Preparation for the Death of the King

§ § 150-167

Christ prepares for his death by predicting both Israel's future and his final days and giving precepts and prayers

Section summaries based on J. Dwight Pentecost, A Harmony of the Words and Works of Jesus Christ (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1981)

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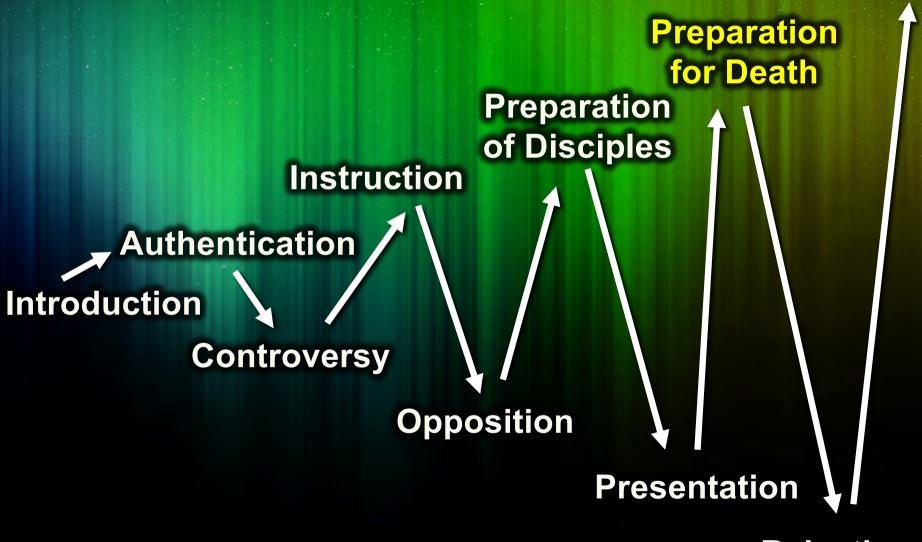


- 1. Introduction of the King
- 2. Authentication of the King
- 3. Controversy over the King
- 4. Instruction of the Twelve by the King
- 5. Opposition to the King
- 6. Preparation of the Disciples by the King
- 7. Official Presentation of the King
- 8. Preparation for the Death of the King
- 9. Rejection of the King
- 10. Resurrection of the King



Increasing Polarization

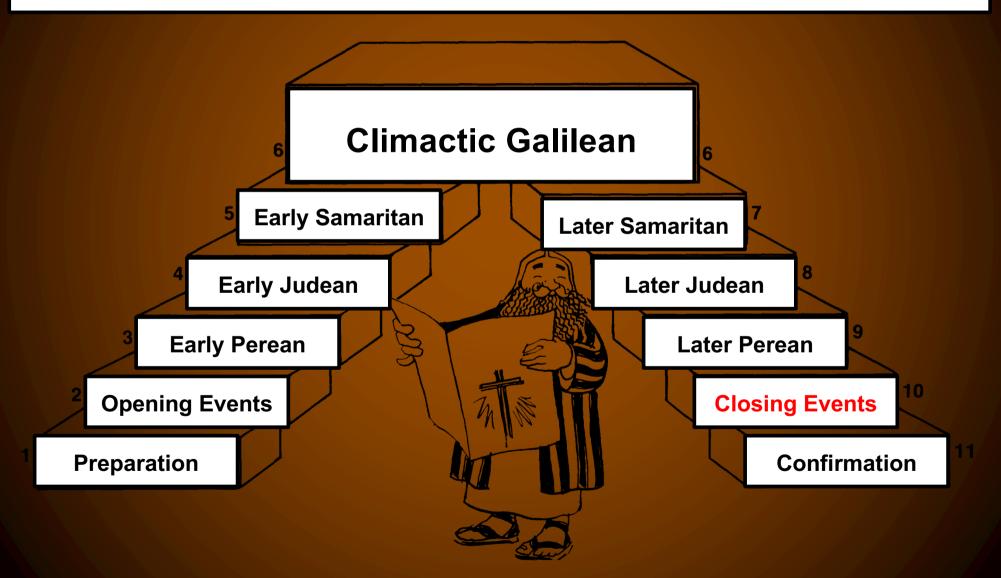
Resurrection



Rejection

Great Periods in the Life of Christ

"The Son of Man... came to minister and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45)



Walk Thru the New Testament seminar (used with permission)

Preparation for the Death of the King

- A. Predictions
- **B.** Preparation
- c. Precepts
- D. Prayer by Christ for Believers
- **E.** Prayer in the Garden

A. Predictions by Christ

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Matthew 24:1-25:46; Mark 13:1-37; Luke 21:5-36

Christ foretells the events that will accompany his Second Advent so that Israel might know that he will appear as Judge

The Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24–25) 78

Adapted from Mark L. Bailey, DTS class notes, 1986

Second Coming (27-31):

- Signs in the Heavens (29-30)
- Coming of the Son of Man (27, 30)
- Bird Supper (28)
- Salvation of Elect (31)

Abomination of Desolation (15-20)

False Christs & Prophets (23-26)

Beginning of Birth Pangs (4-8)

Great Tribulation (9-14, 21-22)

Sheep

Judgment of the Nations

Goats

Correlation

with
Revelation 6:1–8:5

12:7-12

13:14

12:8-17

8:1-19:10

(Matt. 25:31-46)

19:11-21

1. The Question

Matthew 24:1-3; Mark 13:1-4; Luke 21:5-7

Jesus predicts the temple's destruction after the disciples ask when it will be destroyed, and when Jesus will return to end the age

Disciples: What a fantastic temple! (Matt 24:1) Jesus: "Not one stone here will be left on another" (24:2)

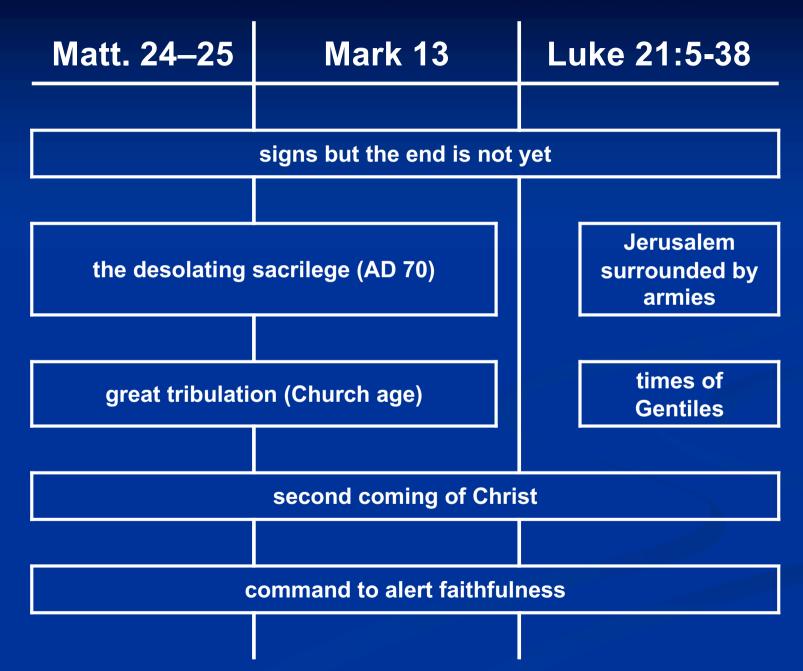
Disciples: When? What sign? (24:3)

MARK 13:1-37

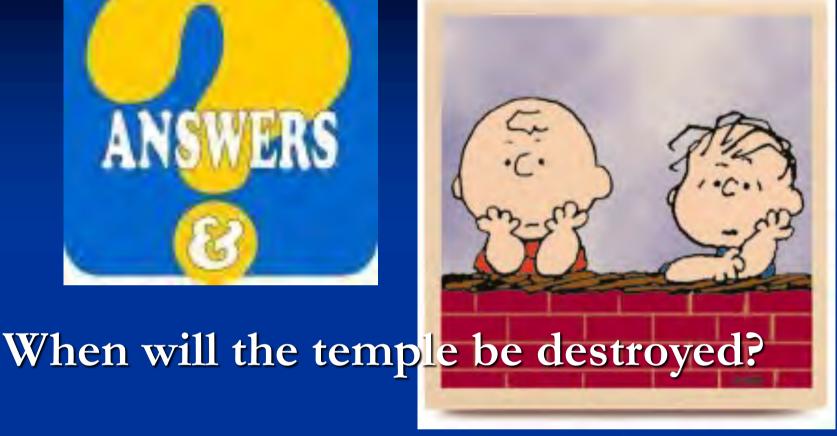
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JESUS' PROPHECY OF THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE AND HIS RETURN

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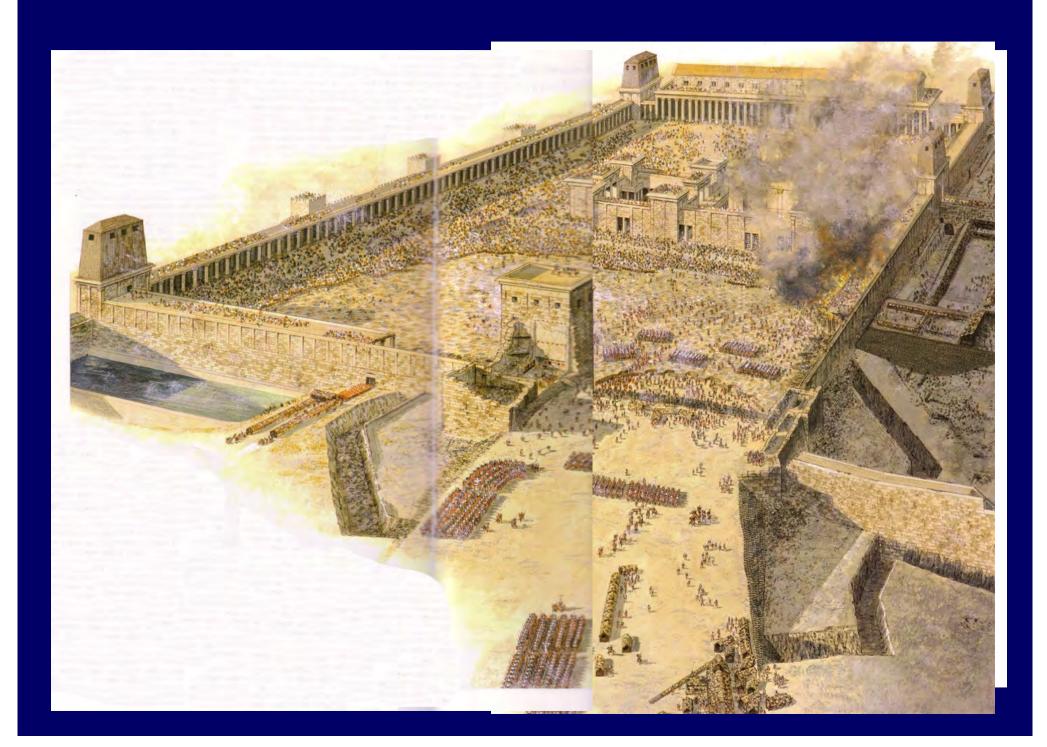




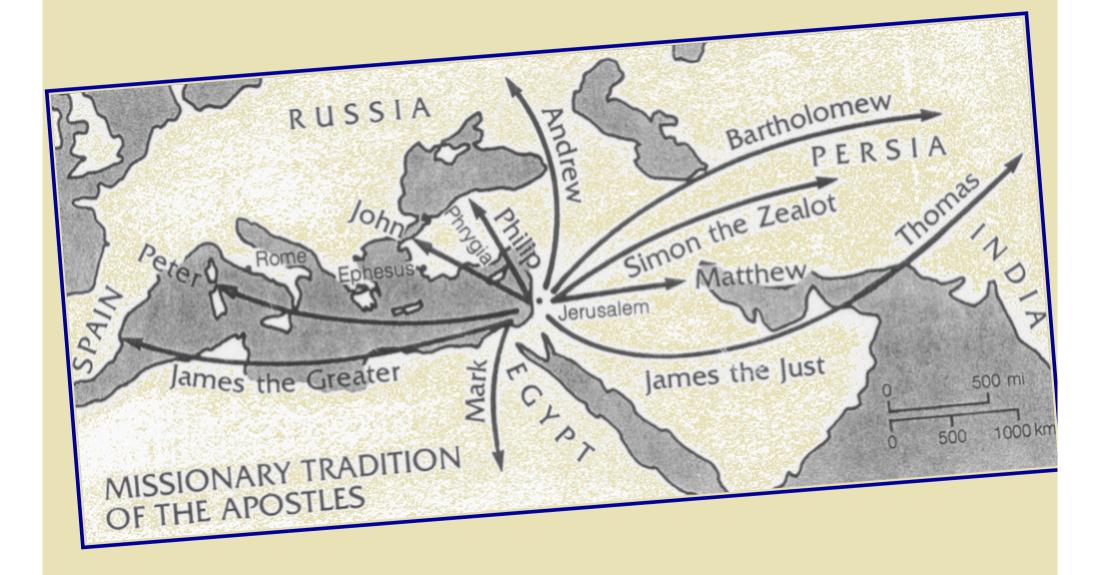


What will be the sign that it is the end?



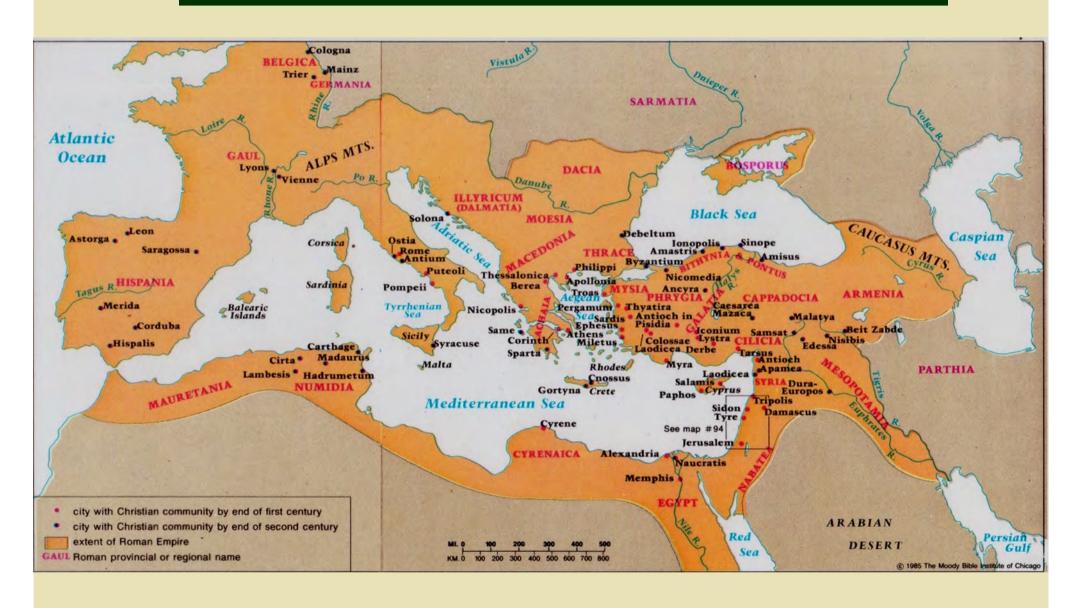


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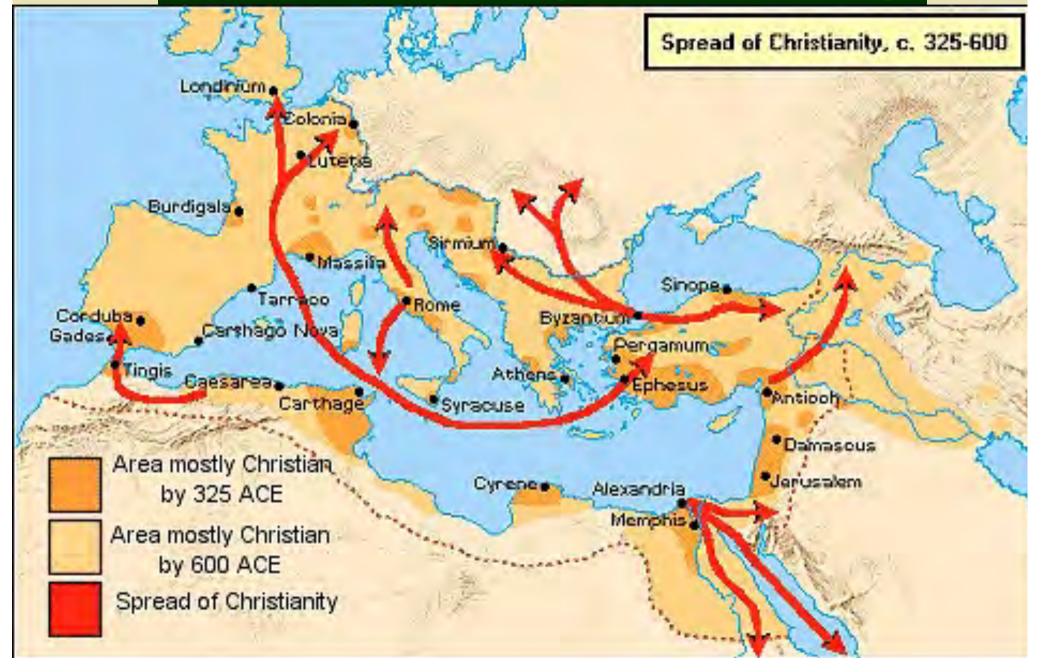


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Spread of Early Christianity



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2. The Tribulation

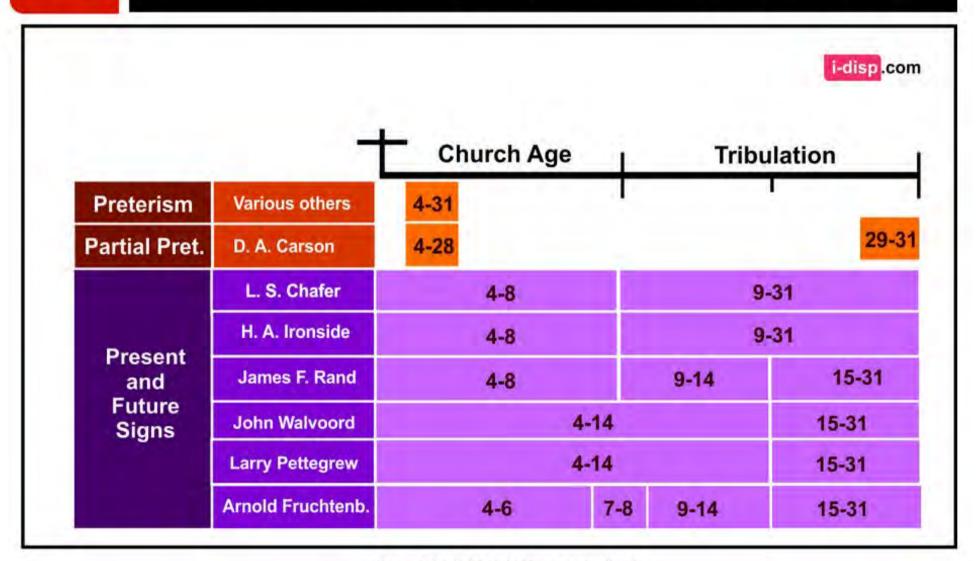
Matthew 24:4-26; Mark 13:5-23; Luke 21:8-26

The 70th week of Daniel 9:27 will be a sevenyear tribulation before Jesus returns so Israel should prepare for His coming and judgments





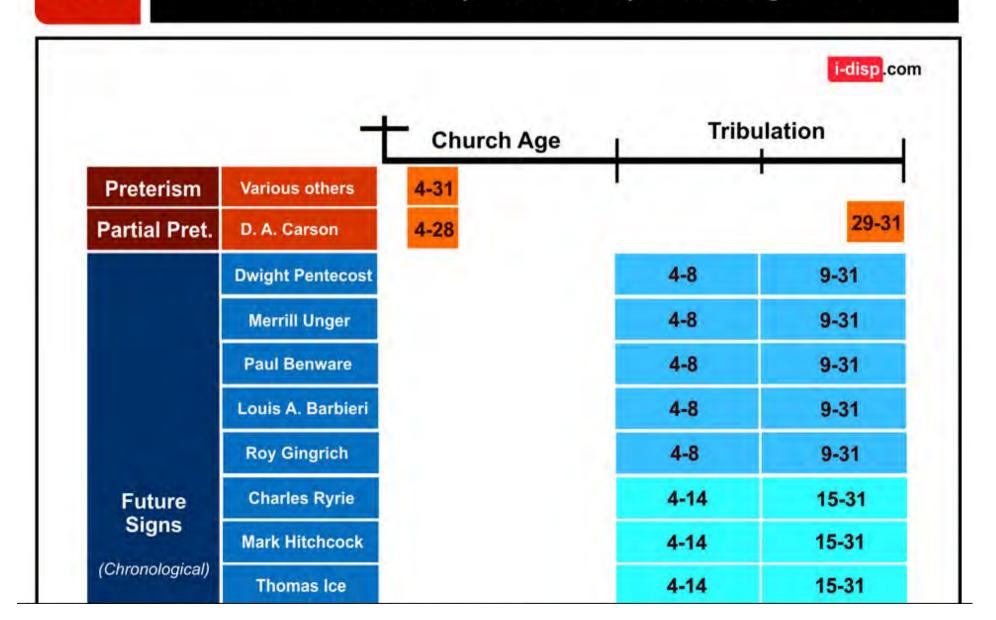
PRESENT AND FUTURE SIGNS (Mat. 24:4-31)





