

#### Jesus and the Kingdom of God Matthew 16-28 Who is Jesus? Mar 5 16:13-28 Caesarea Philippi 17:1-13 **Mar 12** Is Jesus Fully God? **Transfiguration** 19:16-26 **Mar 19** What Is Required? **Rich Young Ruler** Mar 26 21:1-11 More than a Prophet **Triumphant Entry** Parable 5. Apr 2 21:33-45 Wicked Tenants If I Reject Jesus? Parable 6. Apr 9 **Wedding Banquet** Happy Easter Offered to All? 22:1-14 7. Apr 16 Where Is Jesus? 28:1-15 Resurrection Parable 24:36-51 8. Apr 23 What About the Future? Thief in Night **How Do We Remember?** 26:36-46 Last Supper 9. Apr 30 10. May 7 Do I Have the Strength? **26:36-46** Gethsemane 11. May 14 Loyal? 26-63-75 Peter's Denial 12. May 21 Crucified 27:41-52 Crucifixion 13. May 28 What Do We Do Now? 28:16-20 Great Commission

#### **Lesson Author's Theme**

## Jesus fulfilled the prophecies associated with Israel's long-awaited King.

#### Matthew

20:1-28 Who Is Greatest in Kingdom—a Child!

20:29-35 Blind Men Healed Outside Jericho

**21:1-5** King's Prerogative – Lord Needs a Donkey

21:6-9 King's Celebration – Hosanna, Son of David, Blessed

21:10-11 People's Confusion – City Uproar over "Prophet" Jesus

#### Hosanna – "Save Now"





## **Key Verse Matthew 21:9**

Then the crowds who went ahead of Him and those who followed kept shouting:

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!



## Alternate Title

# Hosana ffsave Now! King of Kings

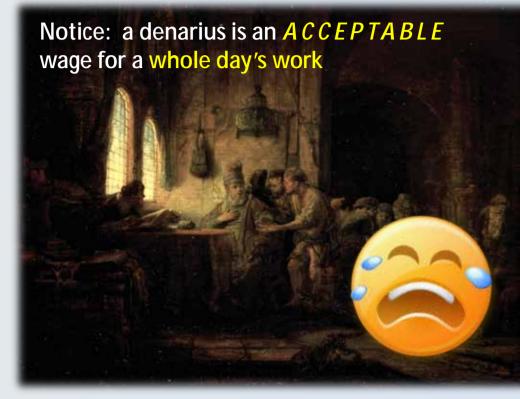


#### 20:1-35 Parable of Landowner Paying Equally

- 1-2 landowner finds workers in morning all agree to denarius a day
- 3-4 At 9 a.m., work and trust me
- <sup>5</sup> At noon & 3 p.m., work and trust me
- 6-7 At 5 p.m., some still want to work
- 8-9 At evening, he pays wages ...
  the last are first, all get a denarius
- 10 Those who worked all day

THOUGHT they would receive more,

but only get only a denarius too NOT happy campers



Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard 1637, by Rembrandt





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#### 20:1-28 Parable of Landowner Paying Equally

11-12 They grumbled against the landowner.

13-15 Unfair to them? – Didn't you agree?

"Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money?

Or are you envious because I am generous?"

16 "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."



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#### 20:1-28 Parable of Landowner Pay

17 Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem.

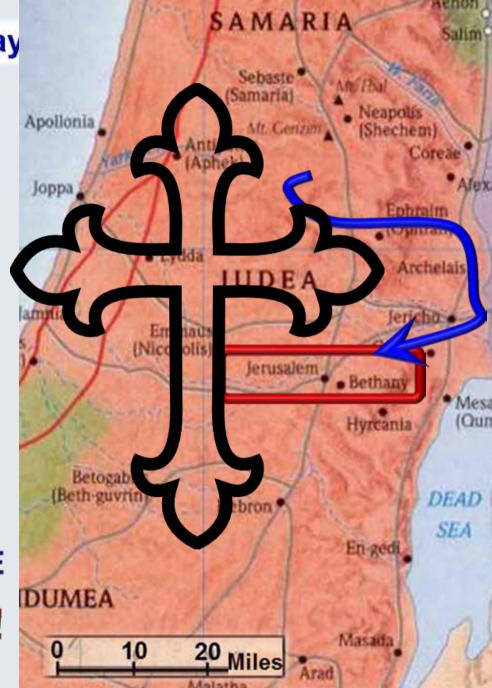
On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them,

You know ... a confidential Powwow
Pulls them aside to SHARE his heart
Pulls them aside to CONFIDE ...

Jesus KNOWS what is going to happen Jesus KNOWS that it will SHOCK them

Jesus will also go to Gethsemane ... so, though courageous, it is TERRIBLE

**NOT** easy going to the cross!





Jesus tells them the most horrendous future ...

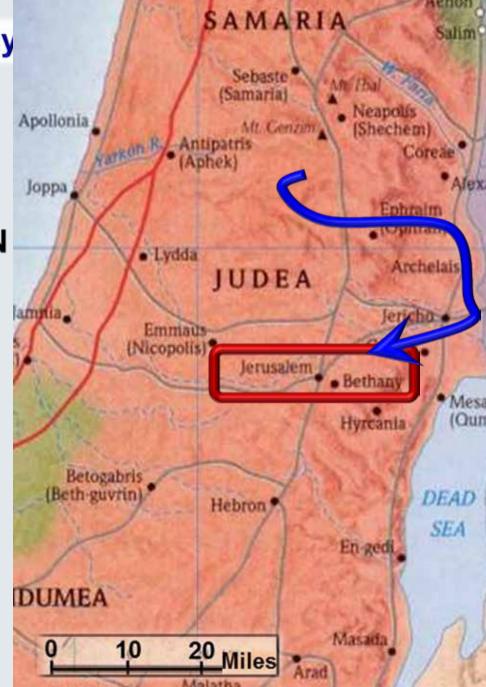
<sup>18-19</sup> Jesus tells them of his coming MOCKING, FLOGGING, & CRUCIFICTION ... and being raised on third day.

20 Mother of Zebedee's sons asked for her sons to sit at his right and left

<sup>22-23</sup> Jesus said, "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"

"We can," they answered.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said, "You will...."



#### 20:1-28 Parable of Landowner Paying Equally

Jesus clarifies this ... not really surprised not really shaken ... most are vain

<sup>23-24</sup> "but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These belong to those ... prepared by my Father." *Ten others are upset*.

25-27 Jesus called them together, mentions about rulers, then says "whoever wants to be great ... must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave

<sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to

give his life as a ransom for many.



#### 20:29-35 Blind Men Healed Outside Jericho

<sup>29</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed.

On the way to Jerusalem, via Jericho

Just outside of Jericho ...

According to Matthew, two blind men shout for Jesus

In Mark 10, just one, Blind Bartimaeus

FAMILIAR, because we

Jan 15. 2017, Sanctity of Life Sunday Prov. 24 & Mark 10, Value of All persons

Truly ... All Lives Matter



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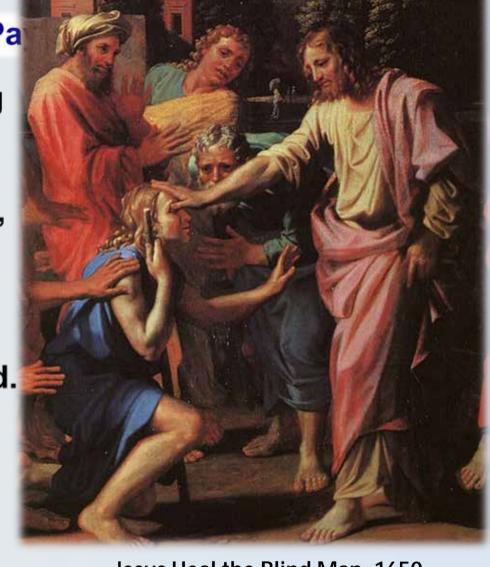
Two blind men by the roadside call out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

31 Crowd rebukes, but they get louder

Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

33 "Lord, we want our sight."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and FOLLOWED HIM.



Jesus Heal the Blind Man, 1650 by Nicolas Poussin

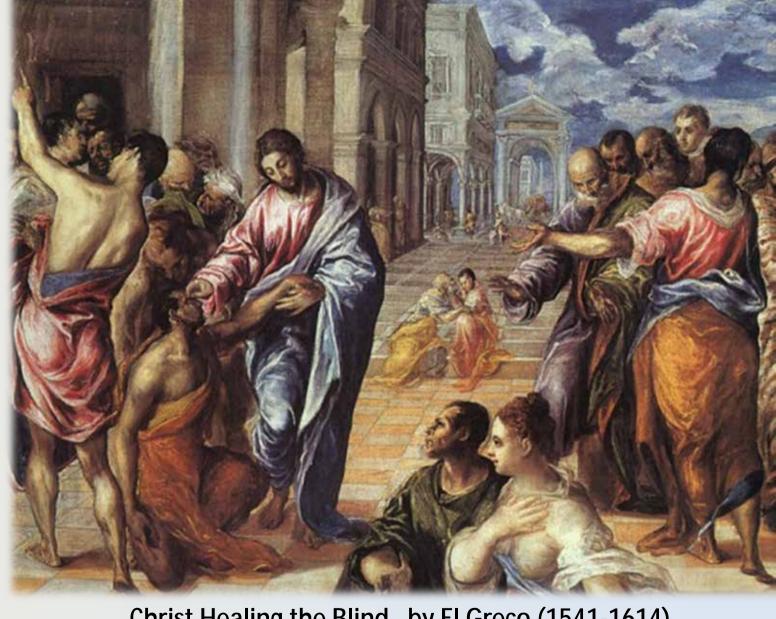
Ahh, who would NOT follow after that?



