

Abiding Faith Baptist Church
Sunday, April 5, 2020

Order of Service (Streamed)

Call to Worship- 10:30 A.M.

Opening Song & Prayer ~ Deacons

Selection – Male Chorus
Representatives

Sermon
Rev. Shelton Tillman

Invitation to Discipleship

Tithes and Offering – Via Website

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SUBJECT: "WHO THE DUMB ASS"!

SCRIPTURE: Numbers 22:21-33

21 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab. 22 And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the Lord stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him. 23 And the ass saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way. 24 But the angel of the Lord stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side. 25 And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again. 26 And the angel of the Lord went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. 27 And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff. 28 And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times? 29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee. 30 And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? and he said, Nay. 31 Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face. 32 And the angel of the Lord said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me: 33 And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive.

INTRODUCTION: For ages and generations God's people have been amazed and astonished that a donkey could speak! As I looked over this passage of Scripture, I found it much harder to understand the Prophet than it was to believe that God could make a donkey speak. Balaam, the Prophet, would say one thing and do another. Like some Christians, he's hard to figure out. For years bible students have tried to figure him out. Was he a real Prophet? Was he a true Prophet? Was he a false Prophet? Hmmm? Hard to figure him out. But the donkey makes good sense to me!

I. THE DONKEY MAKES GOOD SENSE TO ME!

II. KNOW WHEN YOU ARE TALKING TO A DUMB ASS!

III. SOME MORE DUMB ASSES!

Reverend Sheldon Tillman