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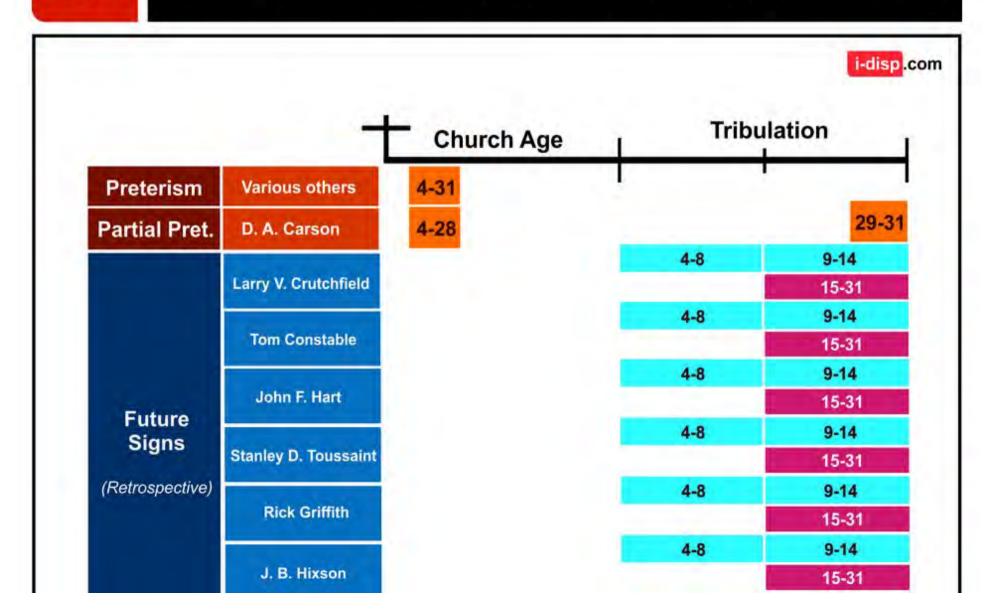
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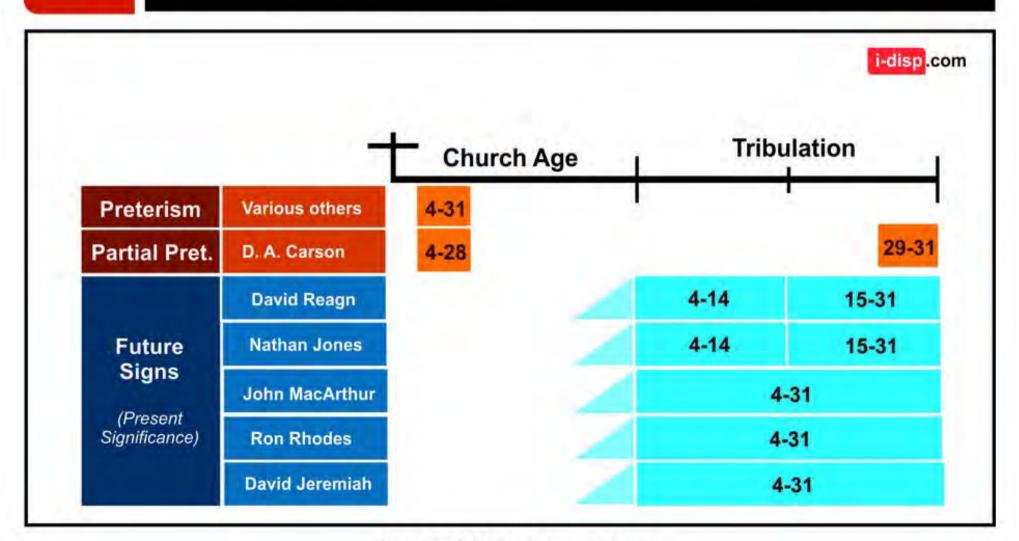
FUTURE SIGNS (Mat. 24:4-31): Retrospective View





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FUTURE SIGNS (Mat. 24:4-31): Present Significance





Keep Alert—Do Not Be Alarmed (Mark 13:1-13)

- The Gospel must be preached to all nations (10)
- Do not worry about what to say as the Holy Spirit will help (11)
- Persecution family members (12)
- Stand firm (13)

"the abomination that causes desolation" (Mark 13:14; cf. Matt 24:15)

- It is the detestable thing (Dan 9:24-27)
- The Antichrist will claim deity
- Believers must flee immediately (14b)
- Leave belongings (15-16)
- Dreadful for mothers (17)
- Pray for good weather (18)

a. The First Half

Matthew 24:4-8; Mark 13:5-8; Luke 21:8-11

The signs of the first 3.5 years of the Tribulation forewarn Israel of the coming judgment at Christ's Second Advent

b. The Second Half

Matthew 24:9-14; Mark 13:9-13; Luke 21:12-19

The signs of the second 3.5 years of the Tribulation forewarn Israel of the coming judgment at Christ's Second Advent

c. Repetition and Explanation

Matthew 24:15-26; Mark 13:14-23; Luke 21:20-26

The Tribulation terror focuses on the Antichrist as *the sign* to forewarn Israel of the approaching Second Advent

Olivet Discourse Overview (Matt. 24–25)



Israel

Rapture Third Second Coming 1 Thess. Fall of with the Saints 4:14-17 Jerusalem Matt. 23:39; 24:30



Israel Scattered Luke 21:24 Return to the Land

Church Age

606 B.C. — Times of the Gentiles Luke 21:24

The Great Tribulation Dan. 9:27 Matt. 24:15

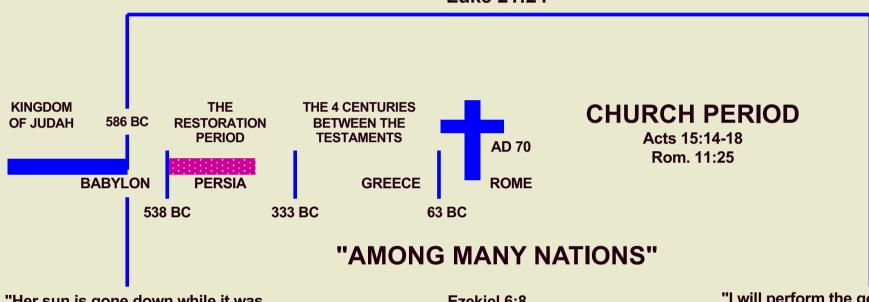
> Judgment of the Gentile Nations Matt. 25:31-46

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Times of the Gentiles (Luke 21:24)

"TIMES OF THE GENTILES"

Luke 21:24



"The Throne of the LORD" Jer. 3:17 Isa. 62:6-7

"Her sun is gone down while it was yet day" Jer. 15:9

"Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord" Jer. 22:8-9 2 Kings 25:8-12 Jer. 15:4, 22:29-30, 30:24 Ezek. 10:4. 28. 11:22-25, 14:22-23

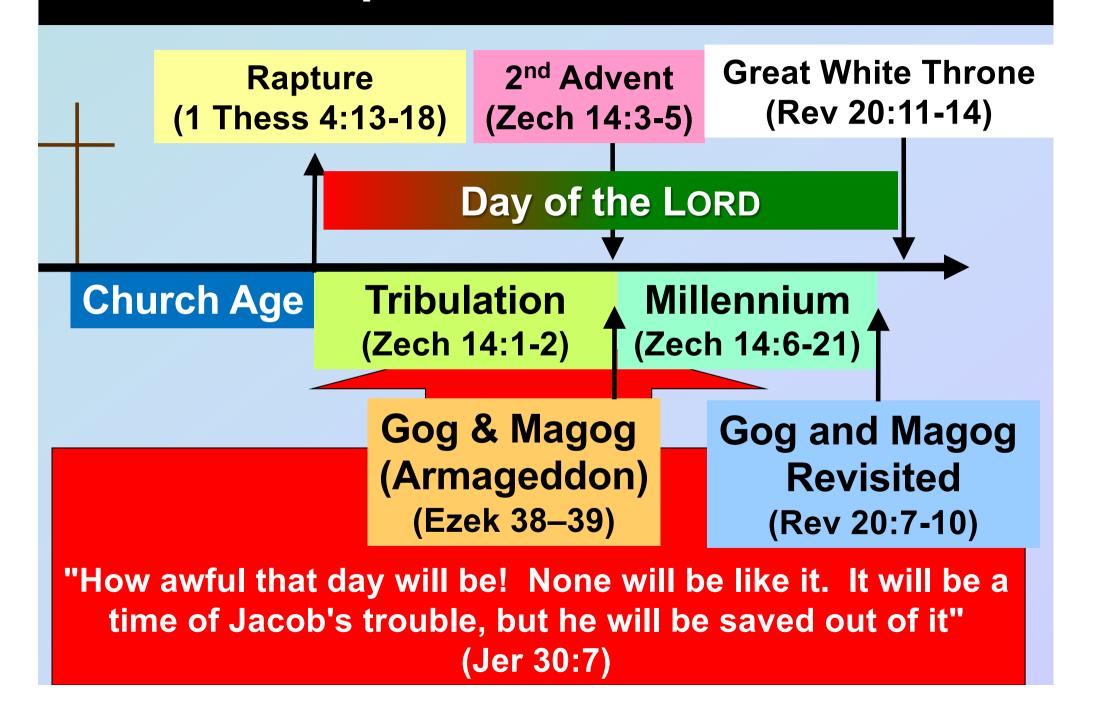
Ezekiel 6:8 Hosea 3:4-5 Hosea 8:8 Amos 9:8-9 Jer. 31:35-37 Jer. 46: 27-28 Jer. 51:5 "I will perform the good thing that I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah"

Jer. 33:7-14

Isa. 4:2-6 Ezek. 43:1-9 Zech. 2:10-13 Zech. 8:1-8

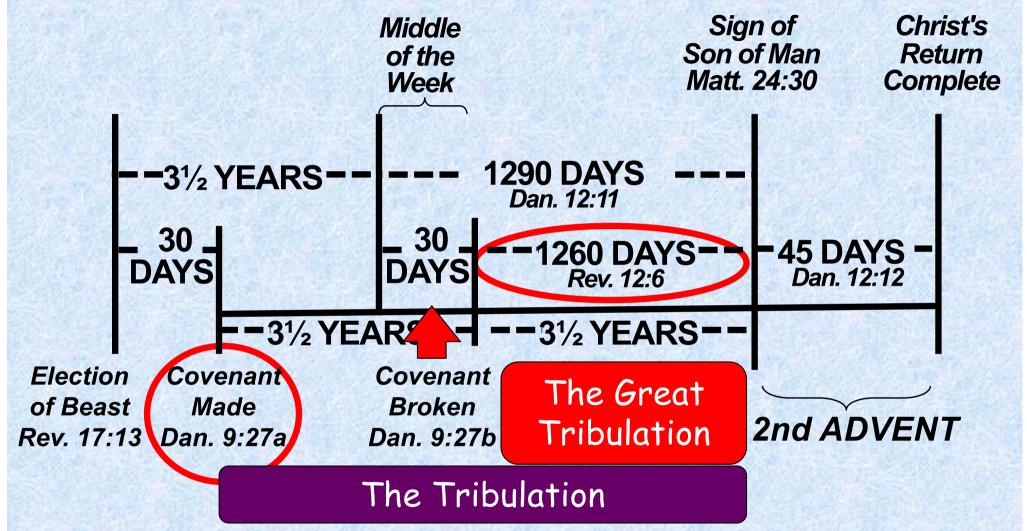
"Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled" (Jesus in Luke 21:24 NIV)

A Dispensational Timeline



Chronology of the 70th "Week"

Adapted from J. Dwight Pentecost, Dallas Theological Seminary, 1988



"He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple] he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him" (Daniel 9:27 NIV).

"the abomination that causes desolation" (Mark 13:14)

- The great tribulation of unparalleled affliction (v. 19)
- God shortens the days (v. 20)
- False messiahs, prophets, signs and miracles (vv. 21-22)
- The great tribulation sign is so terrible it requires being foretold (v. 23)

3. The Second Advent

Matthew 24:27-30; Mark 13:24-27; Luke 21:27-28

Jesus predicts that He will return to the earth in power and glory to rule the earth with believers as their destiny

Keep watch, Jesus is coming, but the time is unknown (Mark 13:24-37)

- Jesus will return after that distress [tribulation] (v. 24)
- When Jesus returns
 - The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light (v. 24)
 - The stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies (Isaiah 13:10) will be shaken (v. 25)
- Men will see Jesus' return (v. 26)

4. The Regathering of Israel

Matthew 24:31

Jesus predicts Israel's supernatural restoration to its land after having been scattered by military invasions

5. Parenthetical Exhortations

Matthew 24:32-51; Mark 13:28-37; Luke 21:29-36

Jesus gives practical exhortations given His coming as Judge to stress further our need to be watchful, prepared, and faithful

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- He will gather his people (elect) from all over the earth (v. 27)
- The signs pointing to the end for his return occur within a generation (vv. 28-30)
- Jesus' return is sure (v. 31)
 - Heaven and earth will pass away (v. 31a)
 - His word will never pass away (v. 31b)

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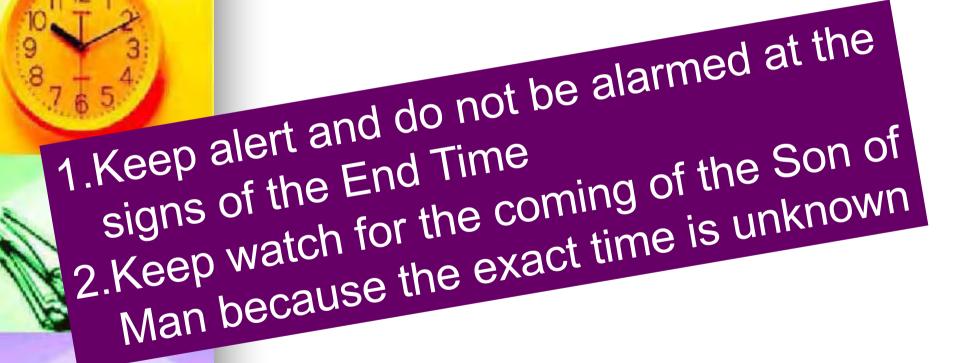
No one knows the exact time of Jesus' return so be on guard and keep watch (vv. 32-37)

Summary

Disciples asked Jesus,
"When will these things happen?" and
"What will be the sign of your coming?"

- He returns after the great tribulation
- Event 1: Signs in the skies (vv. 24-25)
- Event 2: Jesus will come in the clouds
- Event 3: Jesus will gather the elect







a. The Fig Tree

Matthew 24:32-44; Mark 13:28-37; Luke 21:29-36

A fig tree's budding shows that Israel will see signs that Christ's judgment is imminent to be watchful and prepared

b. The Faithful Servant

Matthew 24:45-51

The illustration of the faithful servant warns Israel to be faithful since the nation will not know when Christ will return

6. Judgment on Israel

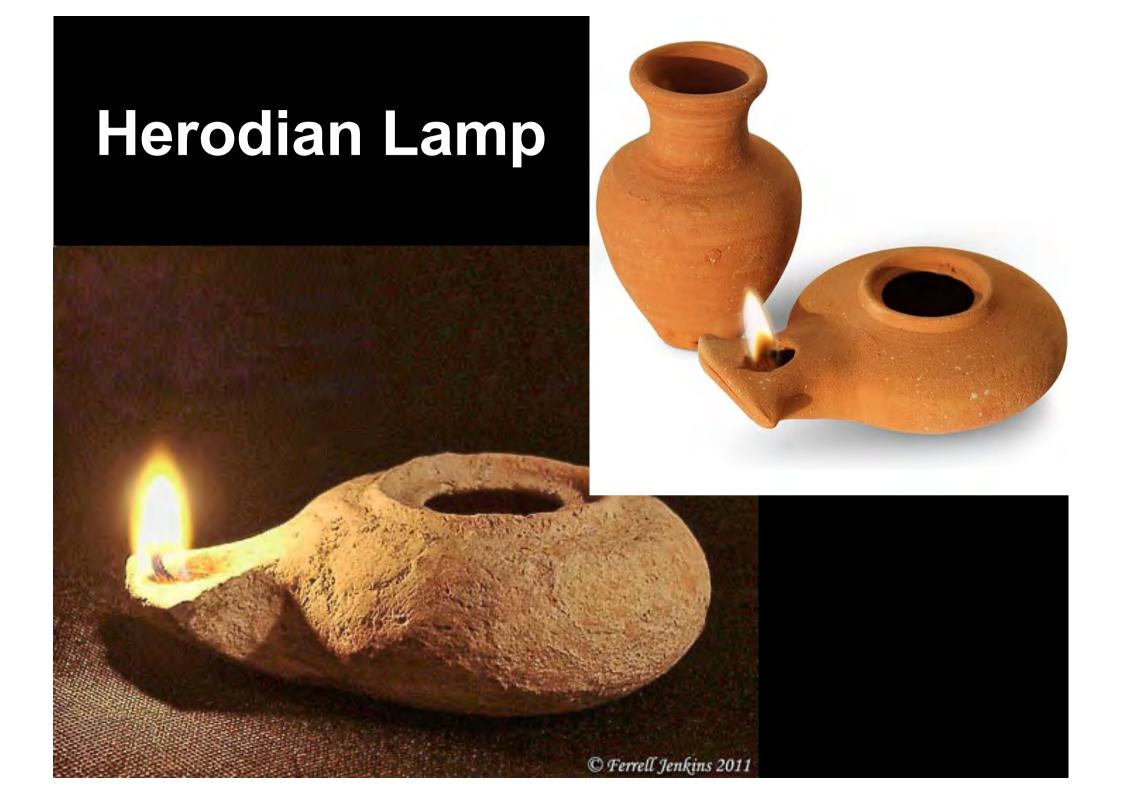
Matthew 25:1-30

Two parables of judgment on living Israel prepare Jews for the Millennium by faith and predict Israel failing as a light to Gentiles

a. The Ten Virgins

Matthew 25:1-13

The parable of the ten virgins teaches that only those prepared through faith in Jesus will enter the millennial feast