Near Jericho, Jesus heals a Blind beggar

By "El Greco" - the Greek

**Because his Greek** name is hard too pronounce



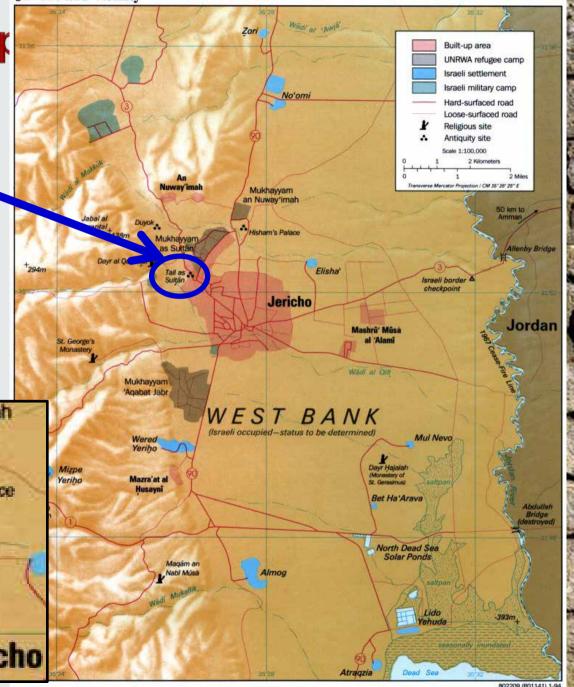
Christ Healing the Blind, by El Greco (1541-1614)

## Jericho Strategic Mar

Old Jericho of Joshua
Strategically ... Jericho
important pathway to and
from Israel's heartland

North and South, East and West through Central Hill Country Road to Jerusalem UP valley





#### Ancient Jericho ... 9000 B.C. ?

Jericho is today Tell al-Sultan

- √ 8000 B.C. walled city
- √ 370,000 sq ft or 8.5 acres
- ✓ walls 12 ft tall
- ✓ Over 70 dwellings have been found
- ✓ Several have excavated from 1868 ...

Most famous was Kathleen M. Kenyon who worked 1952-58 ...

did NOT yield 15th century wall

Kenyon & Thomas A. Holland's Excavations at Jericho: The Architecture and Stratigraphy of the Tell (1981).

Might seem trite, but she found no wall BECAUSE?

It was destroyed by God at trumpets and shouts



8000 B.C. Dwelling

#### Ancient Jericho ... 9000 B.C. ?

Jericho – today Tel al-Sultan ...

Oldest city in Land of Israel according to the Encyclopedia Judaica

Considered THE oldest WALLED city found

Considered one of the OLDEST inhabited cities in the world, like Damascus only a couple of breaks

According to archaeologists ... Jericho is "Citadel of the Neolithic Age"

i.e., Citadel of the New Stone Age

One of the most advanced cities of 8000 B.C.

... if you do NOT believe in a young earth



8-7000 B.C. Tower

#### **Ancient Jericho**

**Maness view on Young Earth** 

In 1980s, I was on an archaeological dig in Israel ...

Tel Yoqne'am ... just below Mt. Carmel

LOT OF WORK done in archaeology ...

Biblical chronology dates Creation circa 4100 B.C.

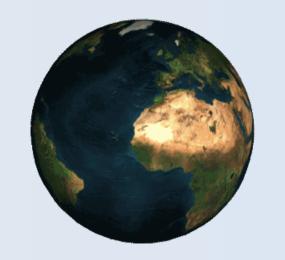
Aware of most of dating methods ... and gaps in record and a few of arguments for 5 billion-year-old earth

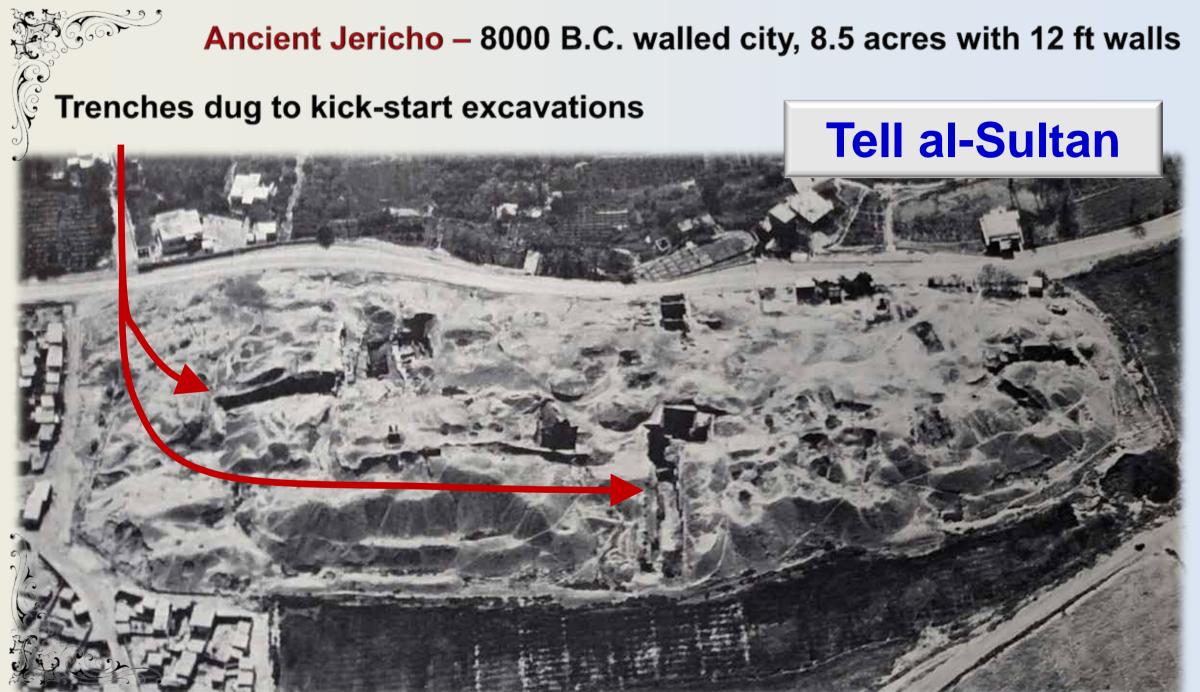
During our study of 2 Peter, we saw Scientific Creationism

Don't really care to debate ... or deal with all the fluff ...

My view is that the earth was CREATED c. 4100 B.C.

I'm gonna ride with the Bible





#### Modern Jericho – about a mile from old city

In West Bank under Palestinian Authority since 1994

Considered THE oldest WALLED city, circa 8000 B.C.

one of the OLDEST inhabited cities in the world, like Damascus

20 settlements since 9000 B.C.

**Hebrew Bible – "City of Palm Trees"** 

Natural springs yield 1,000 gals per hour!





**Municipal Seal of Jericho** 



## **Jericho FROM Monastery of Temptation**

Looking down ...

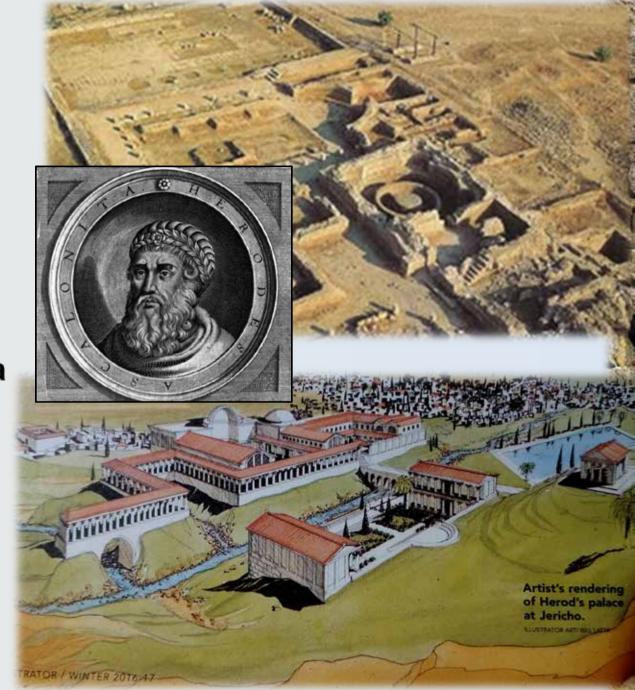




Herod the Great (37-4 B.C.) built huge palace @ Jericho

Herod retired and died in Jericho

- ✓ He built 2nd Jewish Temple called "Herod's Temple"
- ✓ He built Great Port of Caesarea
- ✓ He built a fortress @ Megiddo
- ✓ He built a palace on Masada
- ✓ He was also insane paranoid



#### **New Testament Jericho**

Luke 10:25-37

#### Who is your neighbor?

Jesus replied: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho"

he was attacked by robbers ...

