jesus. The donkey wasn't even afraid when he came to the crowds of people that lined the roadway, cheering and shouting 'Hosanna'. How noisy it was. But the little donkey just kept going.