The Ten Virgins

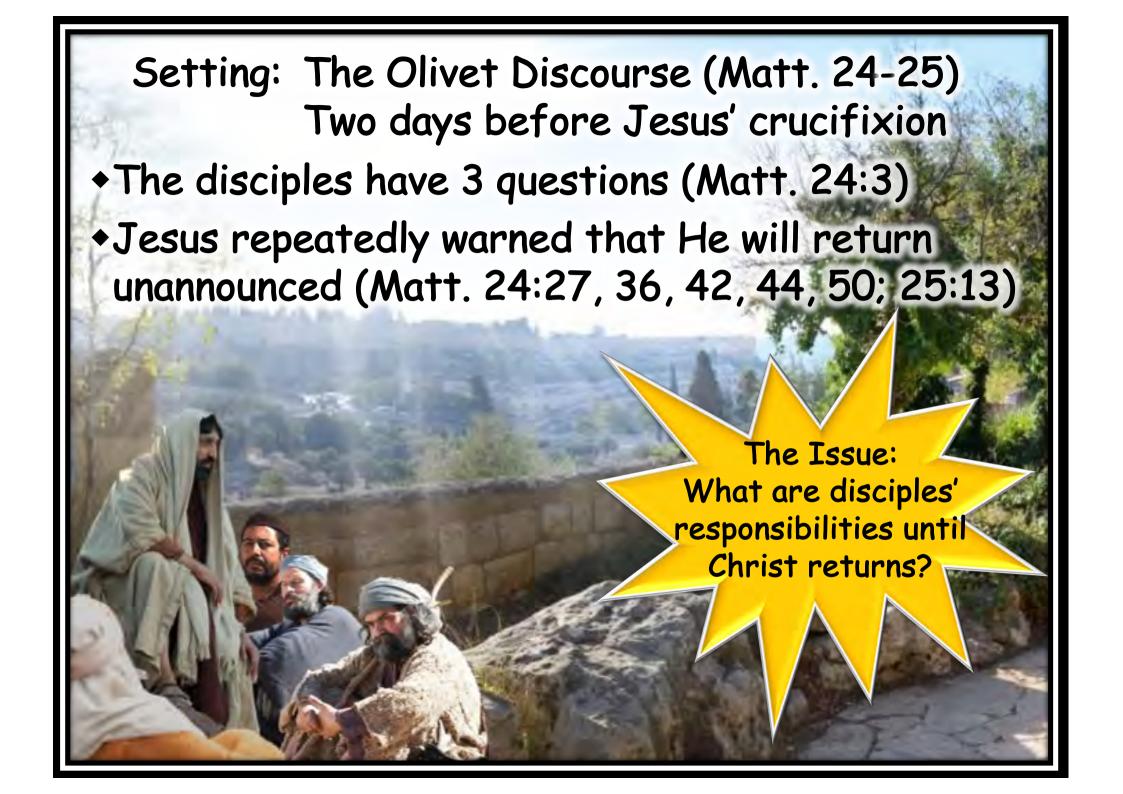


b. Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

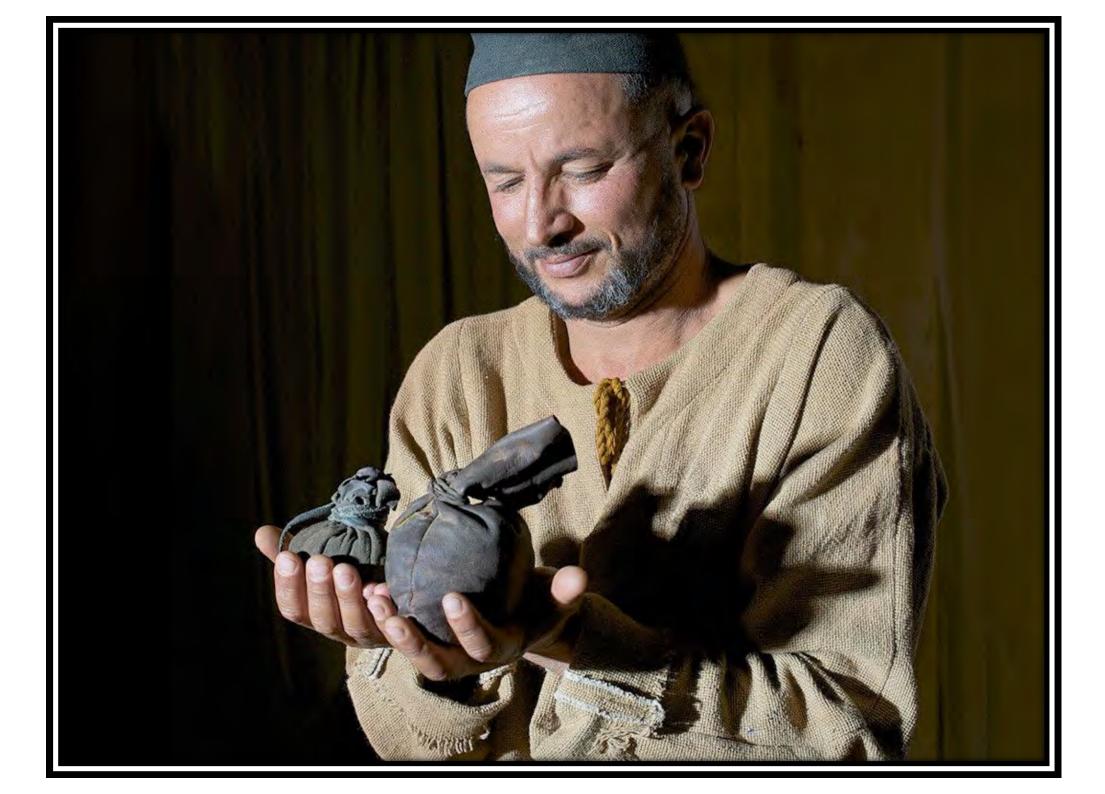
The parable of the talents teaches that Jesus will judge living Israel for not being a light to the Gentiles

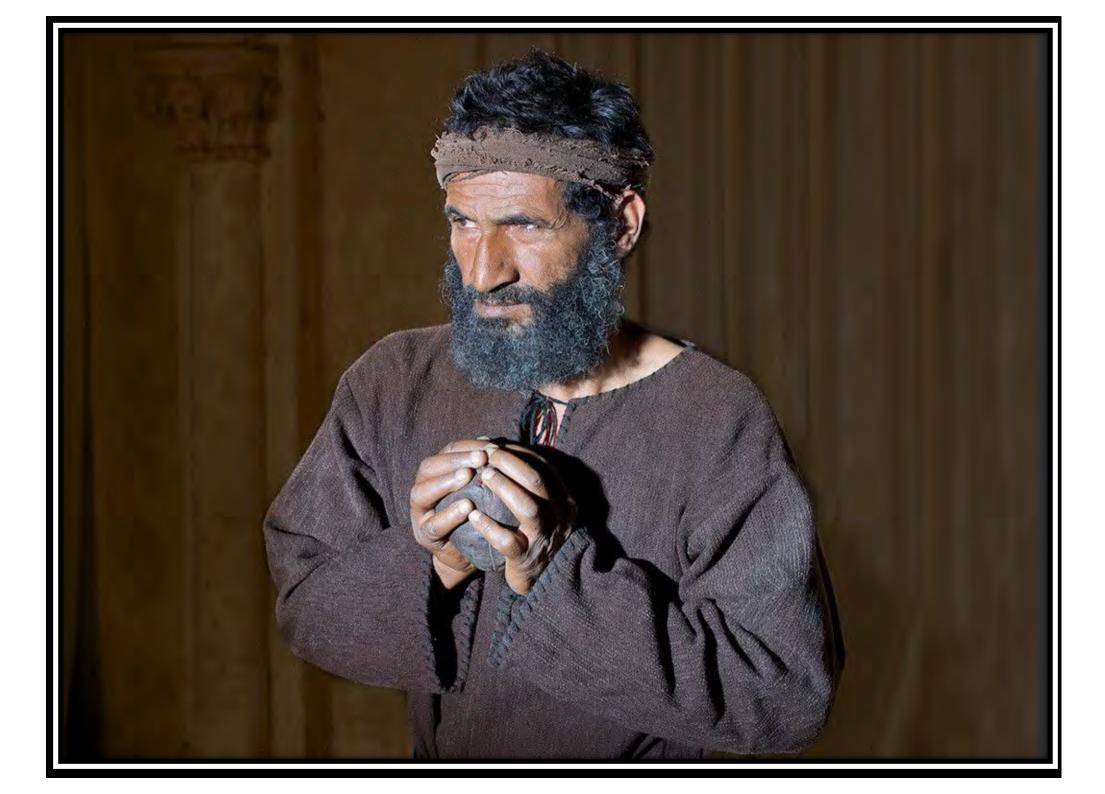


















HE WAS CAST INTO OUTER DARKNESS



- √ Separated from everyone and everything (alone!)
- √ Weeping (regret for bad choices)
- √Gnashing of teeth (eternal punishment)?

The Darkness Outside

	Furnace of Fire	Darkness Outside	Weeping
Matthew 8:12			
Matthew 13:42			
Matthew 13:50			
Matthew 22:13		•	
Matthew 24:51			
Matthew 25:30			
Luke 13:28			
	Lake of Fire	Disheritance	

Joseph Dillow, Final Destiny, 774

Jody Dillow is the key author of the Partakers View



Final Destiny

The Future Reign of the Servant Kings

Joseph Dillow



Jesus would be going away for an unspecified amount of time . . . but He will certainly return (Matt. 25:14,19)

What is He doing while He's away? (John 14:2,3; Hebrews 7:25)

WHAT DO WE LEARN?

God entrusts each disciple with varying amounts of resources to invest in kingdom building (Rom. 12:3-8)

Use it or lose it!

WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT THE MASTER?



You need to be diligent and faithful in Kingdom work (1 Cor. 4:2)

> Live as if Jesus is coming today! Plan as if Jesus is coming in 50 years

WHAT DO WE LEARN
FROM THE GOOD
SERVANTS?



Well done, good and faithful servant

To whom much is given, much is required (Lk 12:48)

- ☞ All faithfulness will be rewarded (1 Cor. 4:2)
- There are heavenly rewards for using all your "talents"
 - ✓ Responsible positions of service (Rev. 7:15)
 - √Crowns (2 Tim. 4:8)
 - √ The joy of the Lord (Matt. 25:21, 23; 8:11)



- ✓You are a disobedient disciple (1 Cor. 3:13-15)
- √You are not a true disciple and will be cast into hell (Matt. 7:21)?

Be ready to meet Jesus!

Rev. 22:12

FIXOM THE WICKED/LAZY
SERVANT??

7. Judgment on Gentiles

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus predicts judgment on living Gentiles based on their treatment of Israel to determine their entrance into the millennial kingdom

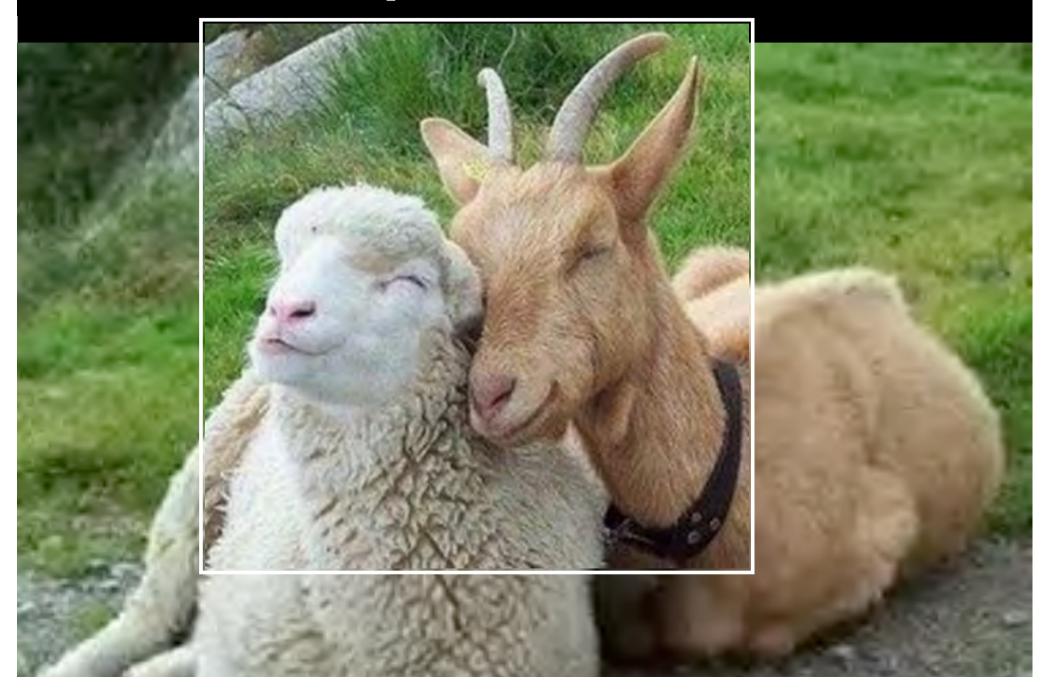


Judgment of the the Nations (Sheep & Goats)

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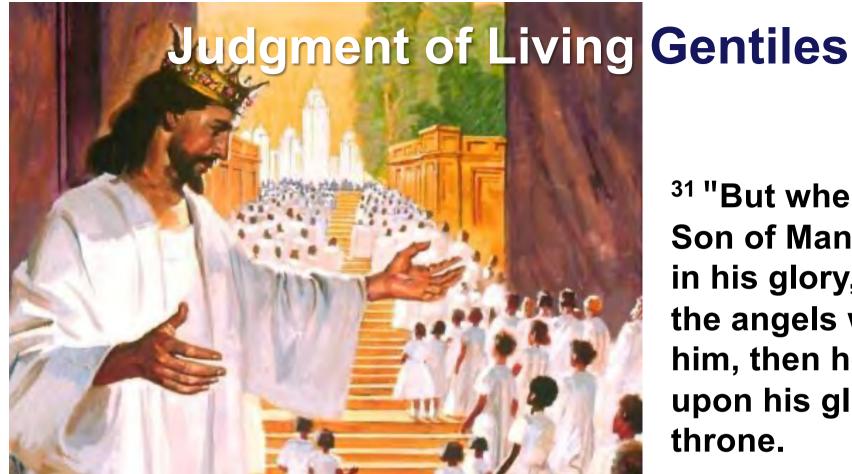
NLT Matthew 25:31 "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. ³²All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. 34Then the King will say to those on the right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Aren't Sheep & Goats the Same?



Judgment of the Nations

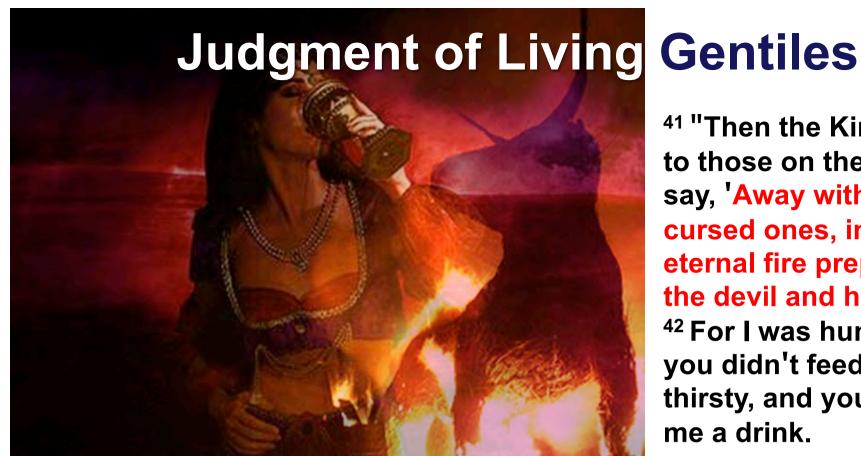
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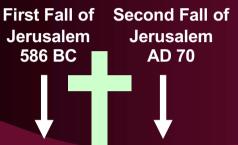


41 "Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. ⁴² For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me a drink.

⁴³ I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

44 "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?' ⁴⁵ "And he will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.' ⁴⁶ "And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life" (Matt. 25:41-46 NLT).

Olivet Discourse Overview



Rapture Third Fall of Second Coming
1 Thessalonians Jerusalem with the Saints
4:14-17 Matt. 23:39; 24:30

Israel Church Age Tribulation Millennium

The Great Tribulation Daniel 9:27

Israel Scattered Luke 21:24 Return to the Land

Matt. 24:15

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Judgment of the Gentile Nations Matt. 25:31-46

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B. Preparation for Christ's Death

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Various events follow their divinely prescribed order to prepare for the death of the Messiah as a sacrifice for the world's sin

B. Preparation for Christ's Death

- 1. The Prediction of His Death
- 2. The Plan of the Rulers
- 3. The Pouring of the Ointment
- 4. The Promise to Betray
- 5. The Preparation of the Passover
- 6. The Passover Observance
- 7. The Provision of an Example
- 8. The Prediction of Judas' Betrayal
- 9. The Prediction of Peter's Denial
- 10. The Provision of a Memorial

1. The Prediction of His Death

§ 151 Matthew 26:1-2; Mark 14:1a; Luke 22:1

Christ predicts His death on Passover to show that He would fulfill prophecy as God's sacrificial Lamb on that very day

2. The Plan of the Rulers

§ 152

Matthew 26:3-5; Mark 14:1b-2; Luke 22:2

The Sanhedrin takes Caiaphas' advice to kill Jesus at some time other than during the feast to prevent a riot

3. The Pouring of the Ointment

§ 153

Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; John 12:2-8

Mary anoints Christ as King but Jesus states that her anointing anticipated His upcoming death



Matthew 26:6-13 Mark 14:1-11 John 12:1-11

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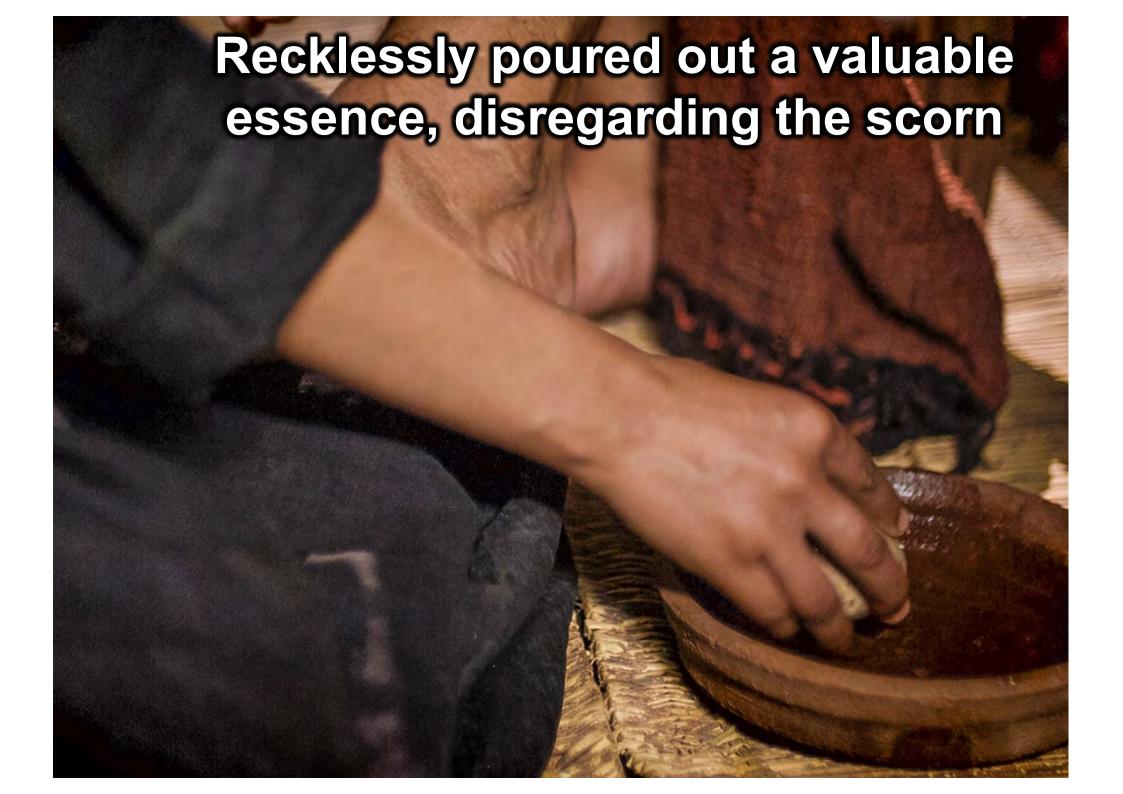
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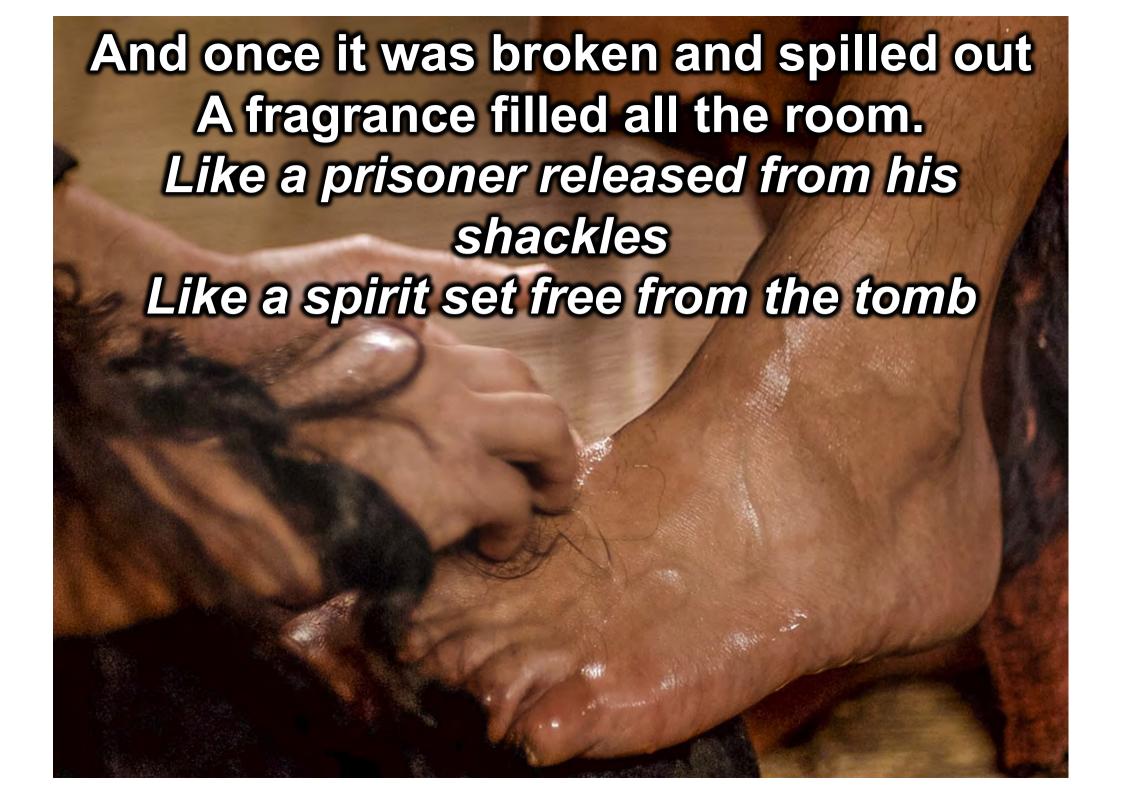
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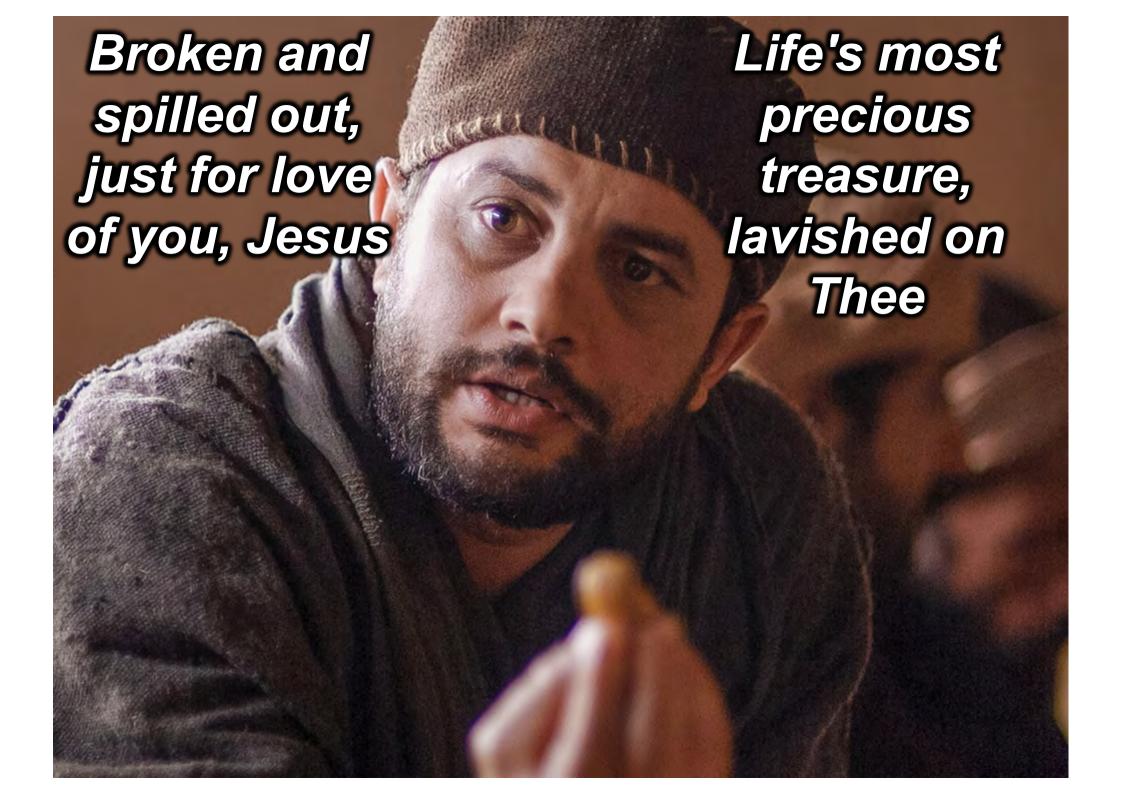