Samaritan came ... bandaged his wounds.... brought him to an inn

<sup>36</sup> "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"



Parable of the Good Samaritan, 1670 by Jan Wijnants

#### **New Testament Jericks**

Luke 19
as Jesus passed through
Jericho on way to Jerusalem

#### before blind man/men

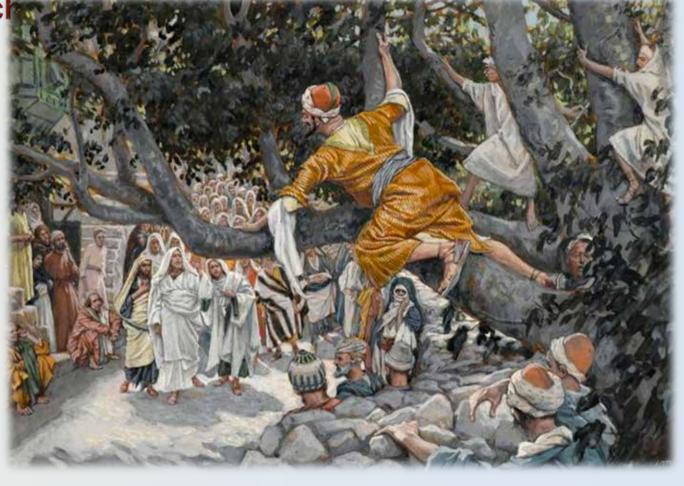
Jesus meets Zacchaeus and will be his guest

Jericho was a good place to collect taxes

Then Jesus heads
UP to Jerusalem

Luke tells us, too, that as Jesus approached Jerusalem

He wept over it



Zacchaeus in Sycamore Awaiting Passage of Jesus by James Tissot (1836-1902)

On their way to Jerusalem ...

<sup>46</sup> They came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting by road.

There is a substantial backstory ... the WEST gate was busier ... There is something else ... striking "Bartimaeus" is "Bar Timaeus" Like Simon Bar-Jona, "Son of Jona"



Christ Healing the Blind, c. 1570, by El Greco

**Bartimaeus = Son of Timaeus** 

Poor, blind NAMELESS beggar

"Son of Timaeus," they said

Who was SON of Timaeus? – we do NOT know!

What is SAD ... SAD ... SAD ...

He wanted to get near Jesus ...

But EVERYONE was saying, "Shut UP!"

Hey ... GOOD news for you ...

Jesus heard poor, blind, NAMELESS beggar

And he will hear YOU ...



Jesus Healing Blind Bartimaeus, 1861 by Johann Heinrich Stoever in Erbach, Rheingau, Germany

Oh, I can SEE him going there now!

His white cane clicking on the cobbled streets that Rome had paved decades ago

Sometimes stumbling ...

Often times shuffling his feet ...

I got a secret to tell you ...

Poor BLIND Mr. Nameless Beggar ...

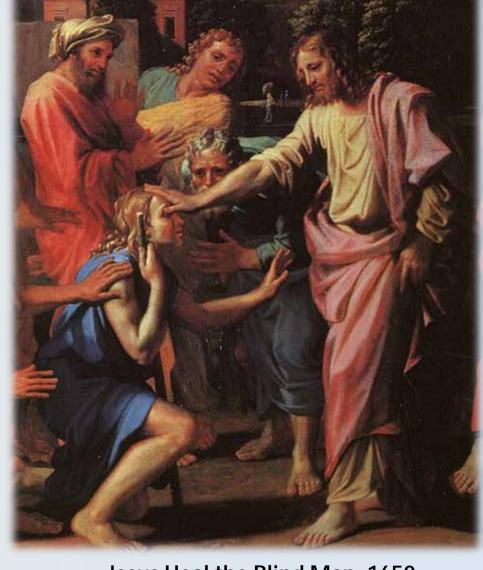
Never gets in hurry ...

#### **Blind Men NEVER Run**

**Blind are Dependent on others** 



Bar-Timaeus, Son of Timaeus, called out Called out to Bar-David ... Son of David The TWO men in Matthew CALLED out Have you ever known a **BLIND** person? **BLIND**, your other senses **ESCALATE** Your sense of **SMELL** escalates Your sense of **HEARING** escalates Your sense of TOUCH escalates You sniff, sniff, sniff like a Bloodhound You LISTEN to every crack & cricket You TOUCH ... TOUCH ... TOUCH



Jesus Heal the Blind Man, 1650 by Nicolas Poussin

Poor, blind Mr. Nameless Beggarman

... BLIND ...

You STILL see things ...

Like the KINDNESS of the local baker

Like Sophias – she always gave him bread as he shuffled his way home

Mr. Nameless KNEW when the blacksmith was working, HEARING ... SMELLING

Bartimaeus always avoids Duke the blacksmith, because ... Duke is MEAN

Duke humiliates Bartimaeus almost e v e r y d a y ...



Jesus Heal the Blind Man, 1650 by Nicolas Poussin

Poor, blind Mr. Nameless Beggarman everything is stranger ...

How he eats ... uses the "facilities"

Rich & poor children poke fun at him ...

Once, on his way to WORK ... begging just outside the West Gate of Jericho ...

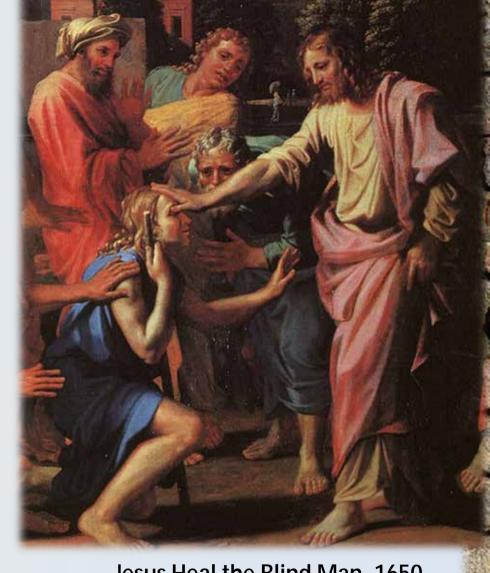
He slipped in a mud puddle ...

His robe was muddy ... took hours to dry

On hot days, he gets really hungry ...

He remembers a little old man ...

Bar-Zebadee ... and his goat milk cart ...



Jesus Heal the Blind Man, 1650 by Nicolas Poussin

BLIND ... few friends are DEARER ...

Bar-Zebadee ... came to town on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays ...

Bar-Zebadee lived 2 miles west of Jericho

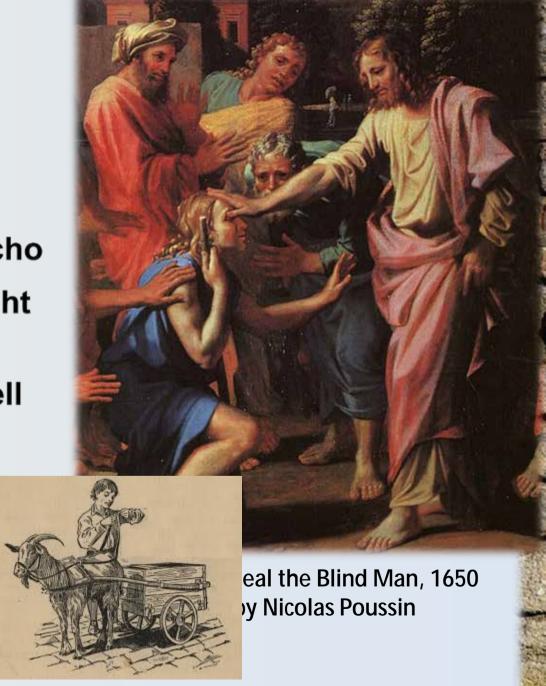
Hearing the goats ... Bartimaeus thought Bar-Zebadee must be 100 years old ...

When the wind was right, he could smell Bar-Zebadee coming hours before ...

Bartimaeus could hear the bells, too, a long way off ... closer and closer

Best of all ...

bestest of allII



Bartimaeus could hear the kindly ...

gracious ... gentle ... respectful voice

Bar-Zebadee always spoke first, rounding the corner with his goats & cans of milk

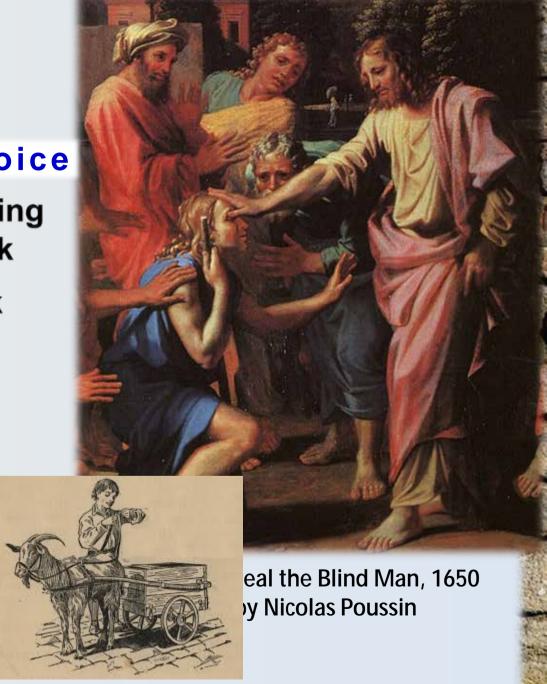
Bartimaeus could SMELLLLL the milk

His mouth would water ... so sweet ...

Bar-Zebadee would ALWAYS say, "There's my FRIEND Bartimaeus!"

"Yes, yes," Beggarman's reply, his heart light, soul lifted ...

Then ... free cup of sweet goat milk



Bar-Timaeus, Son of Timaeus, LISTENED

Day in ... day out ...

LISTEN ... LISTEN to EVERYONE ...

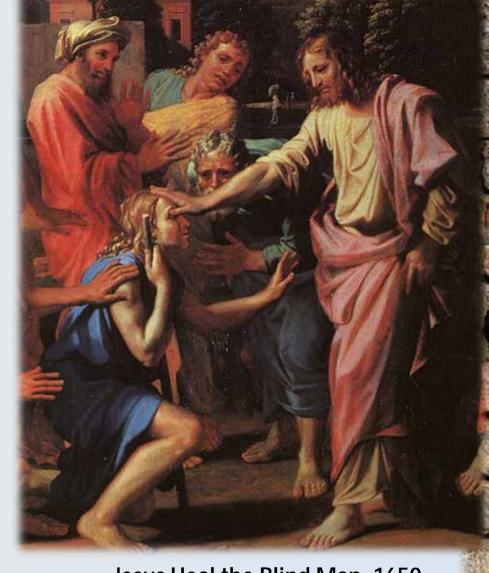
News of a strange man ... Bar-David ...

