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From the author of the international bestseller *The Last Station*, a superb historical novel of the Apostle Paul, whose tireless and epic preaching of the message of Jesus brought Christianity into existence and changed human history forever.

In the years after Christ's crucifixion, Paul of Tarsus, a prosperous tentmaker and Jewish scholar, took it upon himself to persecute the small groups of his followers that sprung up. But on the road to Damascus, he had some sort of blinding vision, a profound conversion experience that transformed Paul into the most effective and influential messenger Christianity has ever had. In *The Damascus Road* novelist Jay Parini brings this fascinating and ever-controversial figure to full human life, capturing his visionary passions and vast contradictions. In relating Paul's epic journeys, both geographical and spiritual, he unfolds a vivid panorama of the ancient world on the verge of epochal change. And in the alternating voice of the Gospel writer Luke, Paul's travel companion, scribe, and ghostwriter, a cooler perspective on his actions and beliefs emerges -- ironic but still filled with wonder at Paul's unshakable commitment to the Christ and his divinity.

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I recently saw the film Paul Apostle of Christ and this inspired a desire for greater details of the world of Paul. This book gives a bountiful serving and paints a fleshed out portrait of the man who was part of the centerpiece of the Christian movement. It serves as a kind of time machine delivering us into the both large and small aspects of Paul's daily life. This book also lets us know Luke in a more familiar and relatable way. Whether you are a student of the Bible or have never read a page, this is a novel one could read again and again picking up fresh ideas each time.