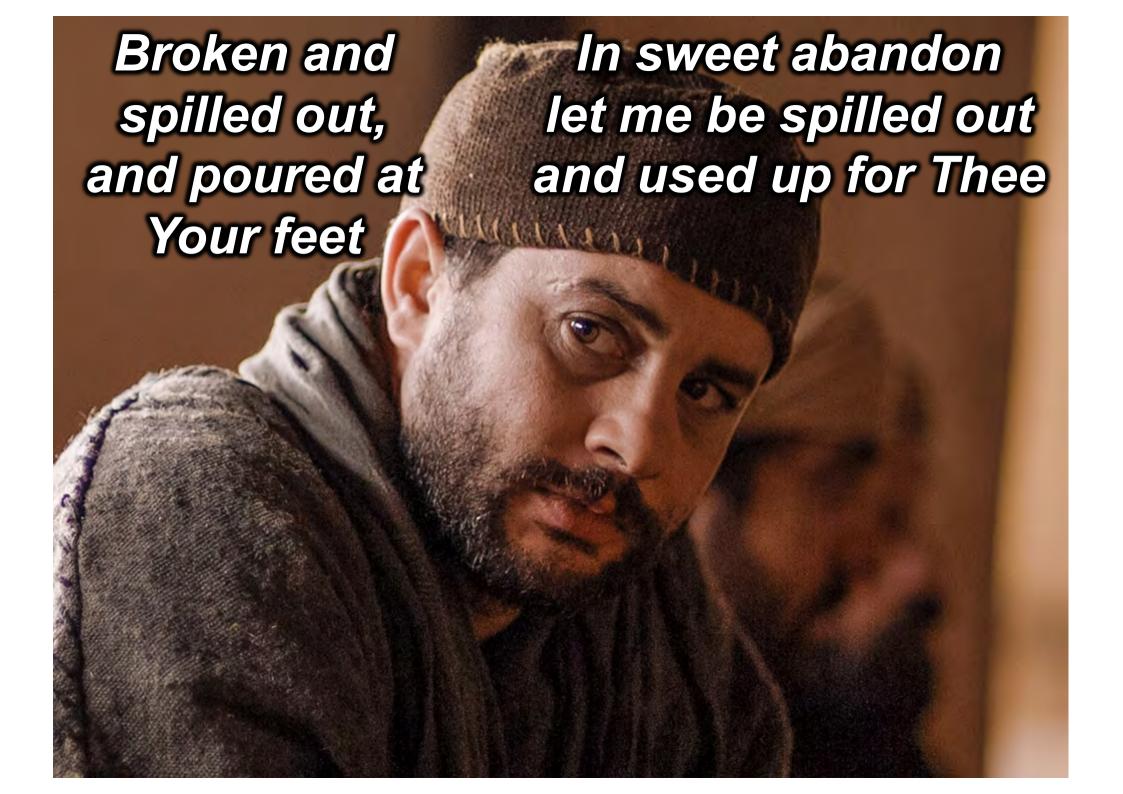


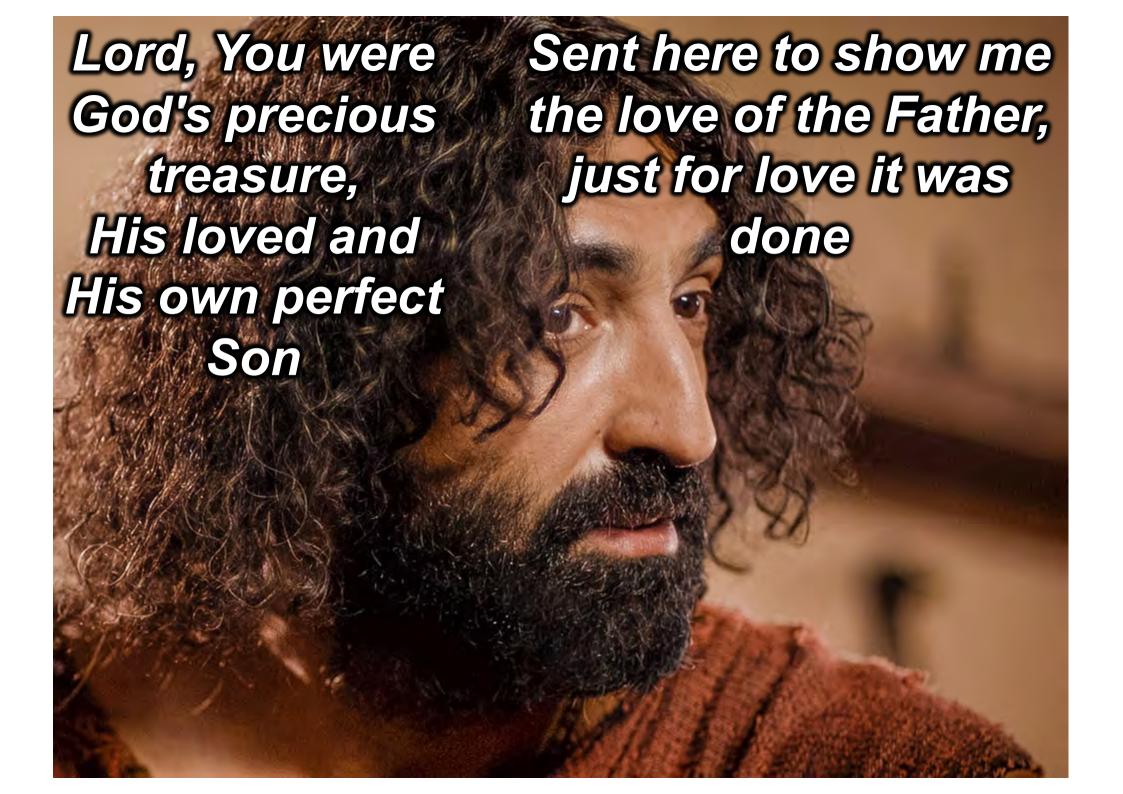


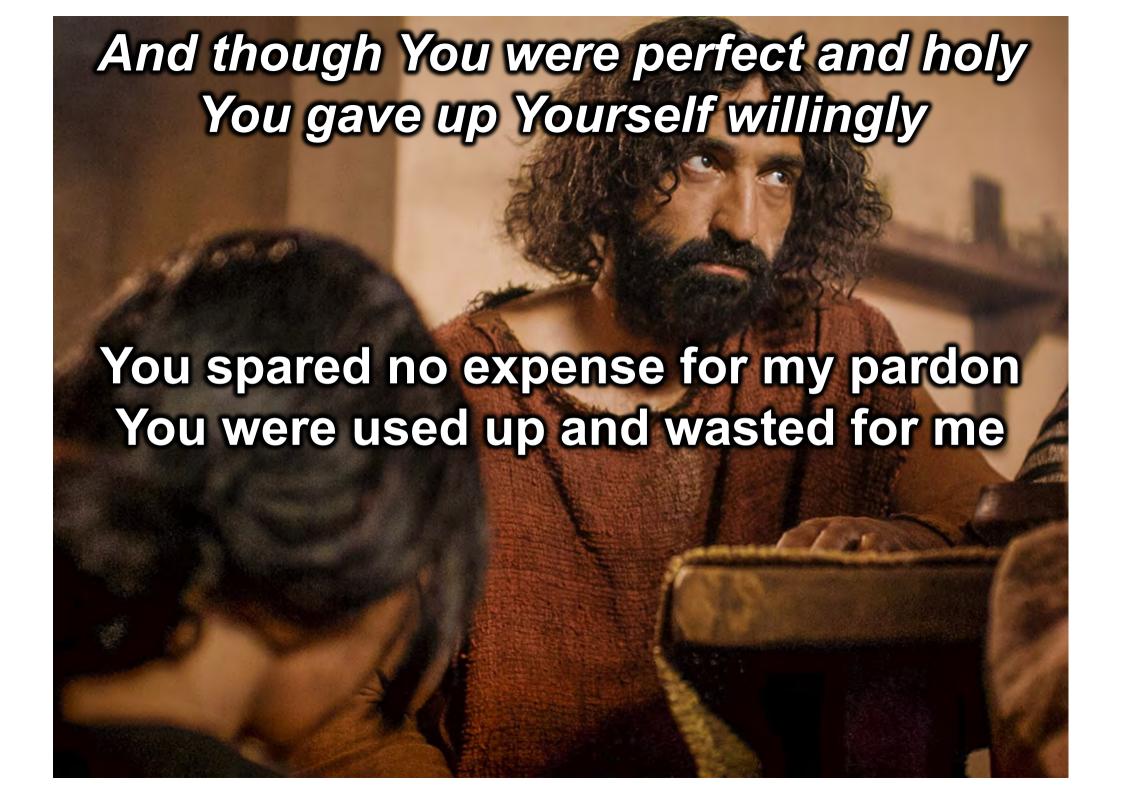


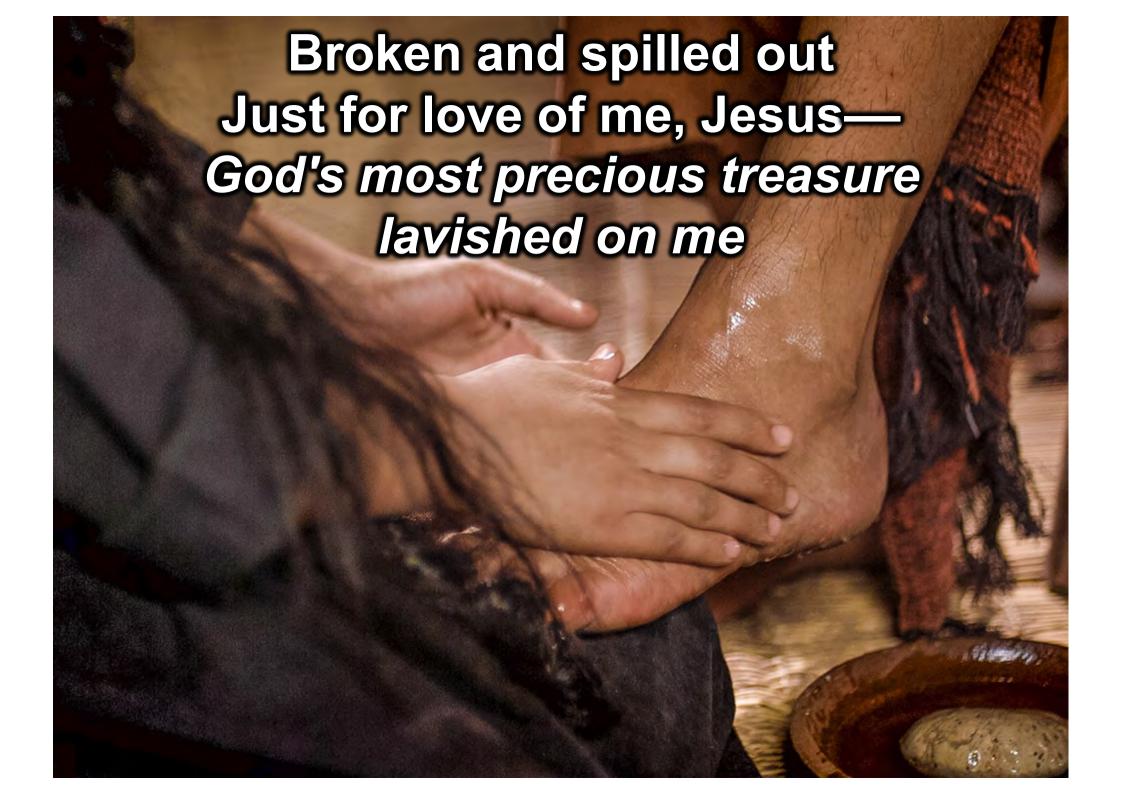










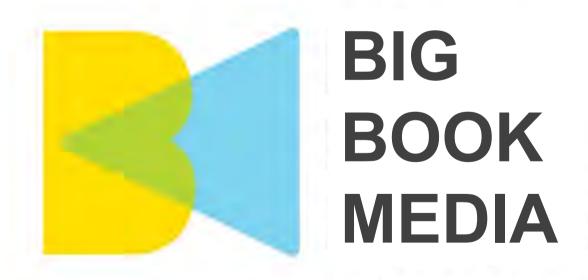






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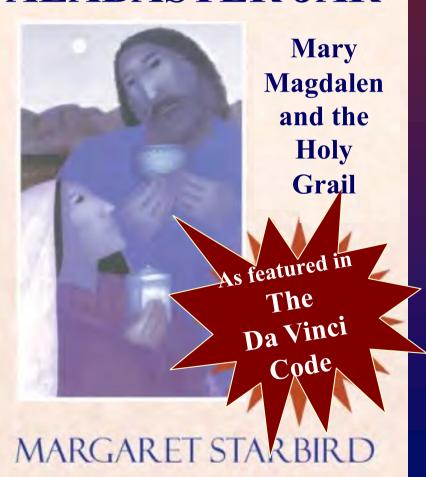




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The WOMAN with the ALABASTER JAR



Was Mary
Magdalene
the Woman with the
Alabaster Jar?

No. In Luke she is not named but in the other gospels she is clearly Mary of Bethany

John 12 Events

Present Damascus Gate

Unbelief Summary

12:37-50

full of traders large profit in exchange

5. Day of controversy and parables

TUESDAY Mt 21:23-24:51: Mk 11:27-13:37: Lk 20:1-21:36

Jesus evaded the traps set by the priests.

ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES OVERLOOKING JERUSALEM (Tuesday afternoon.

exact location unknown)

He taught in parables and warned the people against the Pharisees. He predicted the destruction of Herod's great temple and told his disciples about future events, including his own return.

6. Day of rest WEDNESDAY

Not mentioned in the Gospels

The Scriptures do not mention this day, but the counting of the days (Mk 14:1; Jn 12:1) seems to indicate that there was another day concerning which the Gospels record nothing.

Predicts Death 12:21-36

Last Supper

Mt 26:17-30; Mk 14:12-26; Lk 22:7-23; Jn 13:1-30

In an upper room Jesus prepared both himself and his disciples for his death. He gave the Passover meal a new meaning. The loaf of bread and cup of wine represented his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed. And so he instituted the "Lord's Supper." After singing a hymn they went to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed in agony, knowing what lay ahead for him.

8. Crucifixion—FRIDAY Mt 27:1—66; Mk 15:1—47; Lk 22:66—23:56; Jn 18:28—19:37 Following betrayal, arrest, desertion, false trials, denial, condemnation, beatings and mockery, Jesus was required to carry his cross to "The Place of the Skull," where he was crucified with two other prisoners.

9. In the tomb

Jesus' body was placed in the tomb before 6:00 P.M. Friday night, when the Sabbath began and all work stopped, and it lay in the tomb throughout the Sabbath.

10. Resurrection—SUNDAY Mt 28:1—13; Mk 16:1—20; Lk 24:1—49; Jn 20:1—31

found that the stone closing the tomb's entrance had been rolled back. An angel told them Jesus was alive and gave them a message. Jesus

Early in the morning, women went to the tomb and appeared to Mary Magdalene in the garden, to Peter, to two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and later that day to all the disciples but Thomas. His resurrection was established as a fact.

Triumphal Entry 12:12-20

> On the first day Jesus rode in a donkey, fulfilling prophecy (Zec 9:9)

spectacular view of the Desert of Judea to the east and Jerusalem across the Kidron valley to the west

The Roman road climbed steeply to the crest of the Mount of Olives, affording a

1. Arrival in Bethany

FRIDAY Jn 12:1

Jesus arrived in Bethany six days before the Passover to spend some time with his friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus. While here, Mary anointed his feet with costly perfume as an act of humility. This tender expression indicated Mary's devotion to Jesus and her willingness to serve him.

2. Sabbath - day of rest SATURDAY

Not mentioned in the Gospels

Since the next day was the

Anointing at Bethany 12:1-11

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Luke 7:36-50 Jesus and the Sinful Woman



Anointings of Jesus

Common to all four gospel accounts:

- 1. Unannounced visit by woman
- 2. Anointed Jesus' head and/or feet
- 3. Wiped his feet with her hair
- 4. Complaint of waste by disciples/Judas
- 5. Disciples rebuked by Jesus
- 6. In a home
- 7. Alabaster jar (except in John)
- 8. Home owned by man called Simon





The Two Anointings of Jesus



Luke 7:36-50

Matt. 26:6-13

Mark 14:3-9

John 12:1-11

Early in Ministry

During Passion Week

Weeping

No weeping noted

For worship, woman's sins forgiven (Luke 7:48)

For burial, woman needed no forgiveness

By unnamed harlot at home of Simon the Pharisee (Luke 7:40) in an unknown town

By Lazarus' sister Mary at home of Simon the Leper (Matt. 26:6; Mark 14:3) in Lazarus' hometown of Bethany (John 12:1)

4. The Promise to Betray

§ 154
Matthew 26:14-16; Mark 14:10-11; Luke 22:3-6

Judas agrees to betray Jesus to the Sanhedrin in His trial, showing his bitterness and disappointment with the Lord

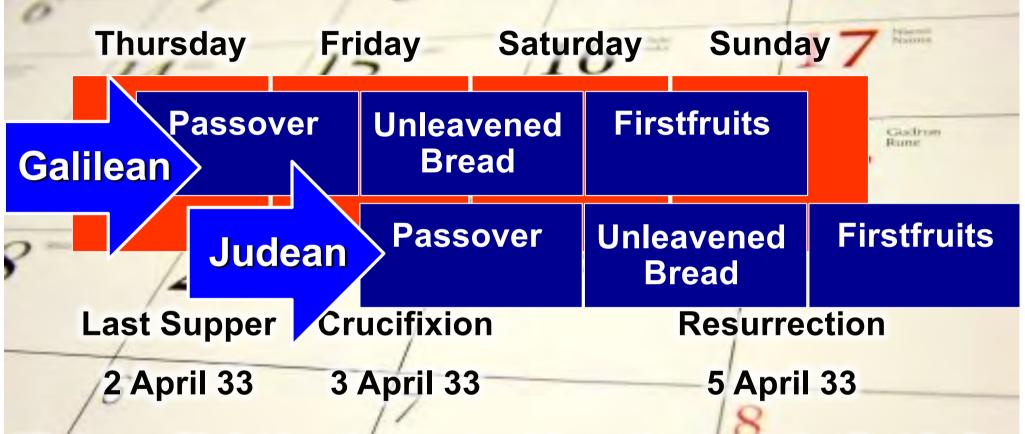
5. The Preparation of the Passover

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Matthew 26:17-19; Mark 14:12-16; Luke 22:7-13

Jesus sends Peter and John to prepare the Passover supper so that they may fully obey the law's demands to observe the feast





"But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep" (1 Cor 15:20 NAU).