Bartimaeus LEARNED theology from those travelling to Jerusalem ...

From those travelling FROM Jerusalem ...

News for the last THREE YEARS ...

A man named JESUS was healing ...



Jesus Heal the Blind Man, 1650 by Nicolas Poussin

Then ... as he sat ... LISTENING ...

Begging ... LISTENING ... smelling ...

**LISTENING** ... then heard ... it was TRUE

Jesus was coming his way ...

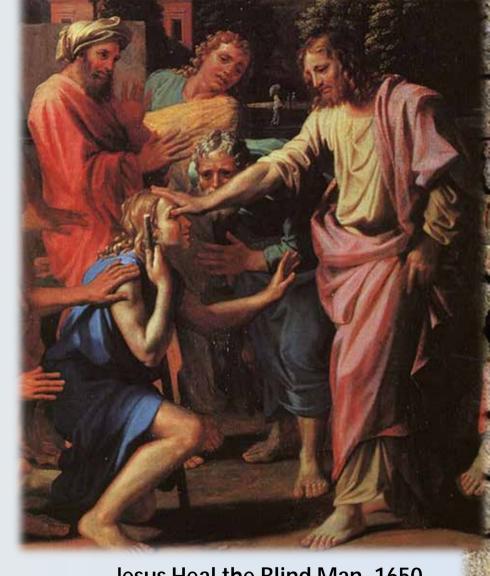
**POOR Blind Mr. Nameless Beggarman** 

There WAS Truth ... he KNEW truth ...

Those who had passed by had seen

Bartimaeus had TALKED with a leper who had been HEALED ...

They say ... JESUS heals the blind!



Jesus Heal the Blind Man, 1650 by Nicolas Poussin

This day ... like never ever before ...

He LISTENED ... LISTENED closely ...

If he would EVER see ...

If he would EVER be WHOLE ...

If he would EVER be FREEE ...

he heard the crowd coming ...

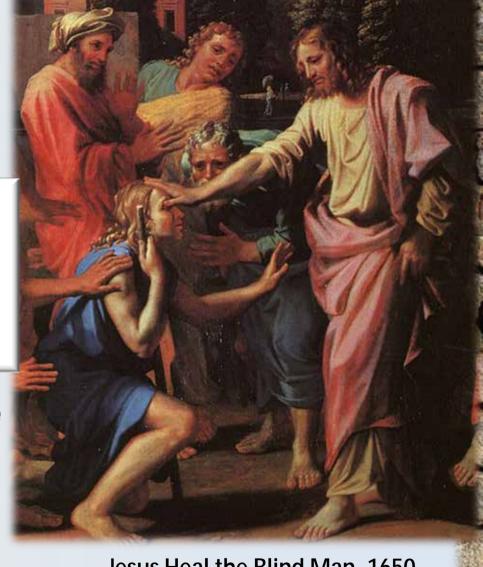
Bartimaeus could hear ... JESUS was there

He had NOTHING to lose ...

**Everything to gain ... NOTHING to lose ...** 

EVERYTHING to gain

THIS is the DAY!



Jesus Heal the Blind Man, 1650 by Nicolas Poussin

<sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out, "Son of David, Jesus, have mercy on me!"

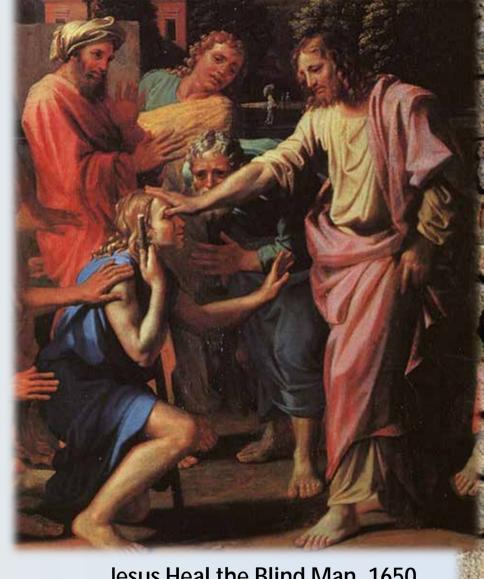
With a tear in blind eye ... quivering voice

<sup>48</sup> Many people told him to keep quiet, but he was CRYING OUT ALL THE MORE, "Have mercy on me, Son of David!"

Yes, "WE the PEOPLE" said,

# "SHUT UP!"

wait for it ...
normal followers of Jesus said
you and I said SHUT UP



Jesus Heal the Blind Man, 1650 by Nicolas Poussin

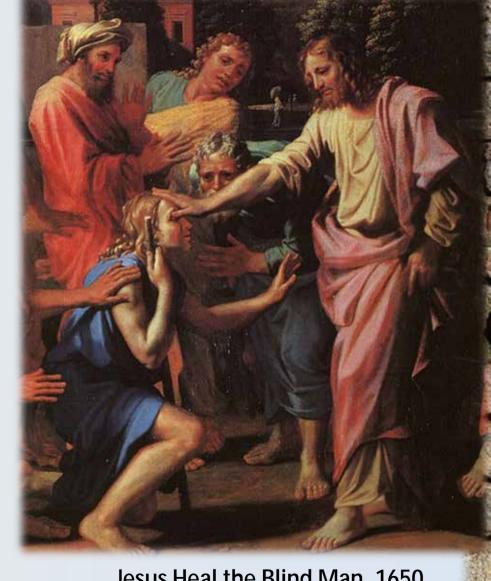
<sup>49</sup> Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

When JESUS calls ... What do you do?

50 Throwing his cloak aside, he JUMPED to his feet and came to Jesus.

<sup>51</sup> Jesus asked,

"What do you want me to do for you?"



Jesus Heal the Blind Man, 1650 by Nicolas Poussin

Blind Nameless Beggar's GREATEST wish? "Rabbi, I want to see."

We do too ...

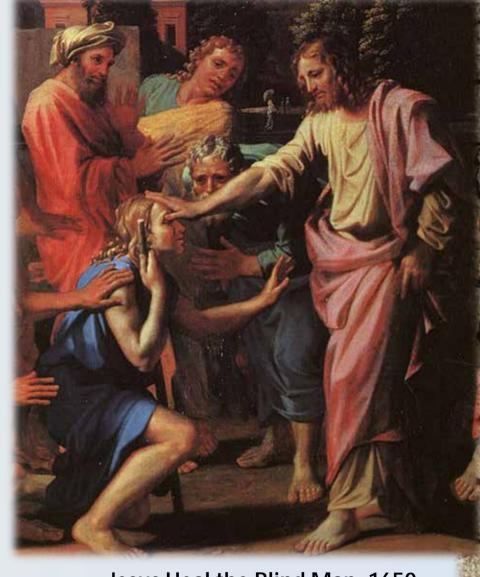
# We Want to SEE

On the way to Jerusalem ...

All of us are on the way to Jerusalem
Our NEW Jerusalem ... a glorious heaven
soon, Jesus would get on a donkey

soon, the disciples would wonder

Jesus Heal the Blind Man, 1650 by Nicolas Poussin



Destiny ... foretold ...

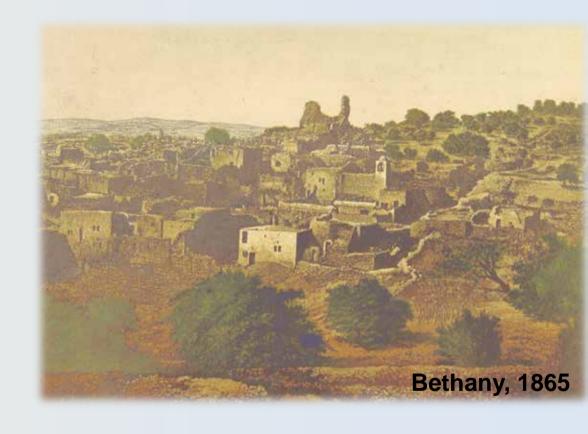
they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage at the Mount of Olives ...

