



FOLLOW THE  
**DONKEY**

# LIVING IN SLAVERY



*Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. "Look," he said to his people, "the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. Come, we must deal shrewdly with them, or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country." So, they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh.*

**Exodus 1:8-10**



# **A CRY FOR HELP**



***During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God heard their groaning, and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. So, God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.***

***Exodus 2:24-25***



# CHOSEN REDEEMER

A Redeemer is somebody sent to buy something back

Moses was born an Israelite but was adopted by Pharoh's daughter

While he we being raised Egyptian, his mom got to raise him

He eventually decides to embrace his Hebrew background

In a moment of anger, he kills an Egyptian man



## FREE TO MIDIAN



# BECOMES A SHEPHERD



# THE GOOD SHEPHERD





**MOSES SEES  
A LIGHT**

# THE BURNING BUSH

# GO!



# THREE SIGNS

1. He is told to drop his staff on the ground
2. He is told to put his hand into his cloak
3. He told Moses to take water from the Nile pool it on the ground and it would turn to blood

PICK  
SOMEBODY ELSE!



# AWESOME STORY

It shows us God hears our prayers

It tells us who God is

It demonstrates God's Power

And even tells us God listens to our concerns

# WHERE'S THE DONKEY?



# SADDLE UP YOUR DONKEY

## **Moses Talks with his Father-in-law**

*Then Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, "Let me return to my own people in Egypt to see if any of them are still alive." Jethro said, "Go, and I wish you well.*

*"Honor your father and your mother,  
so that you may live long in the land  
the Lord your God is giving you.*

**Exodus 4:18**

**Exodus 20:12**



# SADDLE UP YOUR DONKEY

## Moses hears from God Again

*Now the Lord had said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, for all those who wanted to kill you are dead."*

**You every have those moments of doubt?**

**Exodus 4:19**

**You are preparing for the mission those nagging thought keep coming**

**God circles back and encourages Moses that together, they've got this**



# SADDLE UP YOUR DONKEY

## Moses Takes on the Mission

*So, Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a **donkey** and started back to Egypt. And he took the staff of God in his hand*

**The burning bush experience was  
life changing for Moses**

**Exodus 4:20**

# MOSES HAD TO GO!



# EASTER CONNECTION



*Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

**Zechariah 9:9**

## **The Redeemer Comes!**

**Moses was the chosen redeemer for Israel, and he went to them riding on a donkey**

**Jesus was the sent redeemer for humanity, and he also came riding on a donkey**



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## **Offers Freedom from Slavery**

**Moses left his home to head to his people to deliver them from slavery**

**Jesus left his people to come to his people to offer freedom from the slavery of sin (*Romans 7:25*)**



# EASTER CONNECTION

## Accepted God's Mission

**Moses did exactly what God asked him to do**

**He went to Pharoh and demanded to freedom of  
God's people**

**He worked signs and wonders to confirming God's  
power**

**He led them and guided them in their journey**

**Even when they wandered, he stayed faithful**



# EASTER CONNECTION

## Jesus Did the Same

**He Came!**

**He lived doing signs and miracles  
confirming God's power**

**He went to the cross providing a  
way back to God**

**He sent the Holy Spirit to guide  
and direct**

**And even when we stray, he still  
offers come to me**



# EASTER CONNECTION

## He gave His mission to Us

*Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

**Matthew 28:19-20**

**The cross of Jesus is not just our call to salvation, but our burning bush moment where we are commended to Go**



A donkey stands in a desert landscape under a dramatic, orange-hued sunset sky. The donkey is positioned on the right side of the frame, facing left. The text "Follow the DONKEY" is overlaid on the left side of the image, with "DONKEY" in a larger, bold font. Below it, the text "Will you GO?" is written in a smaller font. The overall scene is a desert landscape with low-lying vegetation and a dirt path.

**Follow the  
DONKEY**

**Will you GO?**