Christ is the only one ever resurrected, but as such, he is also the first among many who will join a resurrected body.

6. The Passover Observance

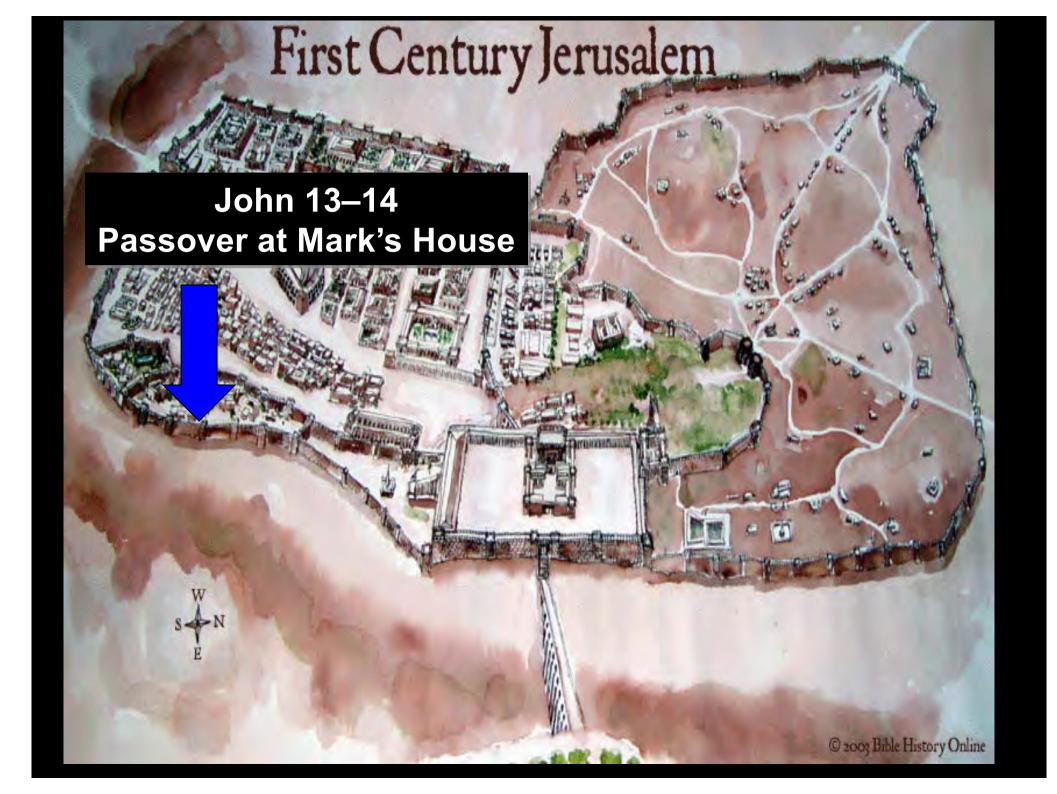
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Matthew 26:20; Mark 14:17; Luke 22:14-16, 24-30

Jesus notes that the Passover will be fulfilled in the Millennium, so his disciples argue for their greatness based on their table positions

"Jesus replied, l assure you that when the world is made new and the Son of Man sits upon his glorious throne, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel" (Matt. 19:28 NLT)

A Literal, Political Kingdom



7. The Provision of an Example

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John 13:1-20

Christ loves the disciples as their servant by washing their feet to show that the one who rules must become one who serves























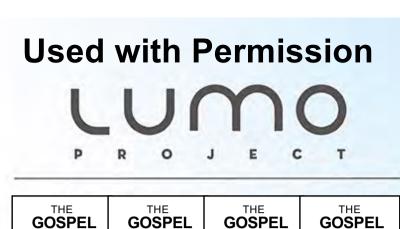






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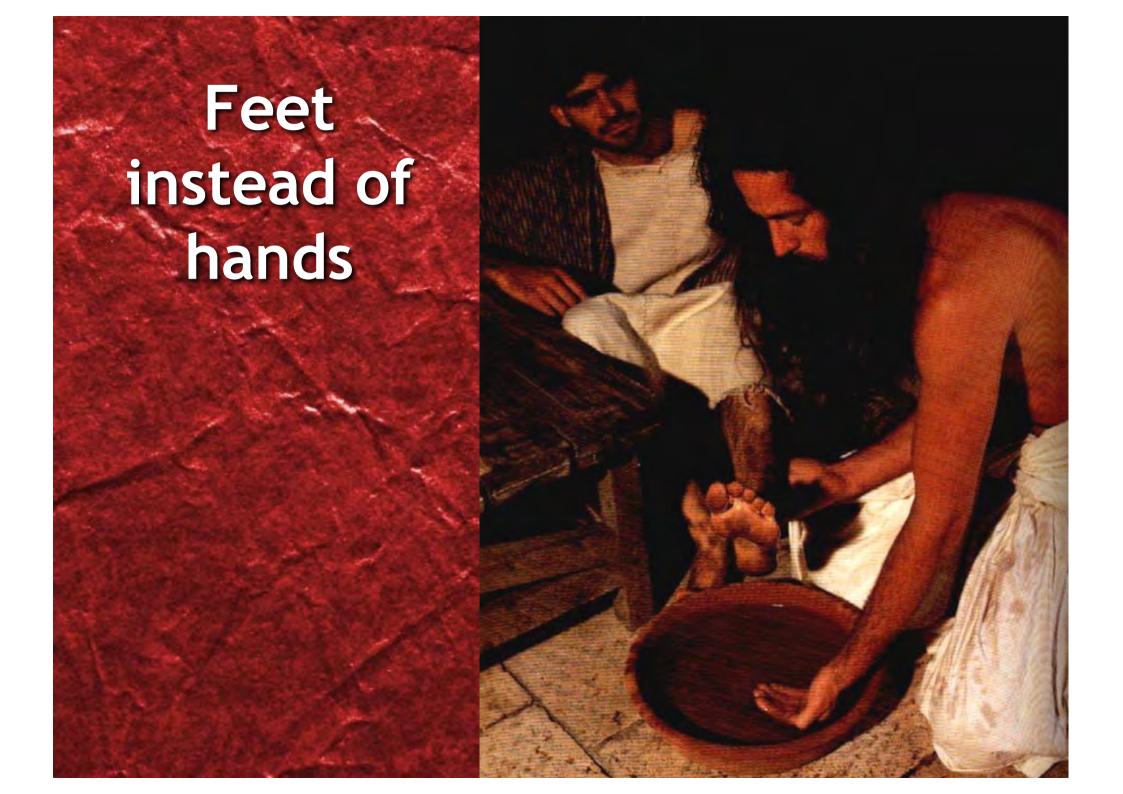








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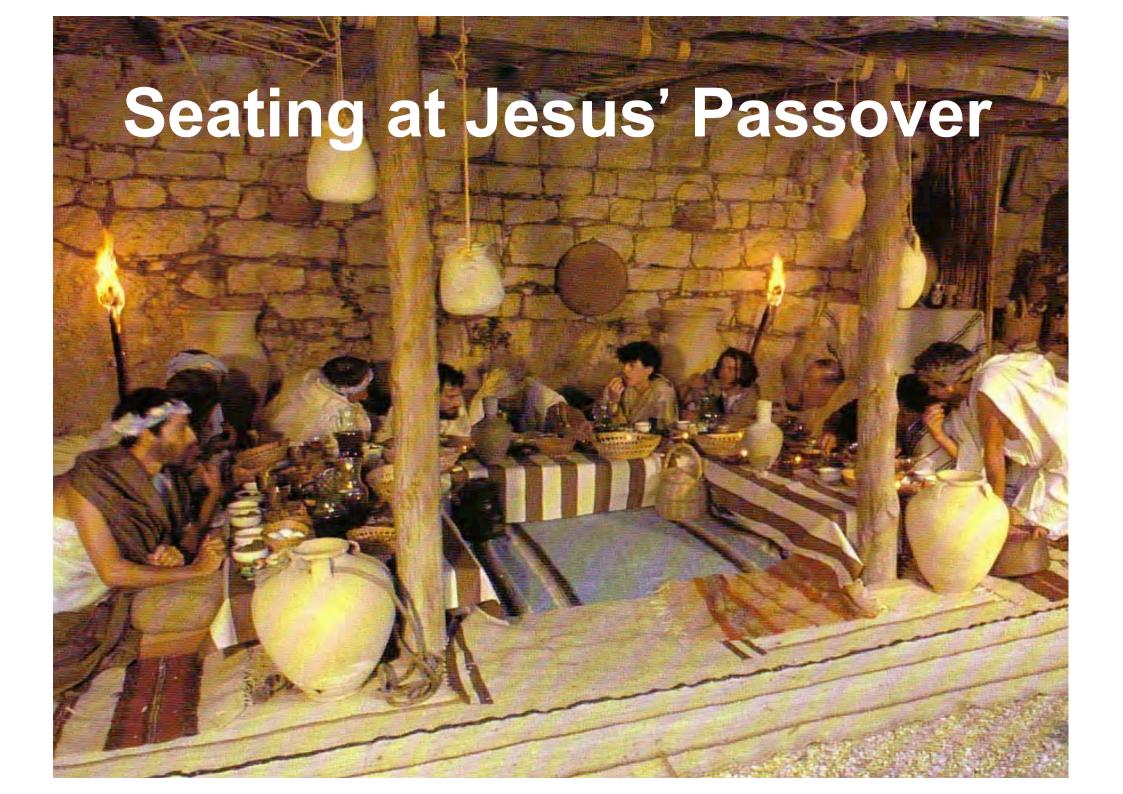


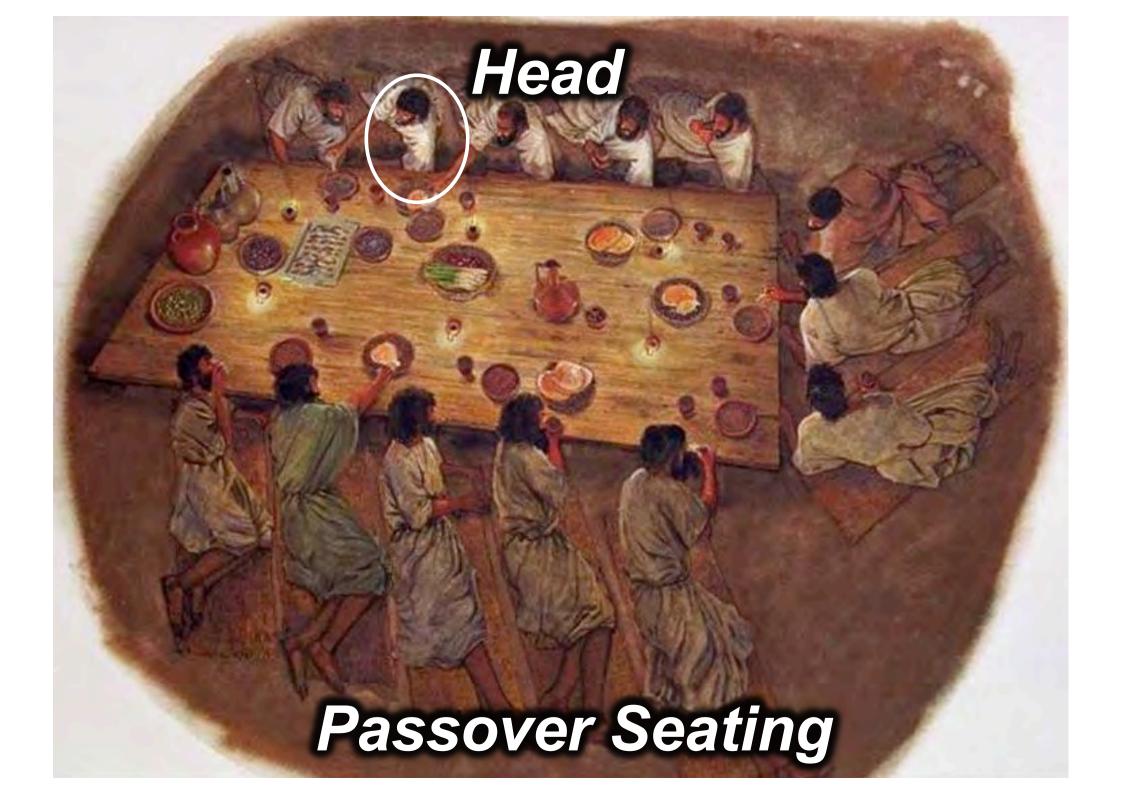


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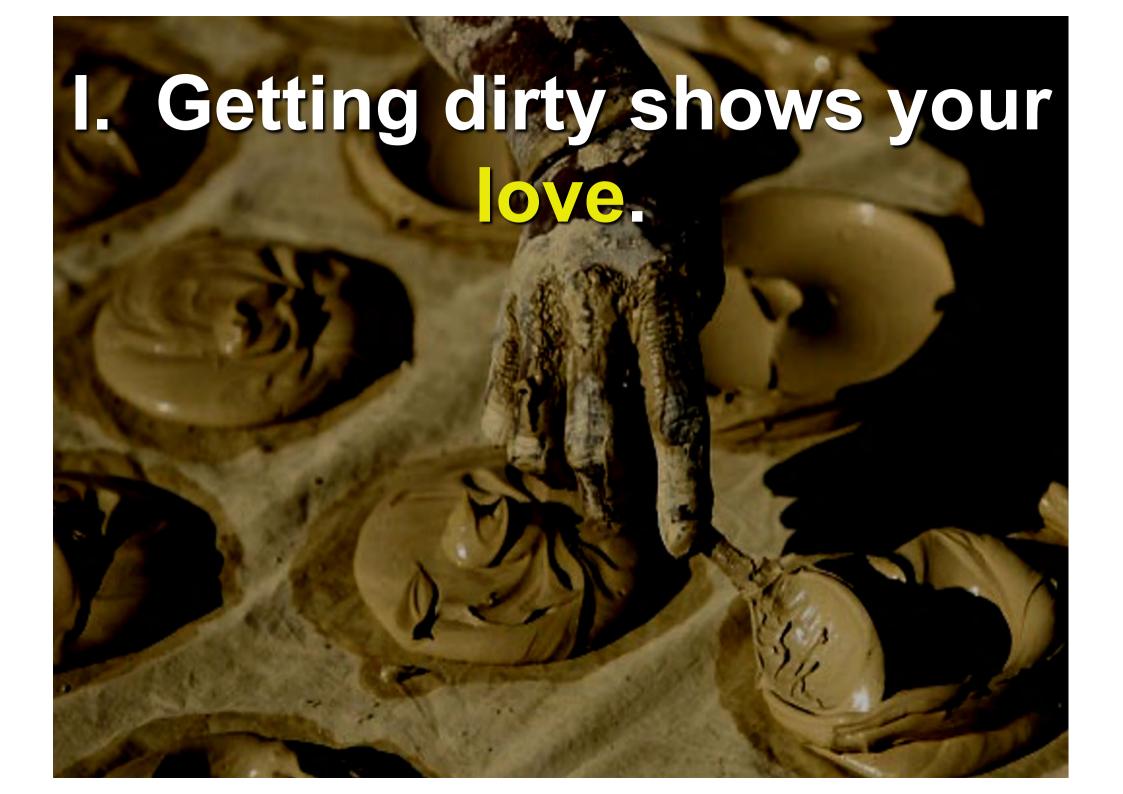


The Head of the Table



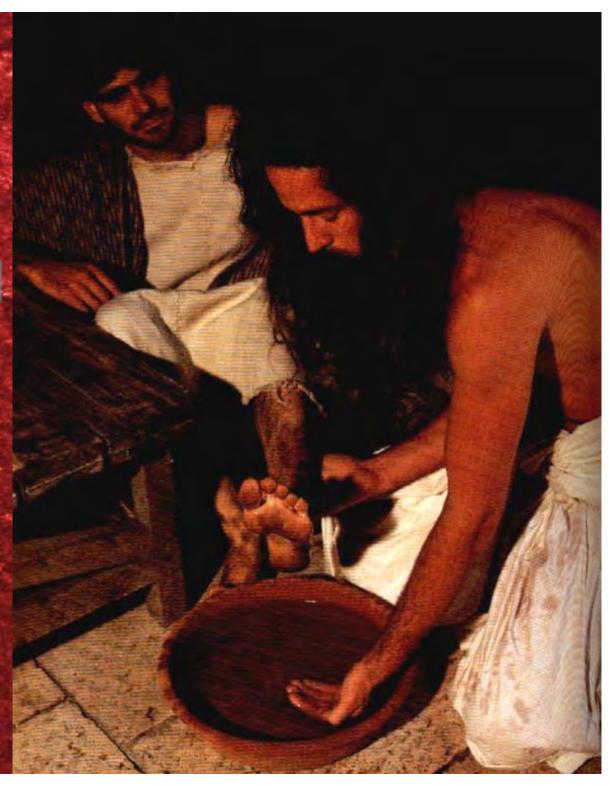






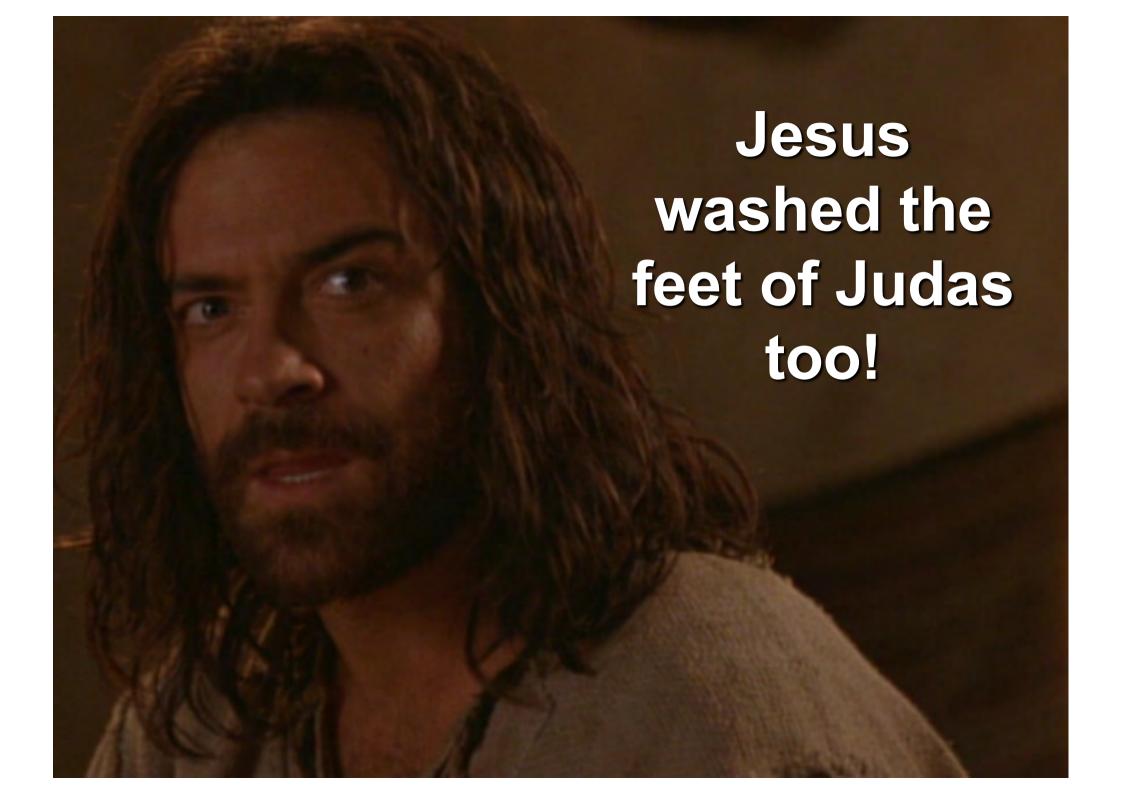
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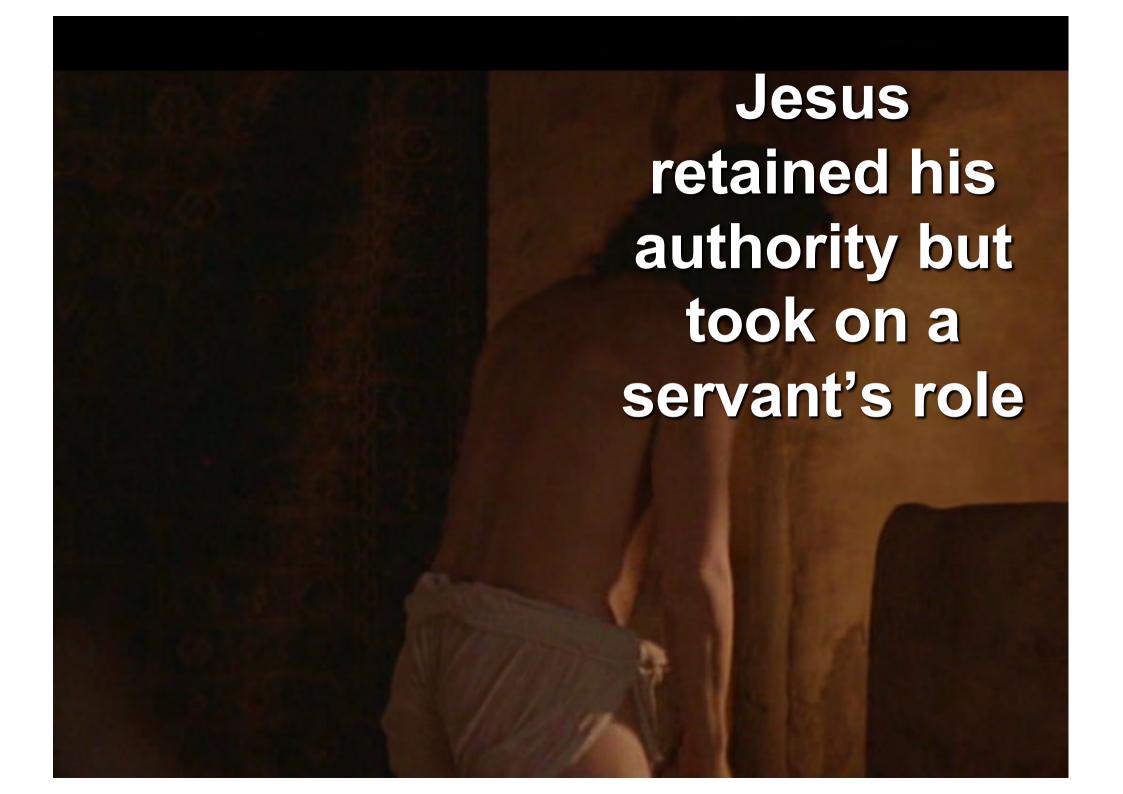
"... He showed them the full extent of his love" (1).