Mark & Luke say, "Unto Bethphage and Bethany at the mount of Olives

**Bethany = House of Figs/Dates** 

**Bethphage = House of Green** or Un-ripe Figs

From Jericho to Jerusalem ...



you hit Bethany, then Bethphage then over the Mount of Olives



#### Jericho Road to Jerusalem - also known as Way of Blood

You can walk the Old Roman road

Follows the Wadi Qelt, a stream flows down from Jerusalem to Jericho

*Wadi* – stream in rainy season only

**Dangerous road** 

Good Samaritan
was going from
Jerusalem to Jericho

found man beaten

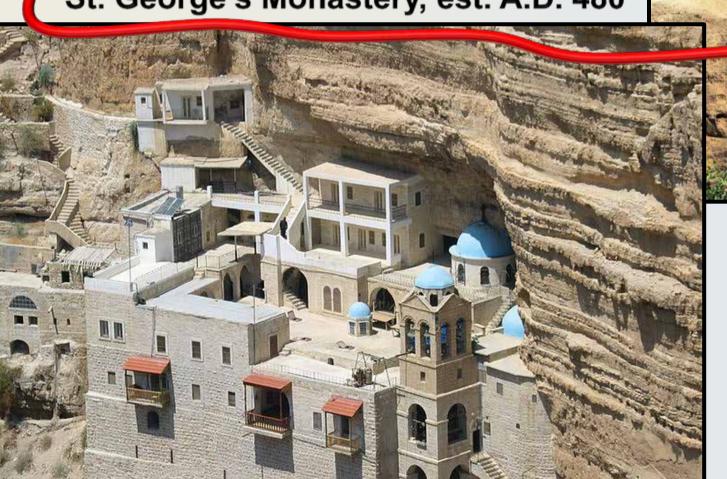
Took him to Inn, likely in Jericho



#### Jericho Road to Jerusalem

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St. George's Monastery, est. A.D. 480





Hermits in the Middle Ages lived in nearby caves

Came to Monastery for weekly for Mass

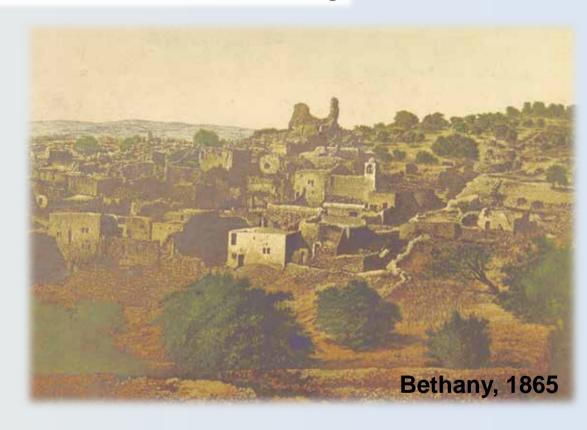
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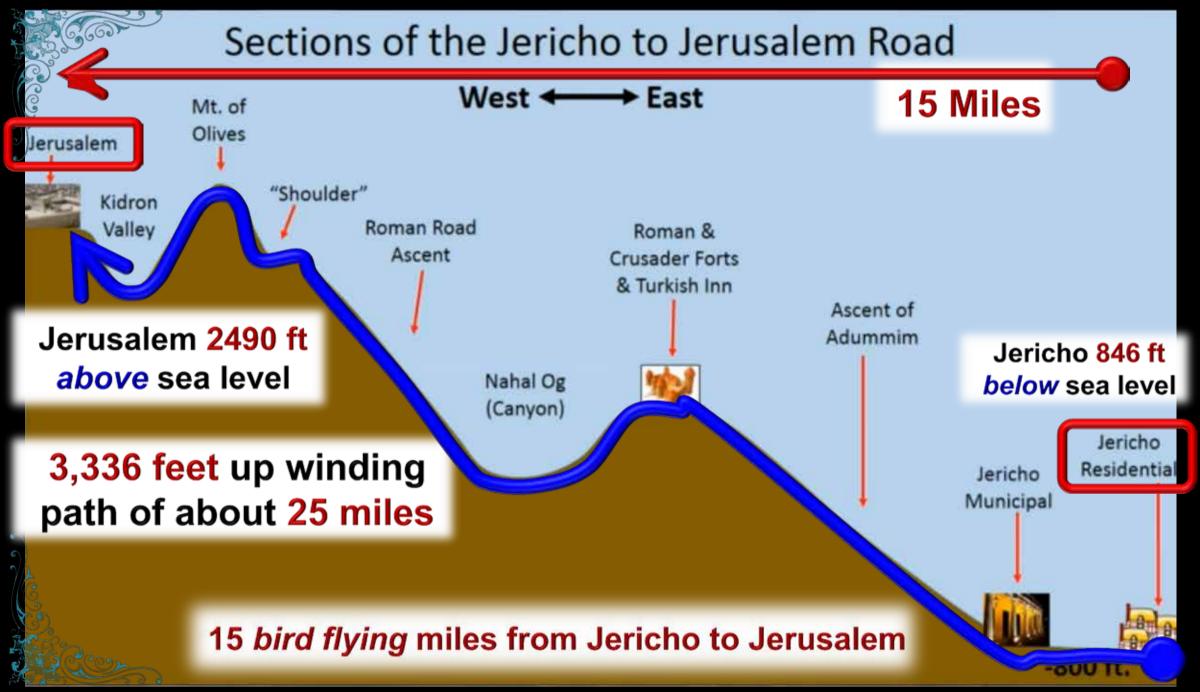
Bethlehem = House of Bread

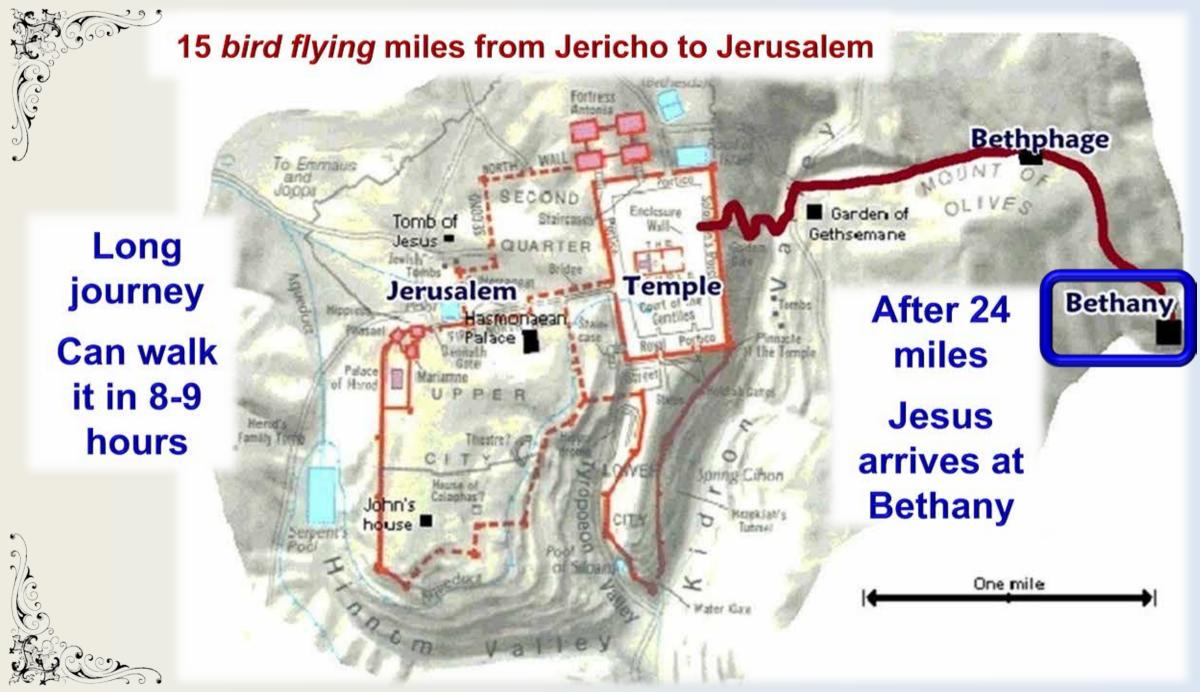
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# 15 bird flying miles from Jericho to Jerusalem Ophrah MIAS Bethel Mizpah Naaran Gilgal Beth-ni Gibeon Abel-Ramah Jericho on jearlm Beth-hoglah erusalem ol BENJAMIN Bethlehem





#### **Bethany**

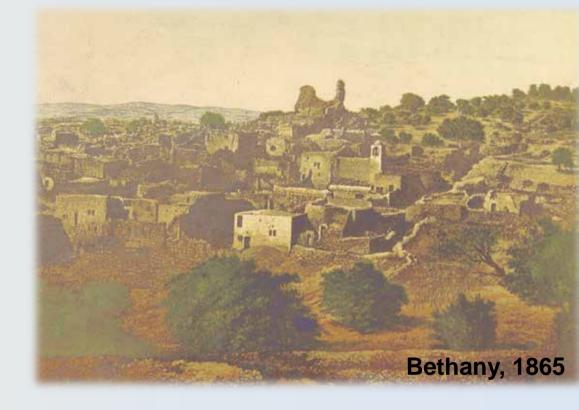
Jesus healed and healed ...

Bethany – House of Figs or Dates

- ✓ Where Jesus raised Lazarus
- ✓ Where Martha & Mary lived
- ✓ Where Simon the leper lived
- ✓ Where Mary anointed Jesus for his burial, Judas complained, only Mary seemed to KNOW

Triumph was NOT after any conquest Triumph was JESUS coming as KING

Recognized by the people



# Recognized King by the

POOR people

#### 21:1-5 Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

rare events in all four gospels

Matthew 21:1-11

Mark 11:1-11

Luke 19:28-44

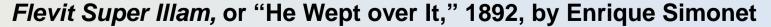
John 12:12-19

Luke says,

As they approached Jerusalem

He Wept over it, prophesied its destruction.



