

# Journey with the Rabbi

## Week 2 Devotional — The King, The Donkey, and The Kingdom

### Day 1 — The Donkey Was Always There

#### Scripture

Genesis 22:3

#### Hebrew

חמור (Chamor) — donkey

חומר (Chomer) — material, substance

#### Devotional

The donkey shows up early.

Before Sinai.

Before the Exodus.

Before the throne of David.

Abraham saddles it on the way to offer his son.

The Torah didn't have to mention it.

But it does.

Because the story is not just about a journey.

It's about a pattern.

The donkey represents the material world.

The physical.

The visible.

The part of life we often either worship... or try to escape.

But Scripture does neither.

It doesn't reject the material.

It redeems it.

#### Questions

- What part of my life do I treat as “just physical” instead of sacred?
- Where am I being led by my desires instead of directing them?

#### Write

## Day 2 — What You Saddle Matters

### Scripture

Exodus 4:20

### Hebrew

סדר (Seder) — order, alignment

### Devotional

Moses places his family on the donkey.

The same image appears again.

Different moment.

Same symbol.

This is the beginning of redemption.

And the donkey is still there.

Because redemption doesn't happen outside the material world.

It happens through it.

The question is not whether you have a life.

The question is:

Is your life aligned?

### Questions

- Where is my life out of order right now?
- What am I carrying that God never asked me to carry?

### Write

## Day 3 — The King Was Already Seen

### Scripture

Genesis 49:10–11

### Hebrew

מלכות (Malchut) — kingship

שמחה (Simcha) — joy

### Devotional

Jacob saw it before anyone else.

A King would come from Judah.

A ruler to whom the nations would bow.

And strangely...

he saw a donkey.

And a vine.

Power and abundance.

Kingship and joy.

These are not separate images.

They belong together.

The Kingdom is not just authority.

It is life overflowing.

But there is tension in the image.

Because the same King who brings abundance...

will also carry the burden.

### Questions

- Do I want the blessings of the Kingdom without submitting to the King?
- What am I truly attached to right now?

### Write

## Day 4 — Two Ways the King Comes

### Scripture

Daniel 7:13

Zechariah 9:9

### Hebrew

יראת שמים (Yirat Shamayim) — awe of heaven

תשובה (Teshuvah) — return

### Devotional

The rabbis noticed something.

Two visions of the Messiah.

One comes in the clouds.

Glory. Power. Authority.

The other comes on a donkey.

Quiet. Humble. Low.

Which one is true?

Both.

The difference is not in Him.

The difference is in us.

If we are ready for glory, He comes in glory.

If we are not... He comes in humility.

God meets us where we are.

But He refuses to leave us there.

### Questions

- Am I spiritually awake to what God is doing?
- What in me needs to return to Him?

### Write

## Day 5 — What You Wave Reveals Your Heart

### Scripture

John 12:13

### Hebrew

רצון (Ratzon) — desire, will

### Devotional

They waved palm branches.

Victory.

Freedom.

Breakthrough.

They weren't wrong.

They were just incomplete.

They wanted liberation from Rome.

God was bringing liberation from sin.

They saw the King.

But they misunderstood the mission.

Palm branches reveal something:

What you believe victory looks like.

### Questions

- What does victory look like to me right now?
- Where might I be misunderstanding what God is doing?

### Write

## Day 6 — The Donkey Test

### Scripture

Zechariah 9:9

### Hebrew

ענוה (Anavah) — humility

ביטחון (Bitachon) — trust

### Devotional

He comes on a donkey.

Not fast.

Not impressive.

Not overwhelming.

This is the test.

Because we all say we want God to move.

But we want Him to move in ways that feel:

Powerful

Obvious

Immediate

But what if He comes:

Slow

Quiet

Humbling

Would you still follow?

### Questions

- Can I trust God when His way feels slower than I want?
- Where is humility being formed in me right now?

### Write

## Day 7 — The Victory You Didn't Expect

### Scripture

Revelation 7:9–10

### Hebrew

גאולה (Geulah) — redemption

עבודה (Avodah) — worship, service

### Devotional

They waved palm branches once...  
hoping for victory.

They will wave them again...  
because victory has come.

But the victory didn't look like conquest.

It looked like surrender.

It looked like sacrifice.

It looked like a cross.

And that changed everything.

Because the greatest victory was never political.  
It was eternal.

### Questions

- Do I trust God's definition of victory?
- Am I seeking transformation... or just outcomes?

### Write

## **Final Closing (Rabbi Jason Style)**

The donkey was never the problem.

The palms were never the problem.

The expectations were.

You can recognize the King...

and still miss the Kingdom.

The invitation is simple:

Let Him reorder your desires.

Let Him lead your life.

And let the King...

actually be King.