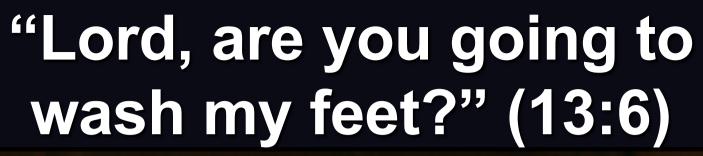


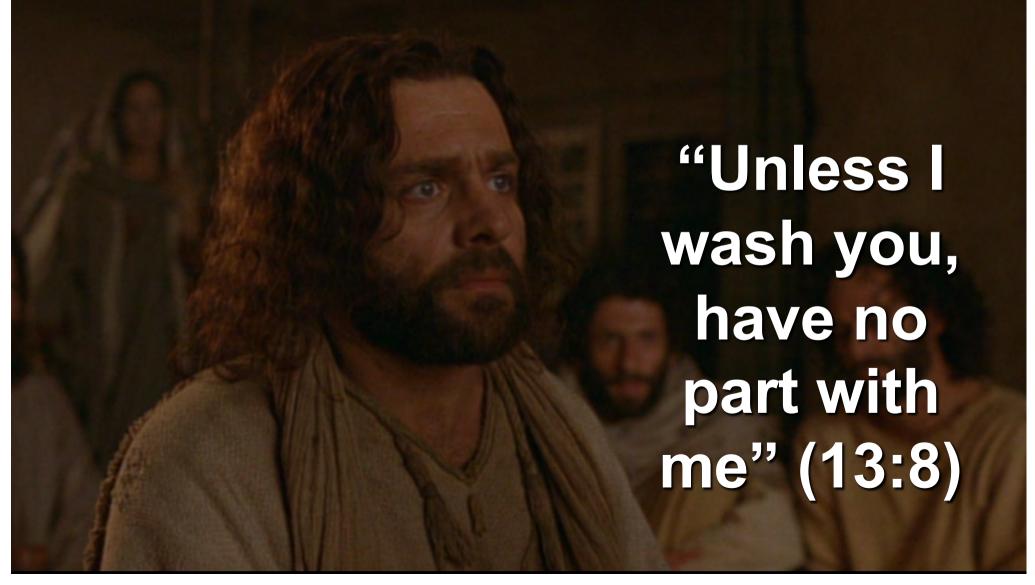












"Then wash my hands and head as well, not just my feet!" (13:9)

Two washings:

Body = salvation (once)

Feet = confession (repeated)

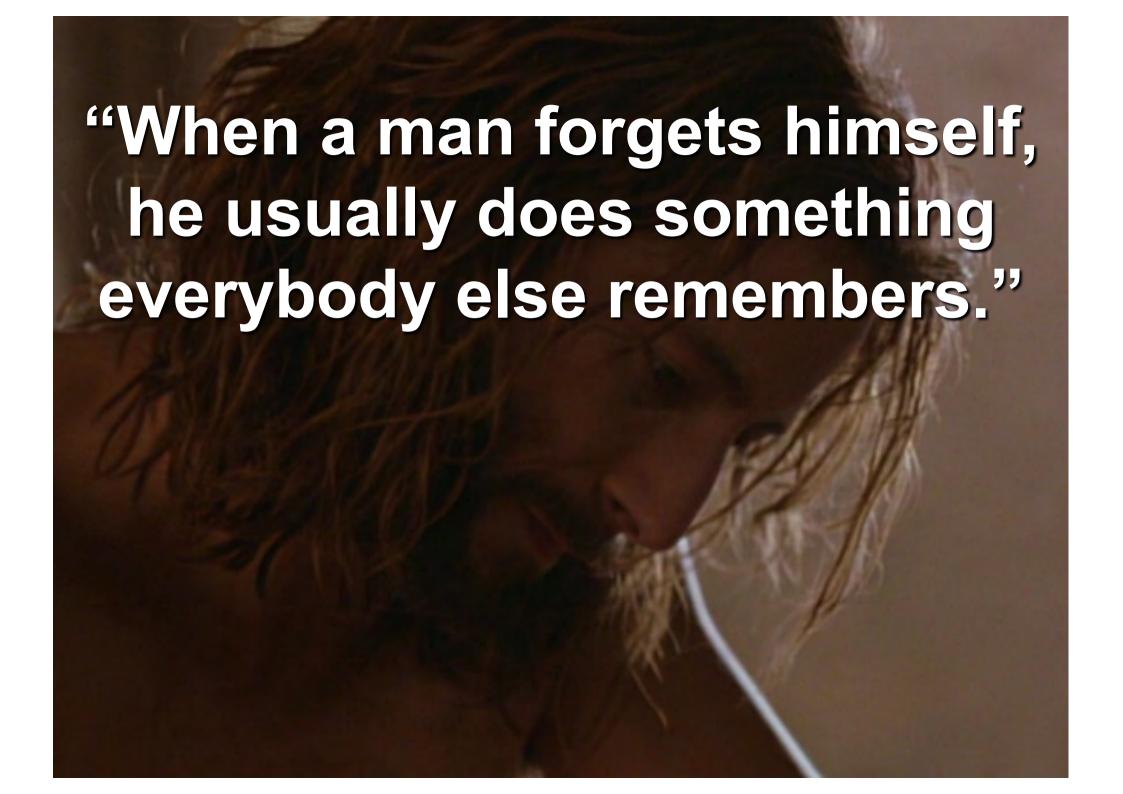
Humble service curbs pride



1. Voluntary

2. No complaining

3. Unconventional



III. Getting dirty shows you imitate Christ.



"I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you" (John 13:15)



Main Idea



When you love people like Jesus, you don't mind dirt.

Why Get Dirty? 1. To show love 2. To show humility 3. To imitate Jesus

8. The Prediction of Judas' Betrayal

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Matthew 26:21-25; Mark 14:18-21; Luke 22:21-23

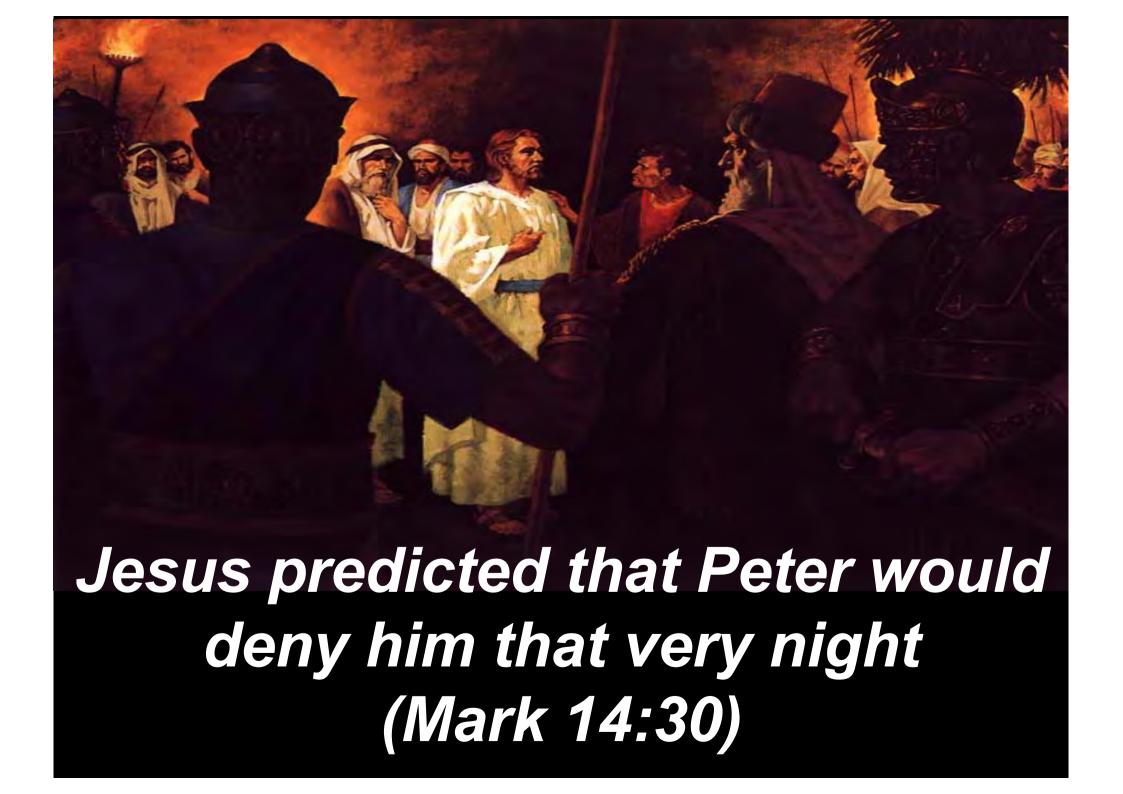
Christ predicts Judas' betrayal by passing the sop to offer forgiveness to Judas if he believes in Jesus

9. The Prediction of Peter's Denial

§ 159

Matthew 26:31-35; Mark 14:27-31; Luke 22:31-38

Jesus predicts Peter's denial and prays that the Twelve would all be restored after denying Him as Lord



10. The Provision of a Memorial

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Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:17-20

Jesus establishes memorials of His person in the cup and bread so that they would help His followers remember His sacrificial death



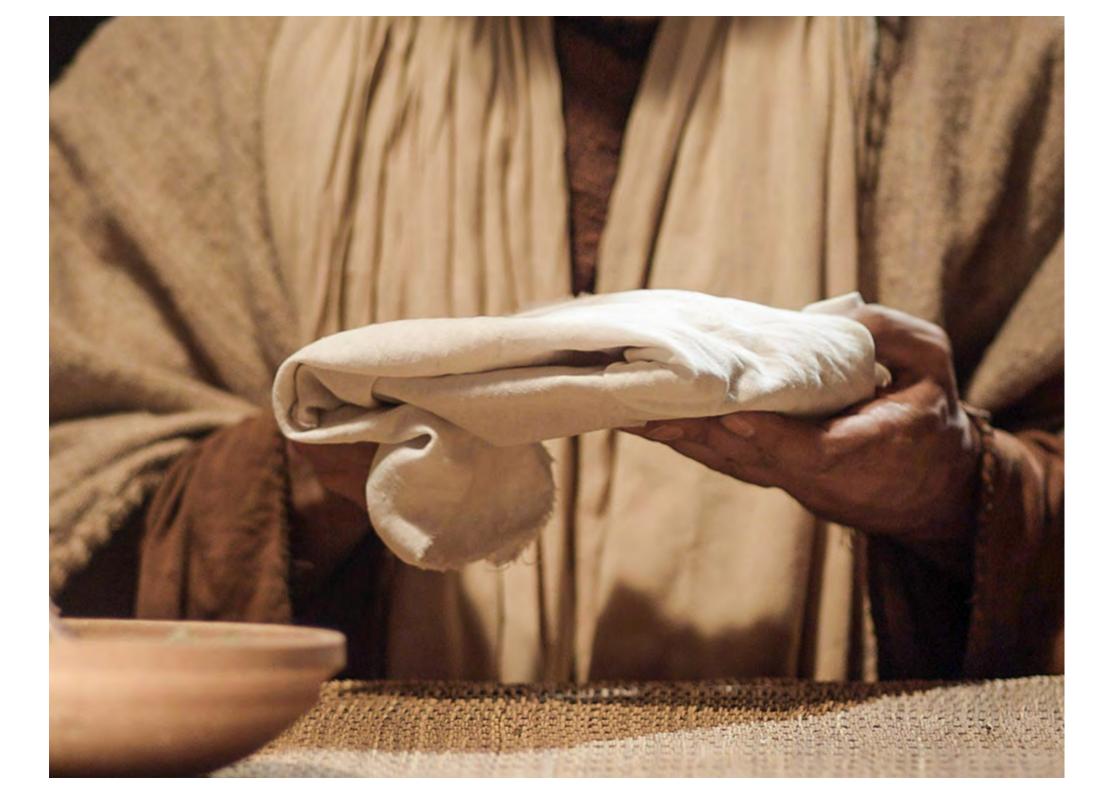
































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The Four Cups (Exod. 6:6-7)

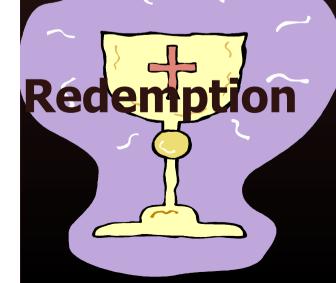




"Therefore, say to the Israelites:
'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.

I will free you from being slaves to them,

and <u>I will</u> redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.

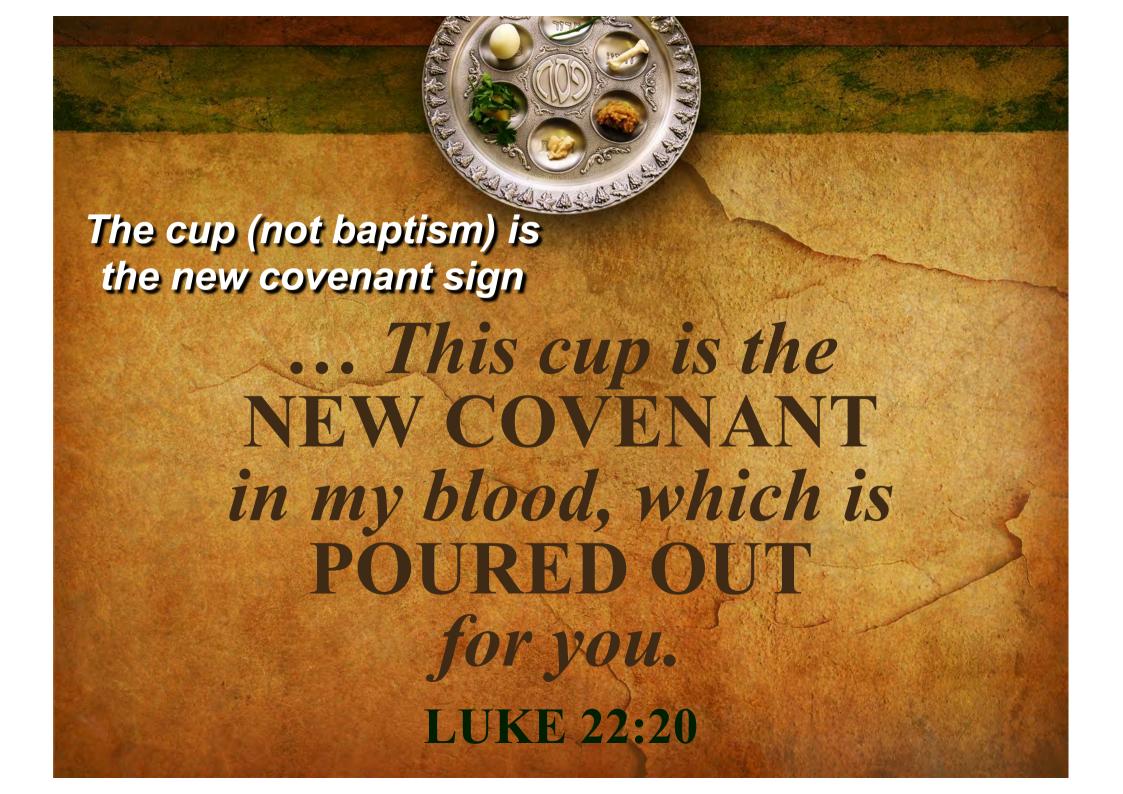






... This is my body GIVEN FOR YOU do this in REMEMBRANCE of me.

LUKE 22:19



C. Precepts By Christ

§ § 161-165 John 13:31–16:33

Christ's final teaching at the Last Supper prepares them for His departure and for their ministry apart from His bodily presence



§ 161 John 13:31-35

Jesus commands His men to love each other with His same love to identify themselves to the world as His followers

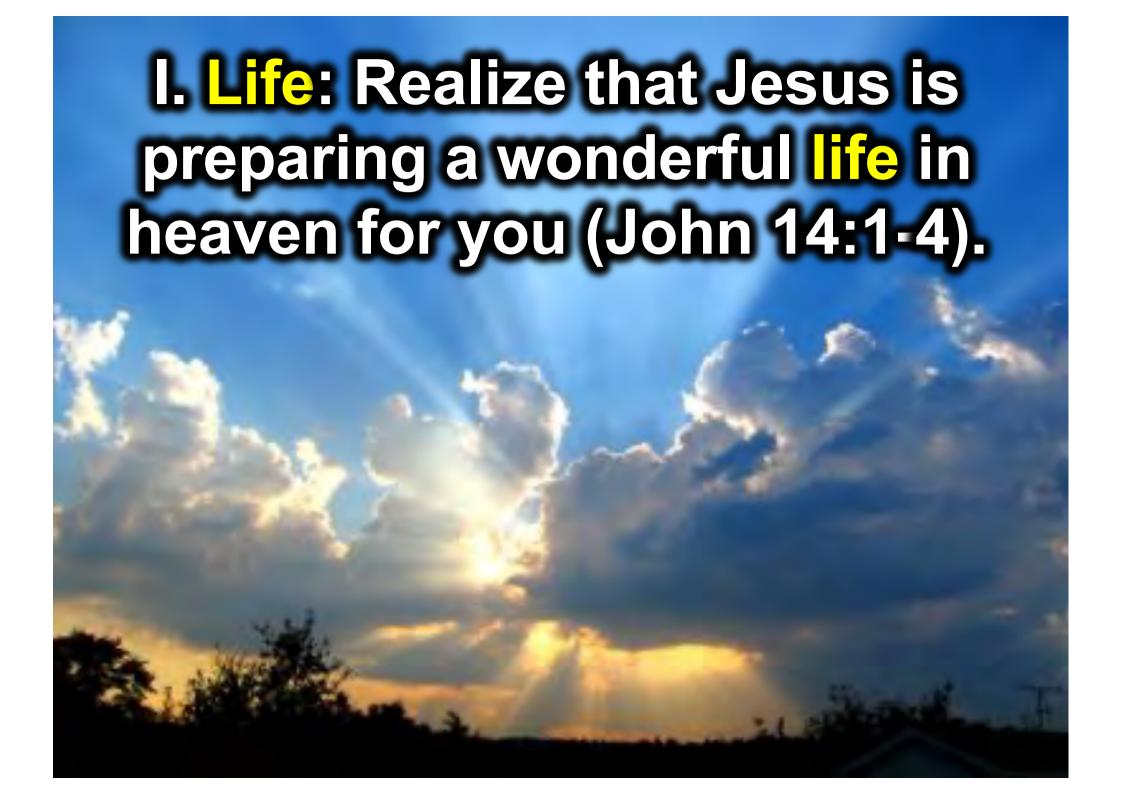


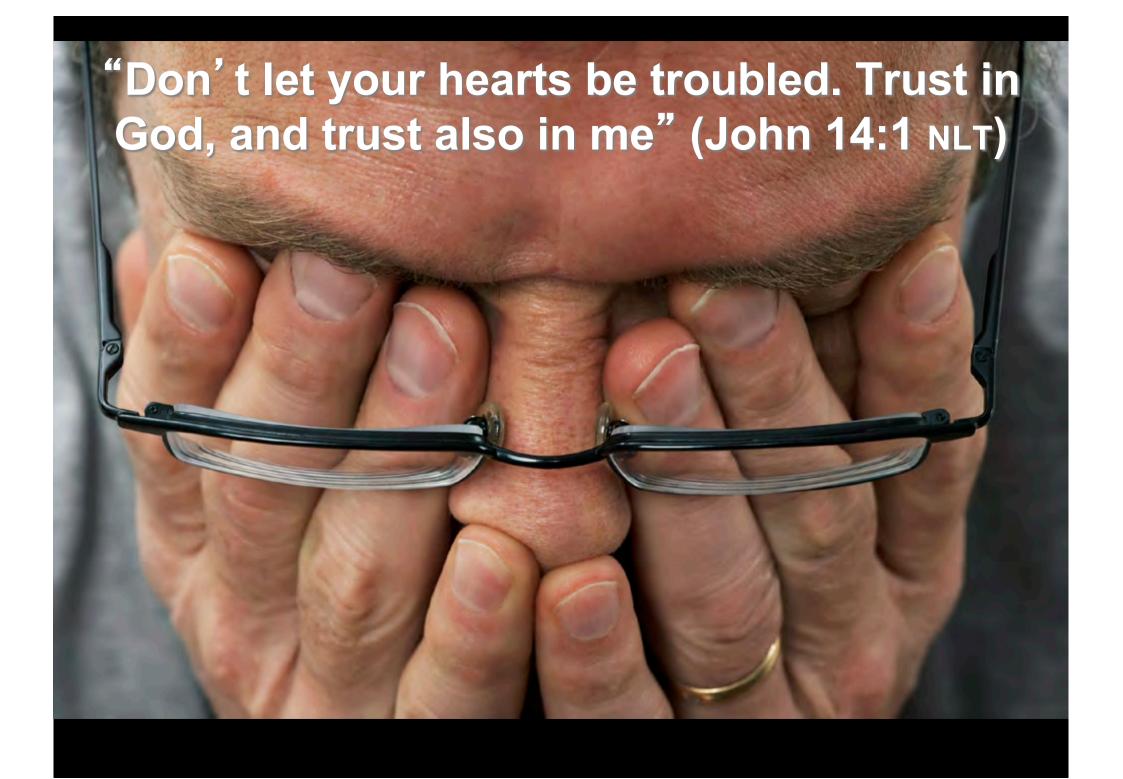
§ 162 John 13:36, 14:1-24

Jesus promises His troubled disciples a new intimacy with the Trinity as He was the only way to God, who would soon be replaced by the Spirit