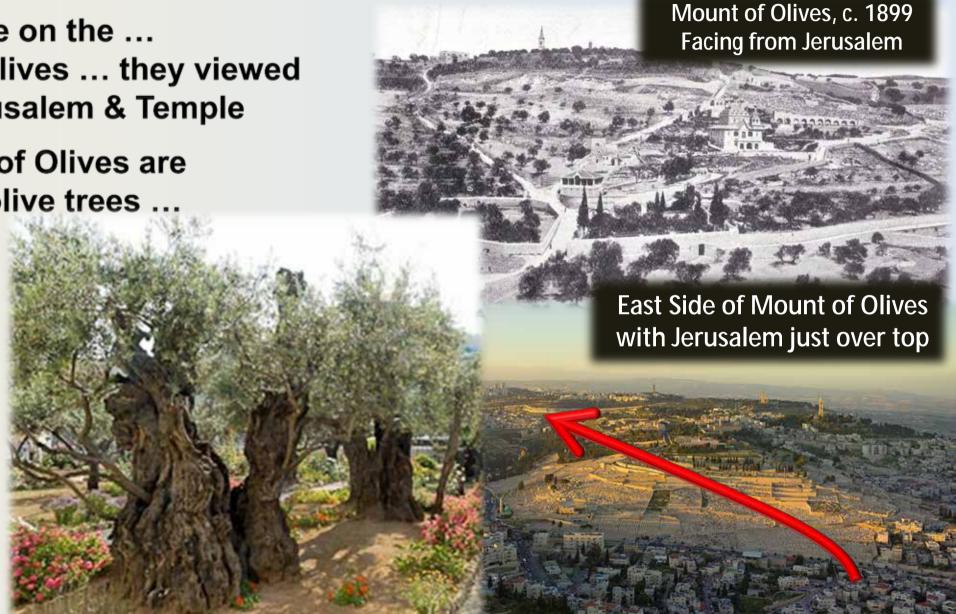


Somewhere on the ... Mount of Olives ... they viewed **Old Jerusalem & Temple** 

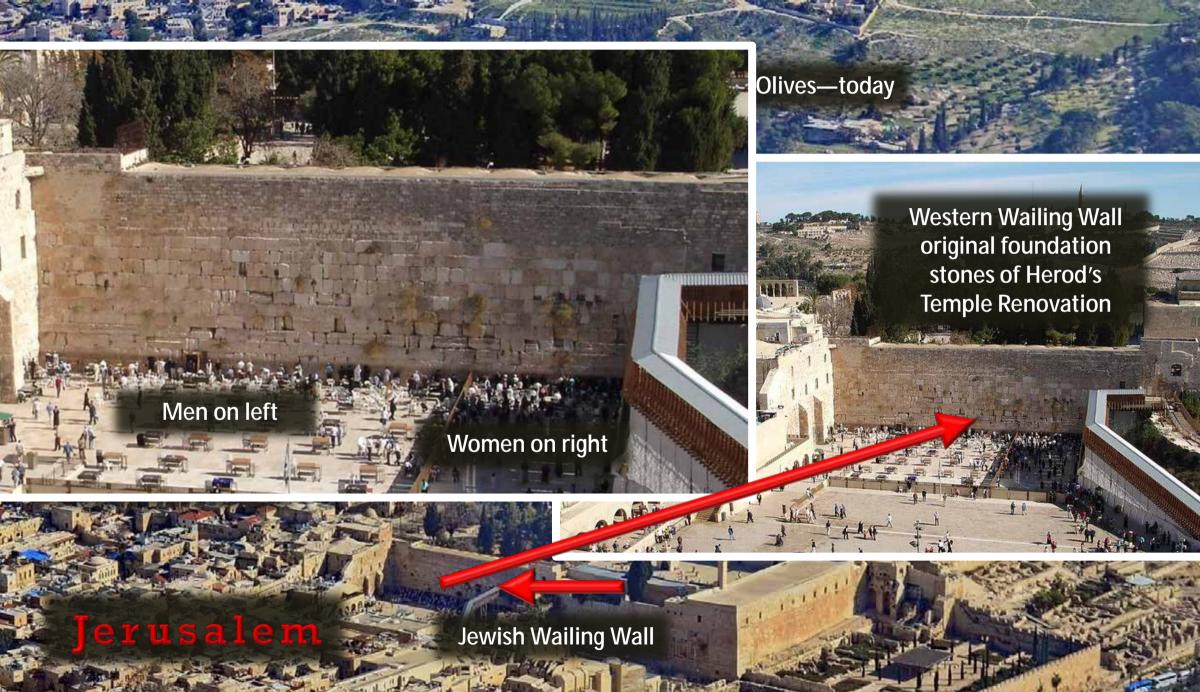
On the Mt. of Olives are groves of olive trees ...

Some as old as 2,000 yrs

Some **Christ** may have seen







on the Mount of Olives ... they viewed Old Jerusalem Luke, alone, tells us that Jesus wept when saw Jerusalem, then tells of Jesus prophecy of Jerusalem's destruction

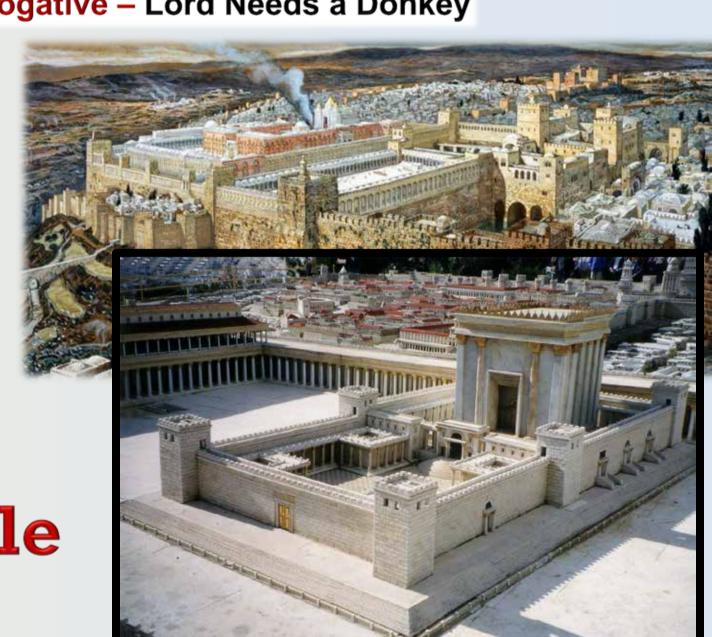


<sup>2</sup> then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup> telling them, "Go into the village ahead of you. [Bethphage]

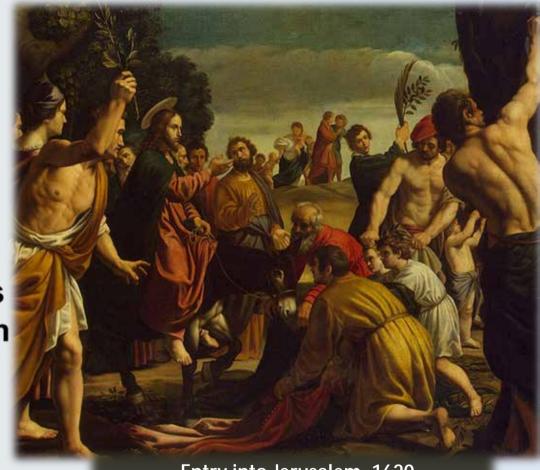
At once you will find a donkey tied there, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me.

In view of the high, majestic Jewish

**Holy Temple** 



- <sup>3</sup> If anyone says anything to you, you should say that the Lord needs them, and immediately he will send them."
- <sup>4</sup> This took place so that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:
- <sup>5</sup> Tell Daughter Zion, "See, your King is coming to you, gentle, and mounted on donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."



Entry into Jerusalem, 1620 by Pedro Orrente (1580-1645)

This quotes Zechariah 9:9:

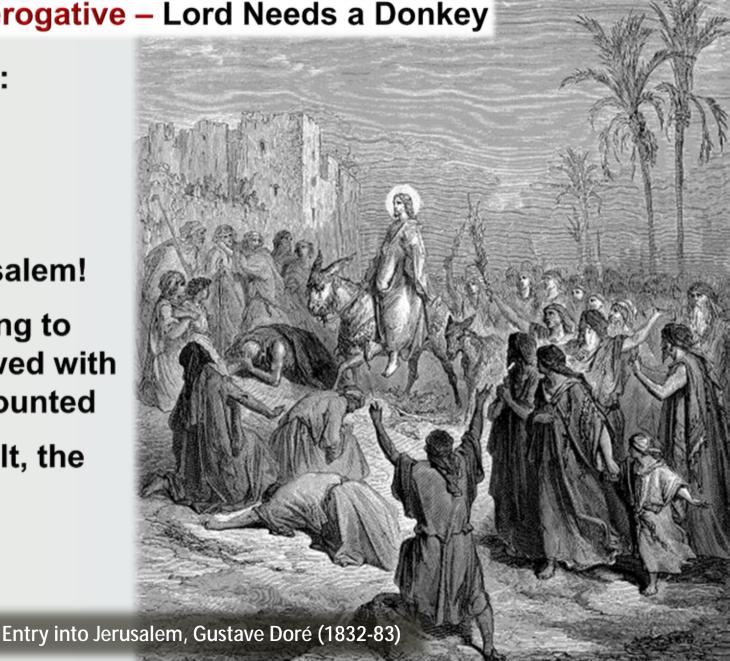
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

# Shout in triumph,

O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted

on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.



#### 21:6-9 King's Celebration – Hosanna, Son of David, Blessed

<sup>6</sup> The disciples went and did just as Jesus directed them.

<sup>7</sup> They brought the donkey and the colt; then they laid their robes on them, and He sat on them.

The single prophecy is fulfilled Yet, much more is happening



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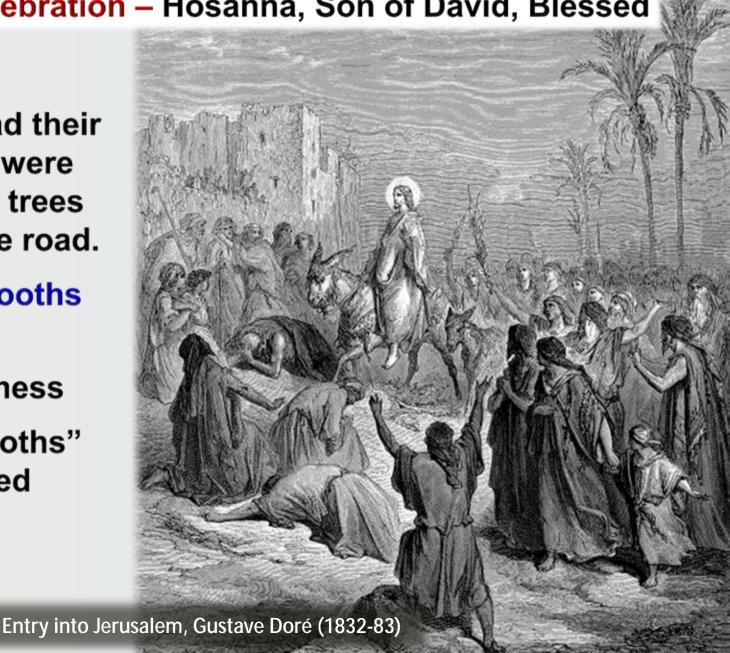
#### **Triumphal Entry**

8 A very large crowd spread their robes on the road; others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them on the road.