Confusion





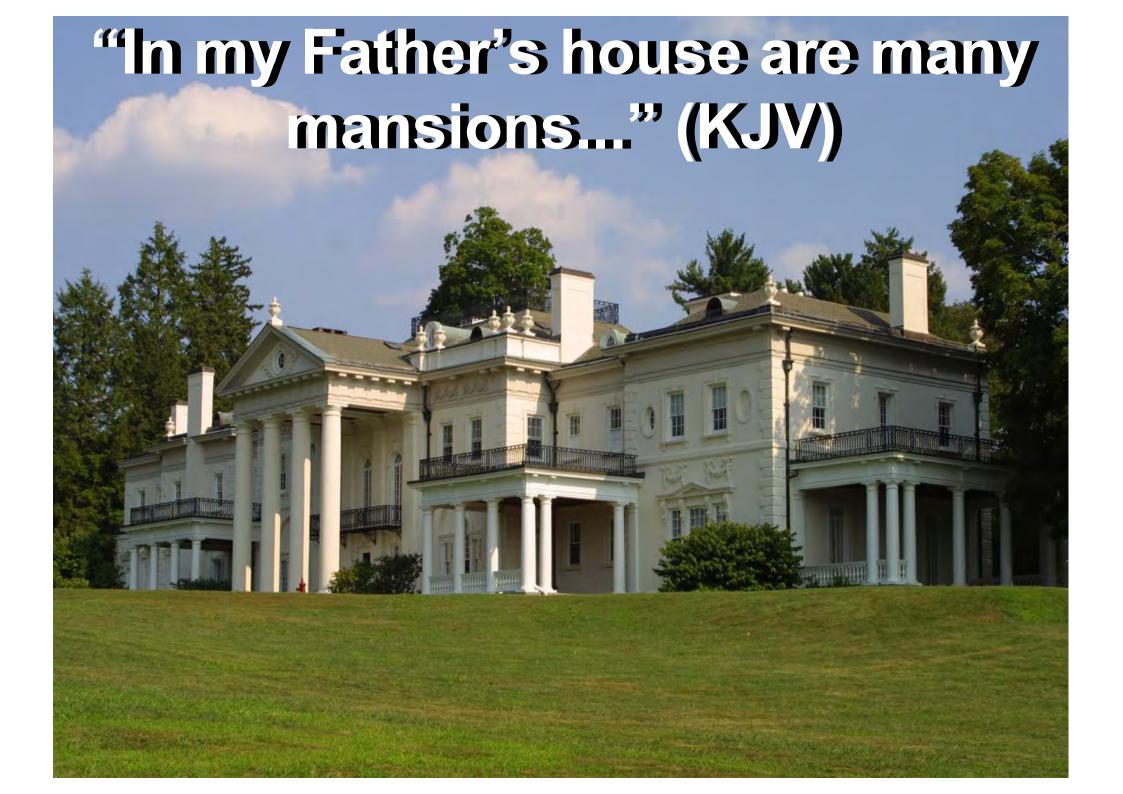
Your Heart

 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding" (Prov. 3:5)

• "Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life" (Prov. 4:23)

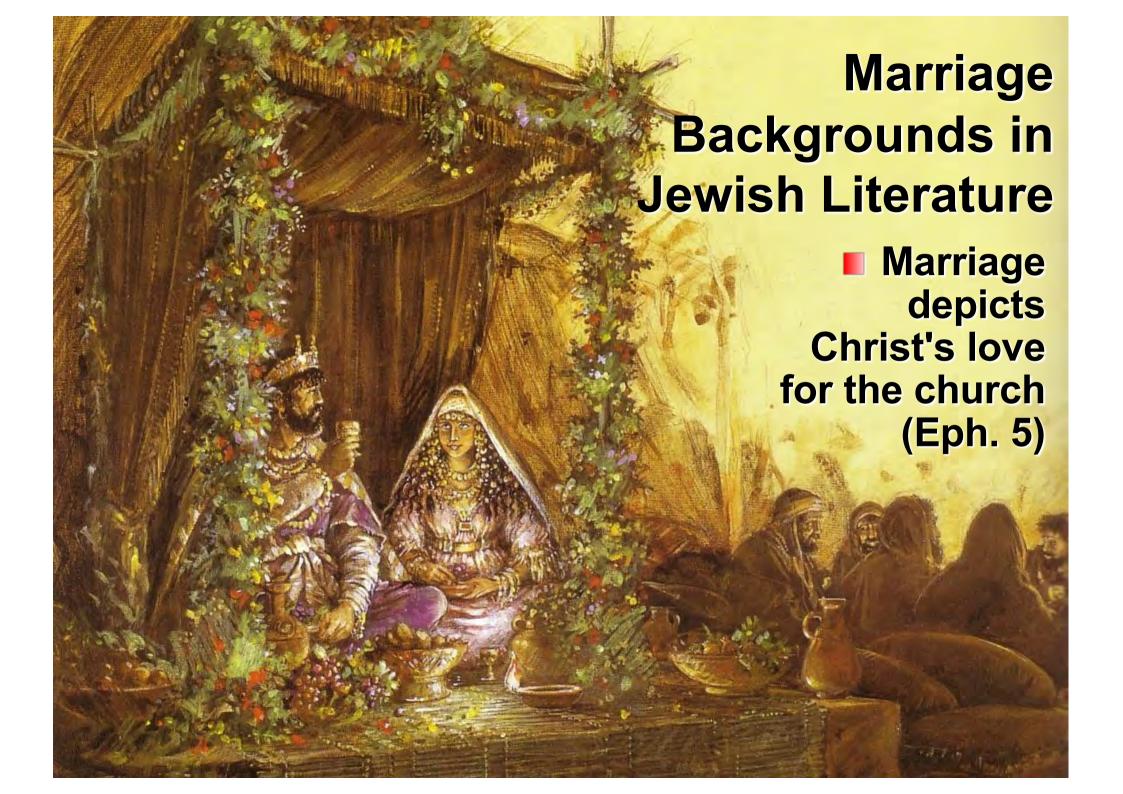
"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me" (John 14:1 ист)

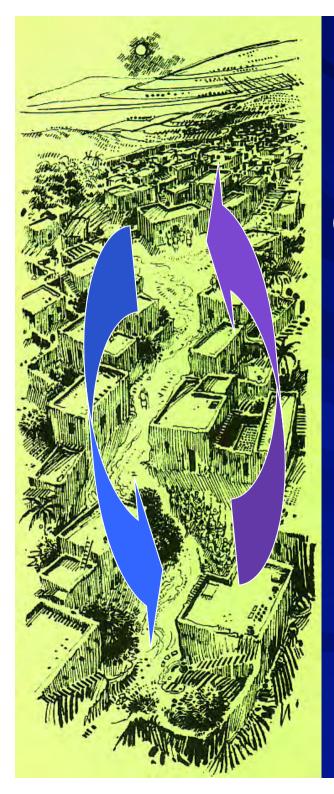




In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.





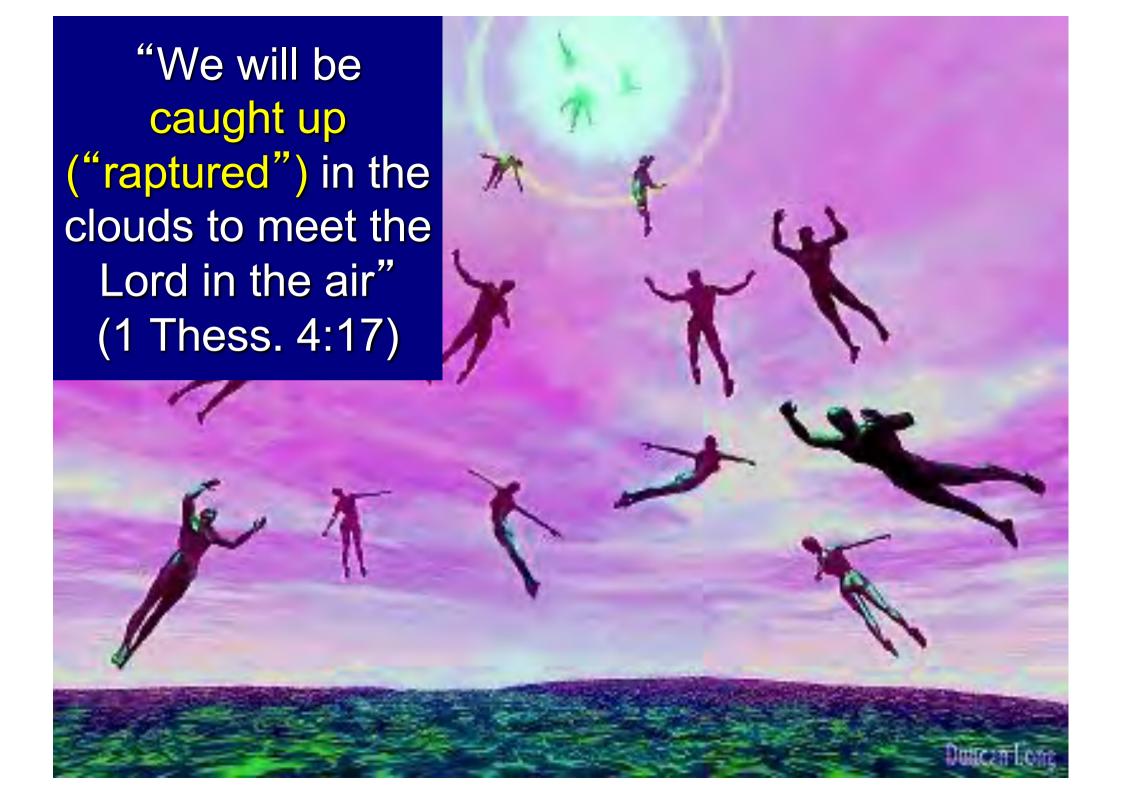


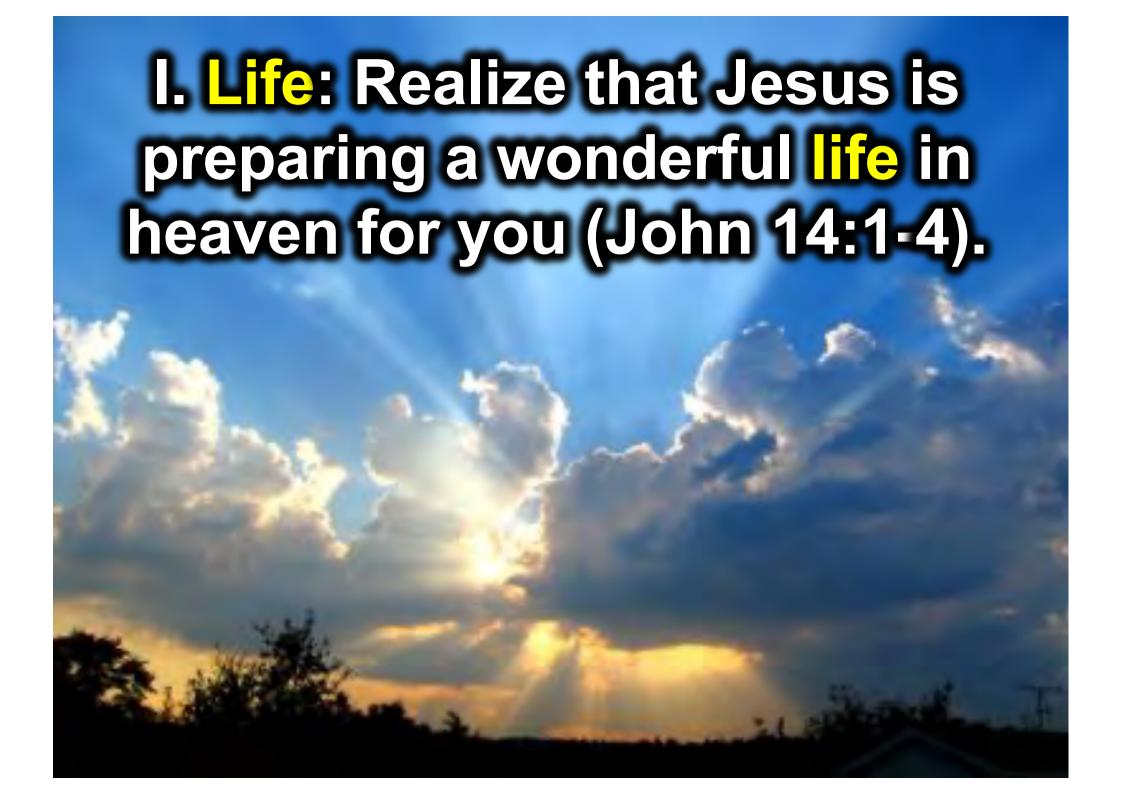
The First Century Wedding Procession

Groom's House (in Father's House)

The procession parallels Christ's return for His Bride, the Church

Bride's House







II. Way: **Trust Christ** as the only way you can reach God (14:5-14).

"I am the way the truth and the life No one comes to the Father except through me" Jesus

John 14:6

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"Therefore, I now know that when Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth...no one comes to the Father but by me,' he was not saying, as Christian history has mistakenly thought, 'There is no other way to God but by me.' He was simply saying instead, 'The way I live is the way to know God—it's also the way to live happily in this world. If you want to know God, follow my way...emulate how I live, how I think, the way I treat myself, others, and the world."

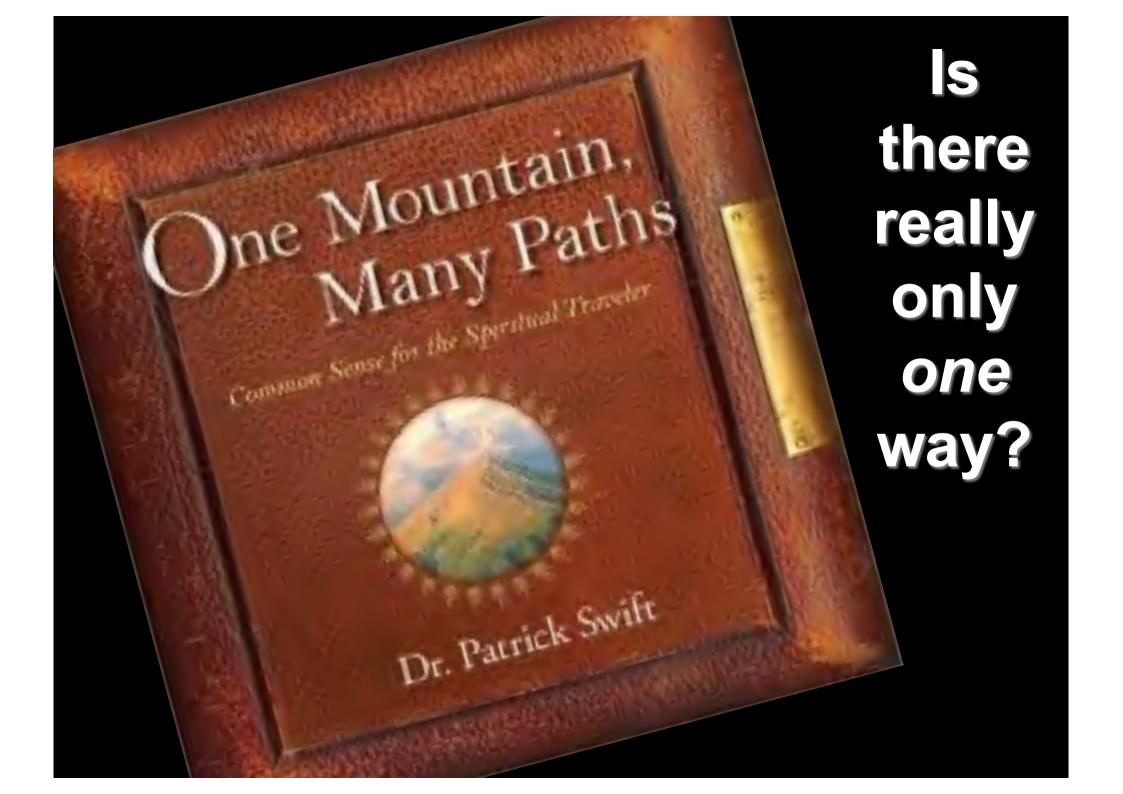
http://www.selfgrowth.com/articles/is-jesus-the-only-way-to-god

Other texts say the same...

- "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).
- "He who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him" (John 3:36).

Other texts say the same...