During Sukkot, Feast of Booths or Feast of Tabernacles

Recalling 40 yrs in Wilderness

People camped out in "booths" Palm tree branches covered their booths ...



#### 21:6-9 King's Celebration – Hosanna, Son of David, Blessed

<sup>9</sup> Then the crowds who went ahead of Him and those who followed kept shouting:

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

# Hosanna – "Save Now"

**Used during Feast of Tabernacles** 

"SAVE NOW" in the HIGHEST



#### 21:10-11 People's Confusion – Uproar over "Prophet" Jesus

**Triumph of What?** 

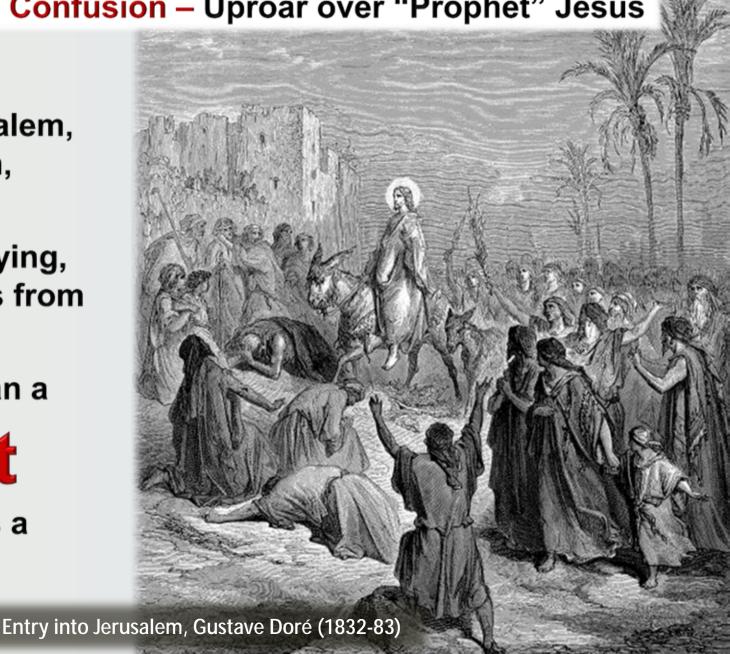
When He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was shaken, saying, "Who is this?"

11 And the crowds kept saying,
"This is the prophet Jesus from
Nazareth in Galilee!"

Jesus ... MUCH MORE than a

# Prophet

people are giving Jesus a Royal Entry ... truly



21:12-22

12 Jesus
enters the temple,

drives out all, overturning

Christ Driving the Money Changers from the Temple, 1570, El Greco

tables







#### 21:12-22 Jes

13 "It is written," he said to them,

" 'My house will be called a House of Prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers."

14 The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them.

Notice 17th clothes



Christ Driving the Money Changers from the Temple by Theodoor Rombouts (1597-1637)

What is a Triumphal Entry?

We have seen where Jesus came from

And for the longest ...

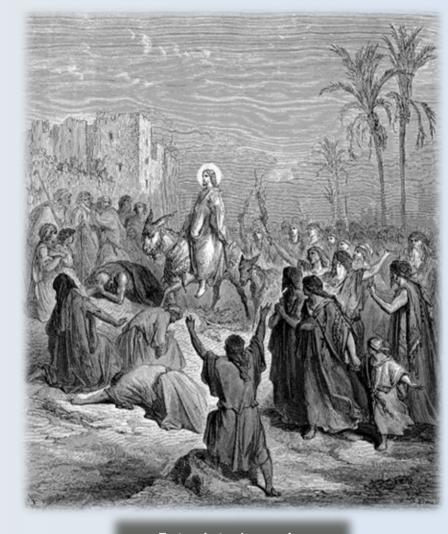
This IS Jesus' Triumphal Entry

For the longest time ...

Yet ... other than Zechariah 9:9: Shout in triumph

What is the TRIUMPH?

You and I understand the humility the humbleness of Christ



See what the PEOPLE said ...

Matthew 21:1-11 - Mark 11:1-11

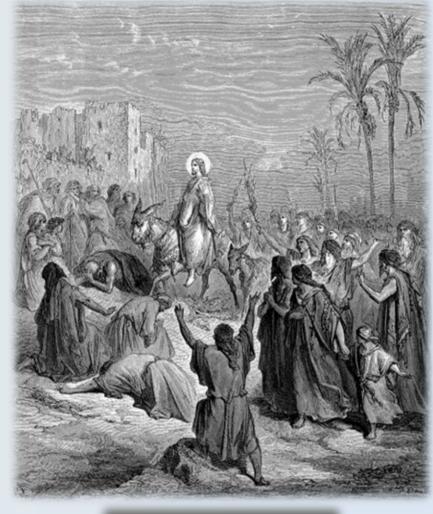
Luke 19:28-44 – John 12:12-19

"Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the NAME OF THE LORD!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

"Blessed is the coming KINGDOM of our father David!"

"Blessed is the KING of Israel!"

"Blessed is the KING who comes in the NAME OF THE LORD!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"



Among several reasons ...

This TRIUMPH is backward from ALL that we know of TRIUMPH

Launched NOT by Tiberius Caesar ...

Nor by the High Priest Caiaphas ...

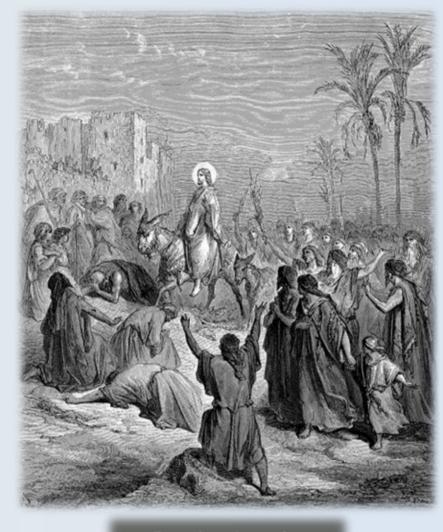
Nor by the Pharisees or Sadducees ...

There was no Reception Committee

No one PLANNED Jesus' entry

His coming was recognized by ...

Poor Blind Nameless Bar-Timaeus



#### 46 B.C. Julius Caesar's Quadruple Victory

Appian of Alexandria (c. A.D. 95-165)

Quadruple triumphal victory over Gaul, Pharnaces, Scipio in Africa, and Egypt

65,000 talents in money carted in talent = 82-94 lbs of silver = 2,925 tons

2,822 golden crowns weighing 20,414 lbs

Caesar gave to each soldier 5,000 denarii N.T. denarius day's wage in 46 B.C.: 15 yrs wages!

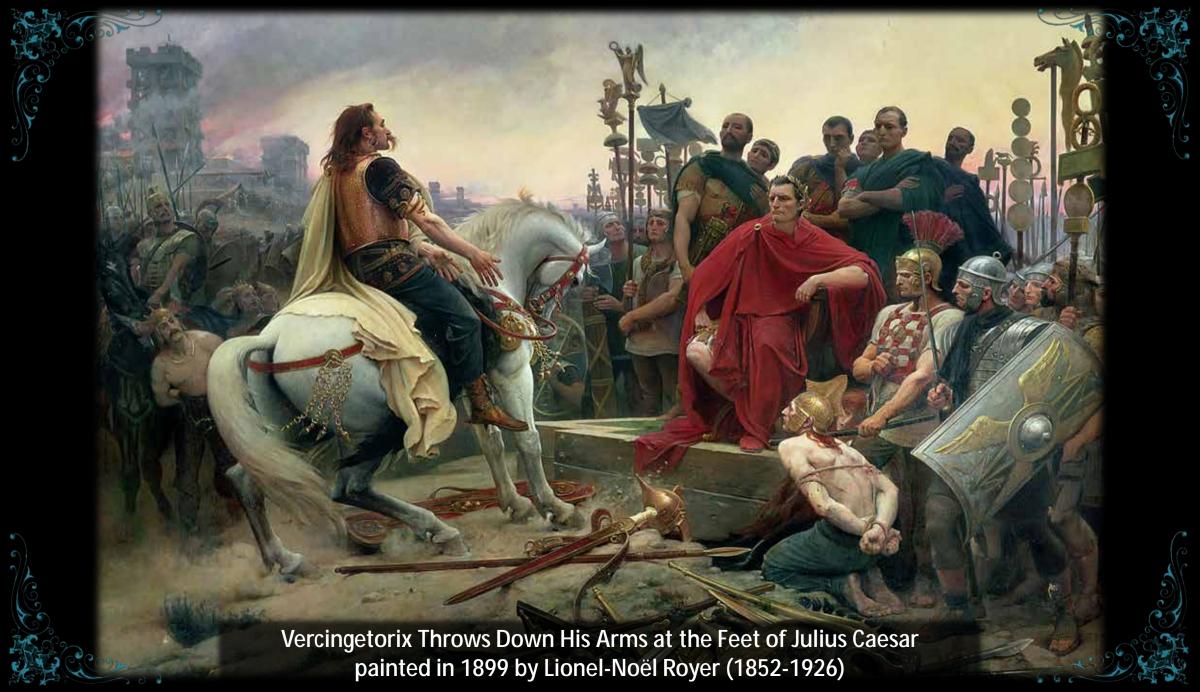
- Double to each centurion
- Double that to each tribune & prefect Caesar was SUPER wealthy ...

Left all to Nephew who became Augustus Wealth ruled the world then too!



Gaius Julius Caesar 7-13-100 - 3-15-44 BC

Only bust known to be made in his lifetime





Statue of Vercingetorix by Frédéric Bartholdi (1834-1904) on Place de Jaude, in Clermont-Ferrand, France

United the Gauls in what is now France against Rome

Won one battle, yet lost 2nd battle

46 BC, as part of Caesar's triumph, Vercingetorix was paraded through the streets of Rome

then executed by strangulation on Caesar's orders.

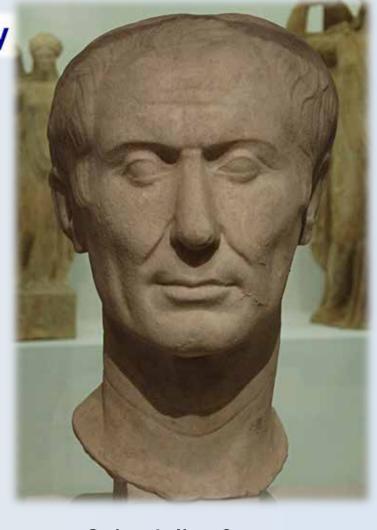
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**Celebrating Quadruple Triumphal Victory** 

Caesar put on horse-racing, and musical contests, and combats

- ✓ one with a 1,000 foot soldiers opposing another 1,0000
- ✓ another with 200 cavalry on each side
- ✓ an elephant fight with twenty beasts
- ✓ a naval battle with 4,000 oarsmen plus a 1,000 marines on each side to fight

Julius Caesar was EXTRAVAGANT



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Jesus road in on young donkey
Jesus did NOT own anything

A purse kept, they paid their way ... still, Jesus did NOT pay for anything

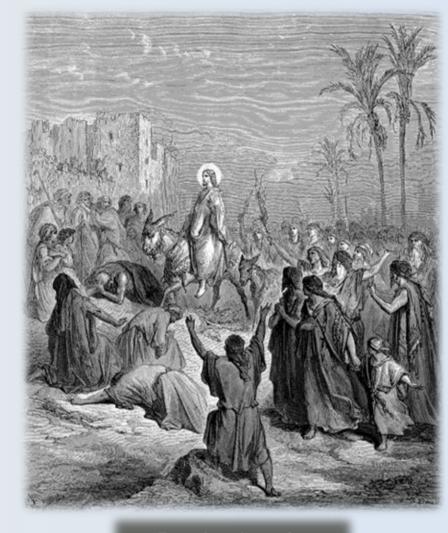
The people who sang Hosanna ... now would soon yell "Crucify Him!"

Previous 3 years, Jesus healing ...

Several people KNOW who this is

Lazarus knows ...

Poor Blind Nameless Bartimaeus knows
The other blind and the lepers know



Yes, for the poor ... for the

For the NOT so religious ...

For the POOR and outcast ...

Jesus, who said, "Blessed are the poor"

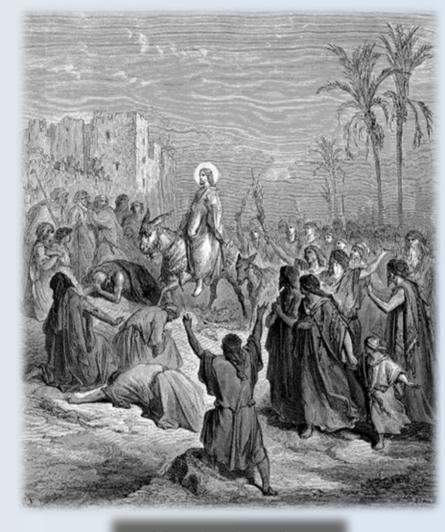
Jesus, who was healing people who had NO hope without Christ

Religious leaders, snobs many

Religious leaders, selling in the temple

Religious leaders, making demands

Jesus, ONE Demand—Follow me



No one planned this ...

**ALL of the poor KNEW** 

**ALL the healed sick KNEW** 

Prophet ... at the very LEAST

Yet, much MORE than a prophet

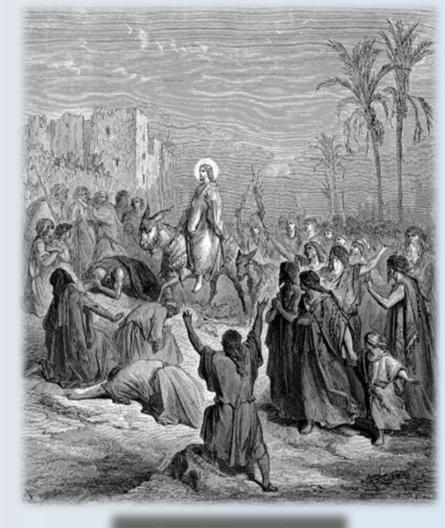
But no one KNEW what else to say

King of the Jews ... on a donkey

Coming in "a glory" soon to fade

At this point in time ... ALL Believed

**ALL KNEW ...** more than a prophet



Twelve Disciples knew Jesus BEST Yet, they only UNDERSTOOD a hair

Wouldn't grasp till the Resurrection

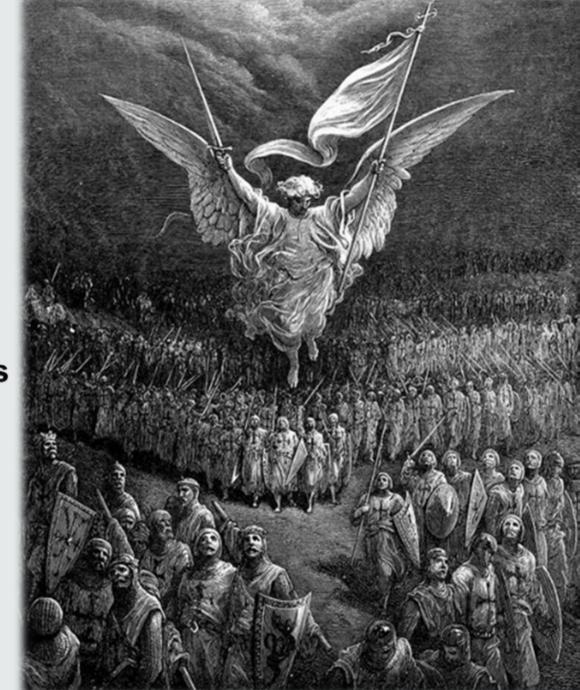
Yet, the poor who lived OUTSIDE the big city of Jerusalem

Who lived in the supporting suburbs of the New Testament Jerusalem

Those who SUPPLIED the city with food from fields, meat from goats, cattle; milk and honey

Campers at Feast of Booths knew

Road to Jerusalem Gustave Doré (1832-83)



It was the NORMAL poorer folk
The HEALED sick & their families
That met Christ on the way ...

NOT Tiberius in Rome who ruled Jerusalem through Pontius Pilate

**NOT** Caiaphas, Jewish High Priest

**LEADER of God's Temple HATED Jesus** 

LEADER of God's people HATED Jesus

LEADER refused, rejected, HATED Jesus

Religious LEADER conspired to KILL Jesus



In many ways, Jesus fulfilled one prophecy ... one about the donkey

But he fulfilled much, much more ...

This heralds to another event

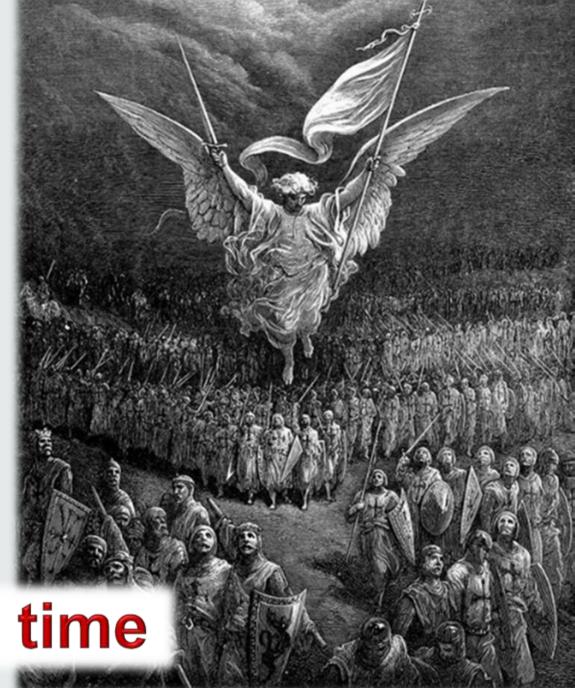
Another "coming" planned ... yet

Yet, the TIME we know NOT

Paul said, "Day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the NIGHT." 1 Thess. 5:2

Christ will come again, but we

Know NOT the time





1 Thess. 4:16-18 ...

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

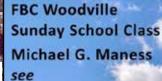
<sup>17</sup> Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

<sup>18</sup> Wherefore comfort one another with these words.



He first came on a donkey Next time he'll come on the Clouds How will YOU receive Him? Ready, Hoping, Singing Hosanna? Save Now, oh ing of Kings

Nazareth, 1842, The Holy Land, by David Roberts





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