- "For there is one God and one
 - Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5).
- "And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life" (1 John 5:11-12)

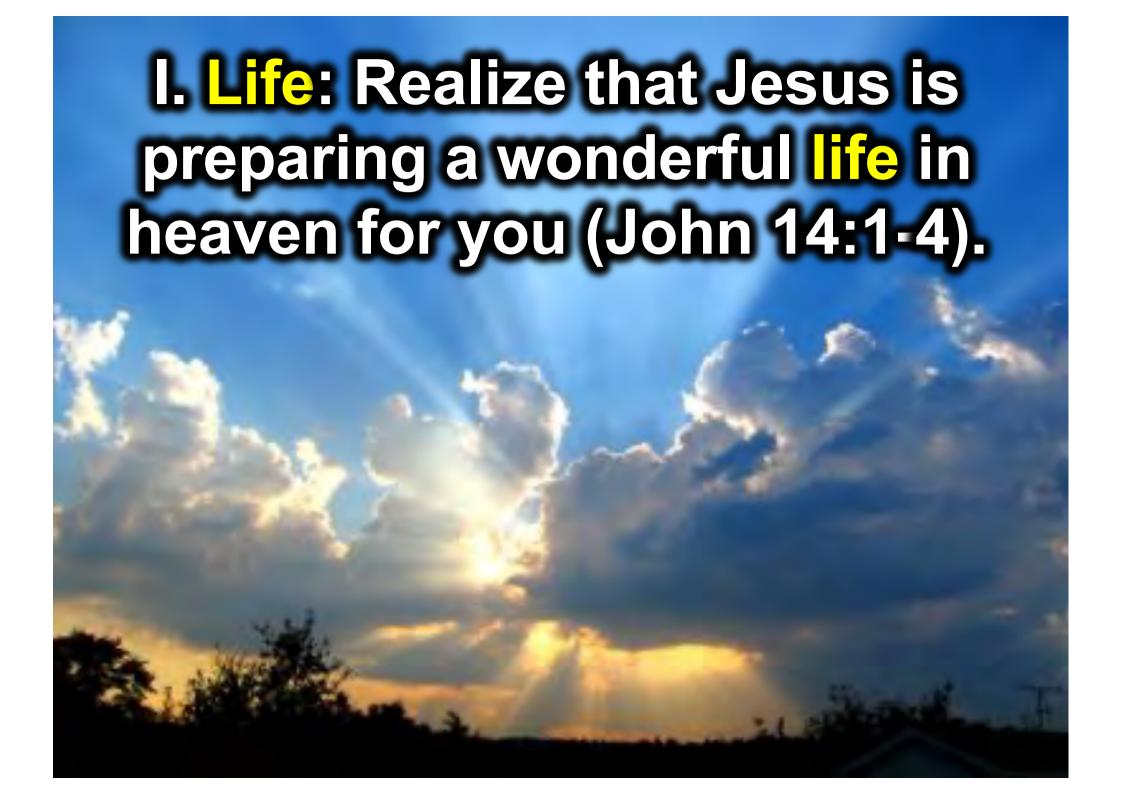




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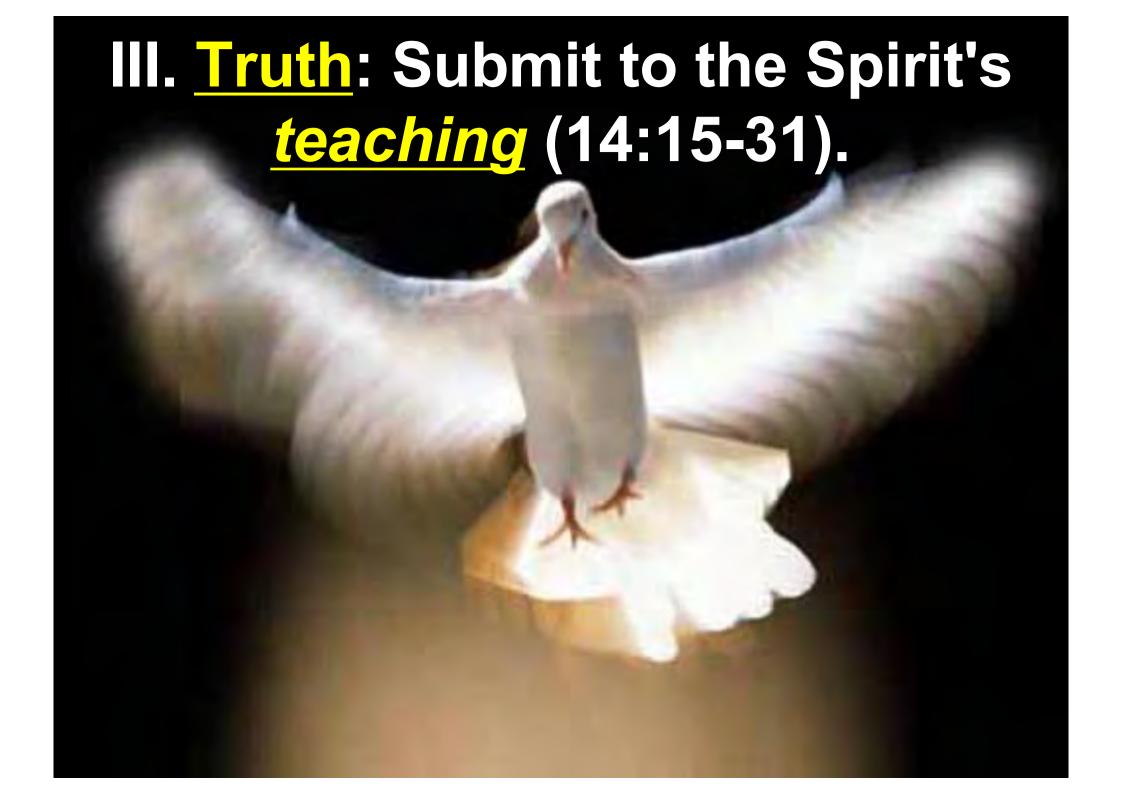


§ 163 John 14:25-31

Jesus would send the Spirit to teach what still did not make sense so the disciples could proclaim His words with His peace, not fear

The Holy Spirit!

How could the disciples cope once Jesus left them to return to heaven?







John 14:15-17

15"If you love me, you will obey what I command. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever — 17the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."

The Paraclete (John 14:16)

Advocate = Counselor = Comforter

Greek = "one who comes alongside"

Greek options for "another":

Heteros = "another of a different kind"

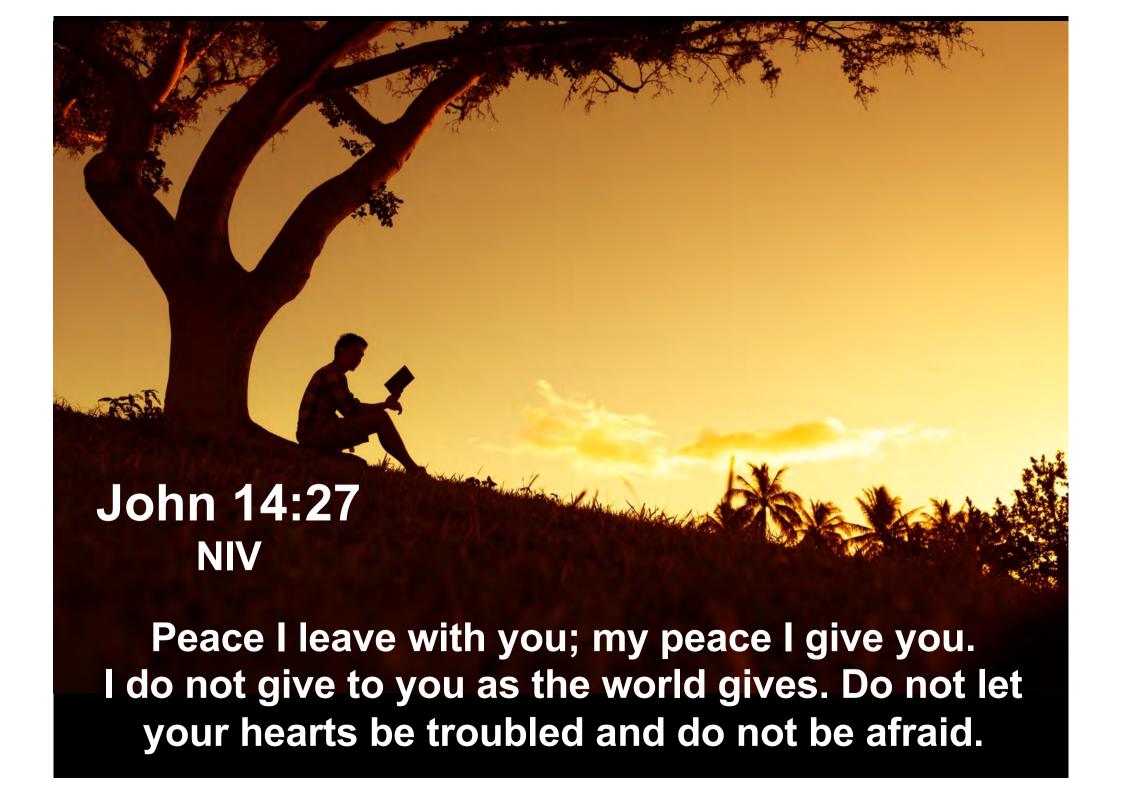
Allos = "another of the same kind"

The Spirit will come alongside us in the same way as Jesus Himself!





- Counsels & teaches (15-21)
 - Enables obedience & grants peace (22-31)





Confusion



Trust the one way, one truth, and one life!

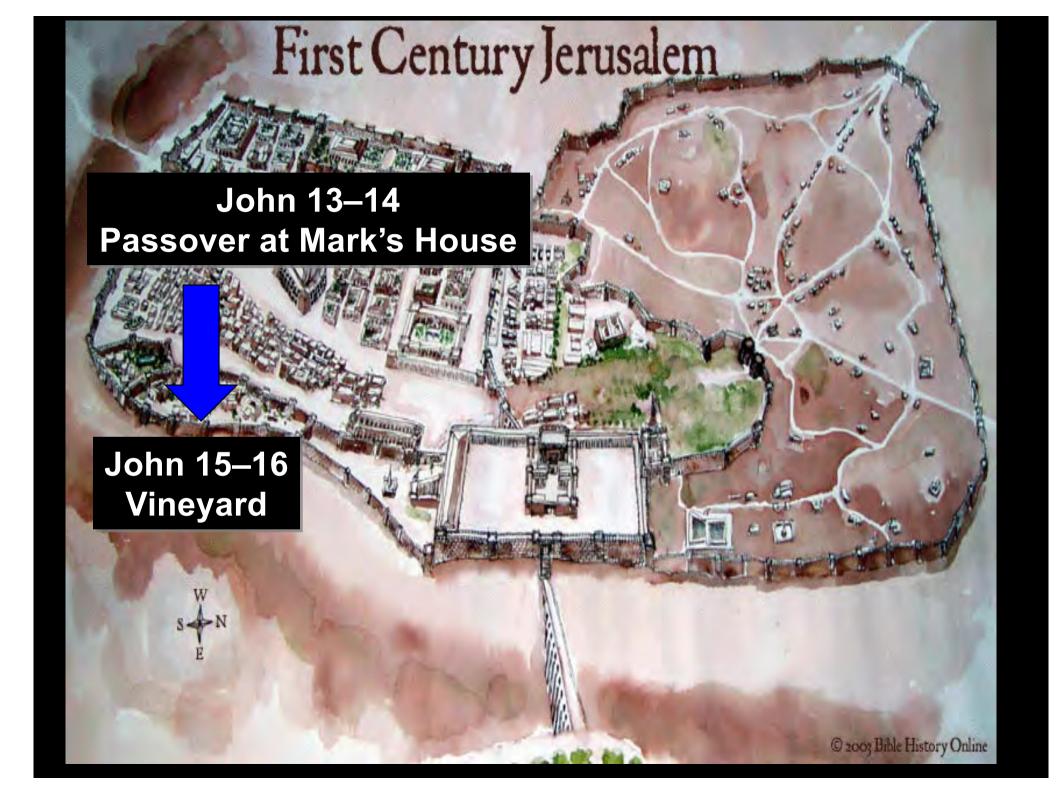
One Life (1-4)

One Way (5-14) One Truth (15-31)

4. Instruction Concerning Their Present Experience

§ 164 John 15:1–16:4

Jesus promises the Spirit to connect his followers to Him for ministry success and to prepare them for spiritual conflict



a. Fruit bearing

John 15:1-17

Christ likens Himself a vine with disciples as connected branches as Christ-like character and ministry success are sourced in Him

You are the I am the Vine branches Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5 NLT

John 15:2

"He cuts off (lifts up) every branch in me that bears no fruit

while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful."



b. The Foe of the Disciples

John 15:18-16:4

Christ warns of opposition from the world, even to death, for his followers to depend on the Spirit and prepare for spiritual conflict

5. Instruction Concerning the Future

§ 165 John 16:5-33

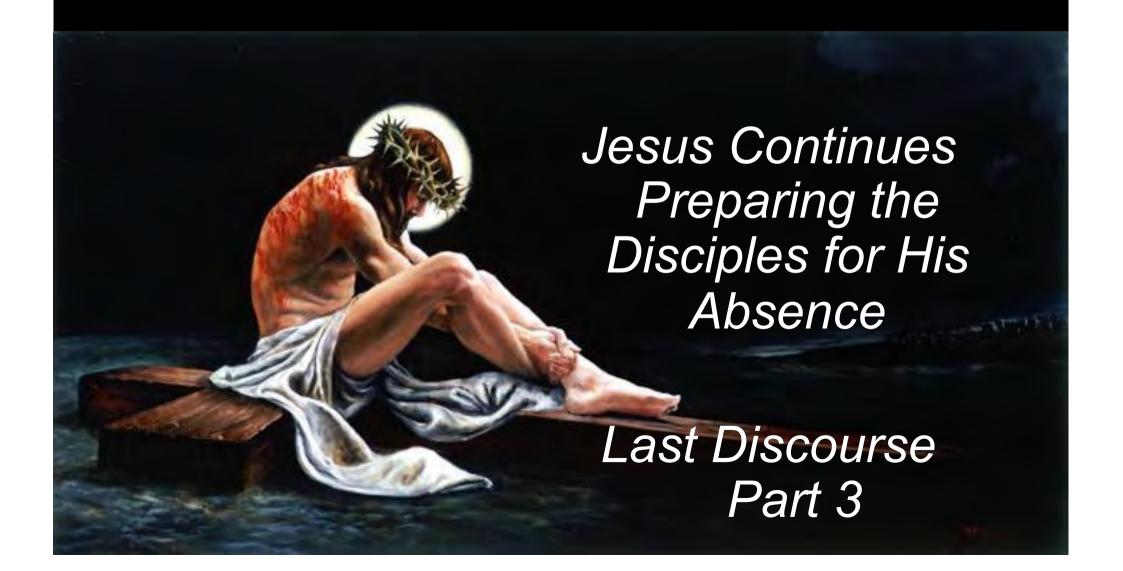
Jesus instructs on the future ministry of the Spirit, the resurrection, and His presence to empower for ministry, prayer, and peace

a. The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

John 16:5-15

The coming of the Spirit depends upon His departure so that the Holy Spirit might indwell them for an effective ministry

John 16:5-33



Preparing the Disciples in Christ's Last Discourse (John 13:31–16:33)



The Holy Spirit!

How could the disciples cope without Jesus with them anymore?



Key Ministries of the Spirit (16:5-15)

To Unbelievers 8-11

To Believers 12-15

Conviction

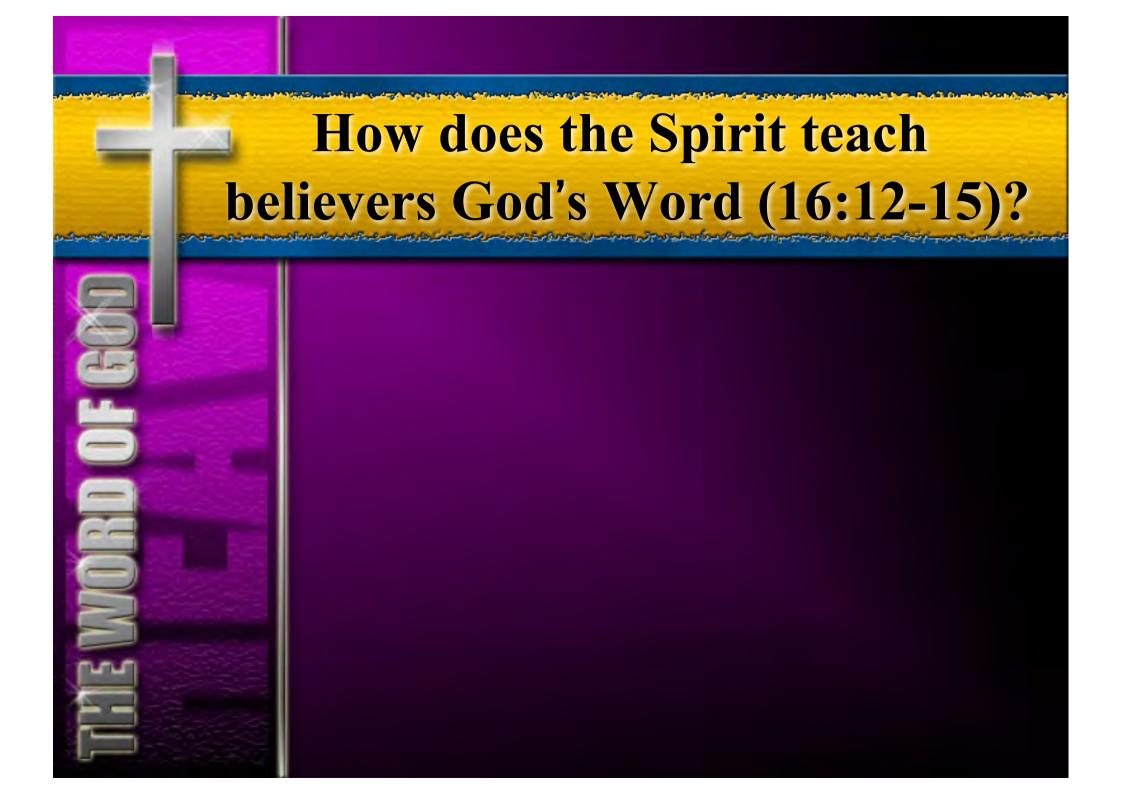
Teaching

How does the Spirit convict unbelievers (16:8-11)?

- Conviction summary (8)
- Guilt in regard to sin (9)
- Guilt in regard to righteousness (10)
- Guilt in regard to judgment (11)



will guide you into all truth..." (John 16:14)





How can you be more open to the Spirit's teaching ministry in your life?

b. The Result of the Resurrection

John 16:16-28

Jesus will be resurrected with great joy after his men grieve, but they will have unlimited access to the Father in prayer through Christ

c. Conclusion

John 16:29-33

Christ will not abandon the disciples, but they will know His peace as they wait for Him to fulfill His promise to overcome the world

D. Prayer by Christ for Believers

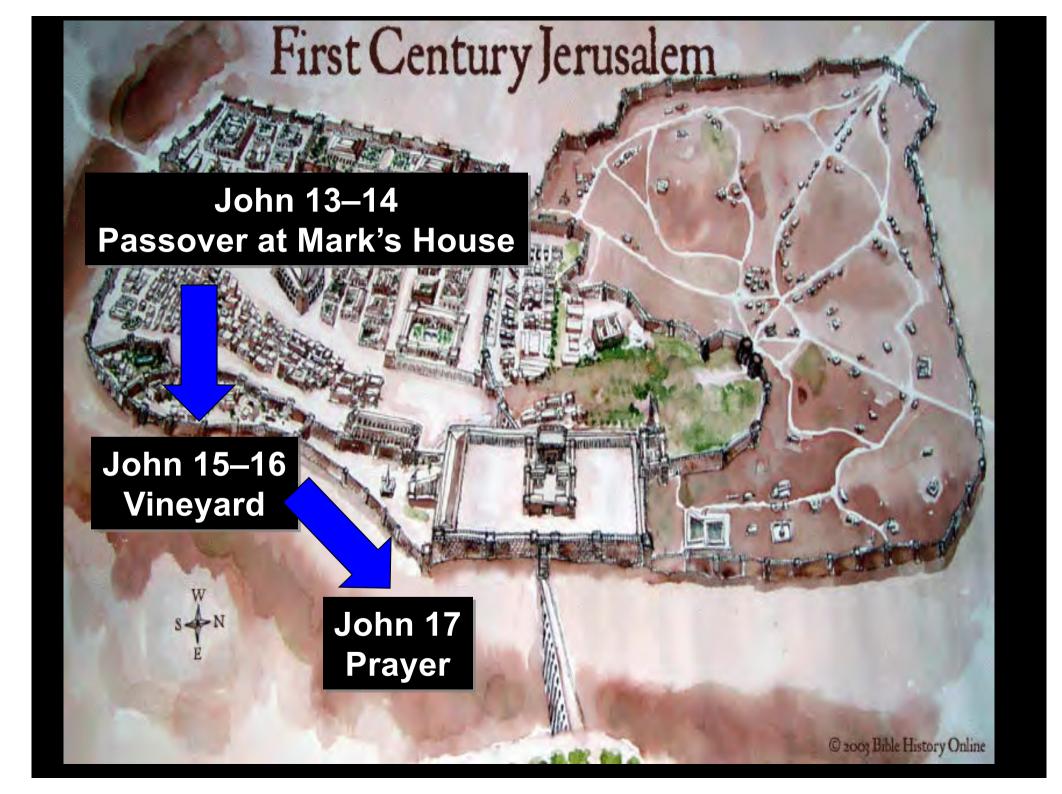
§ 166 John 17:1-26

Christ prays for Himself, His disciples, and future believers so they can minister successfully on His behalf after He leaves

Deity Made Man for Eternal Life

Deity of the Son of God	Revelation of the Son of God		Preparation of the Son's Disciples	Passion & Resurrection of the Son of God	Adequacy of the Son of God
1:1-18	1:19–12:50		13–17	18–20	21
Prologue	Public		Private	Public	Private
Incarnation	2 Signs Received 1:19–4:54	5 Signs Rejected 5–12	Upper Room Discourse (no signs)	Ultimate Sign	Last Sign
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Ephesus (AD 65-69)

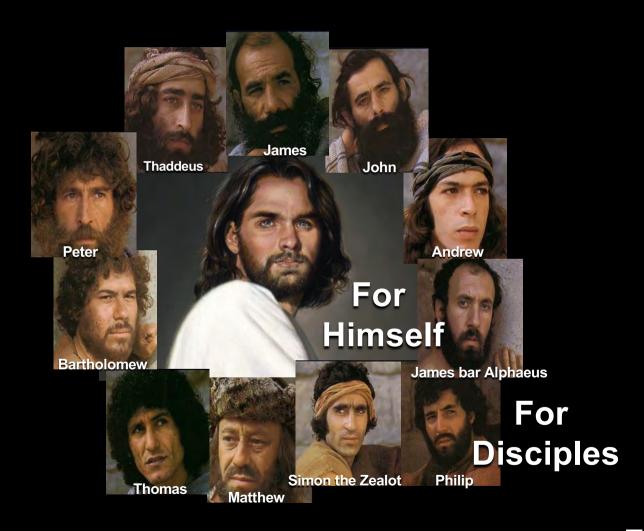


Christ's Prayer in John 17

"There is no voice which has ever been heard, either in heaven or in earth, more exalted, more holy, more fruitful, more sublime, than the prayer offered up by the Son to God Himself."

—Philip Melanchthon

Widening Circle of Christ's Prayer



For All Believers

A Pattern for Prayer

First pray that you are in God's will

Then pray for those in your closest sphere of influence

Finally pray for those outside your influence

1. His Prayer for Himself

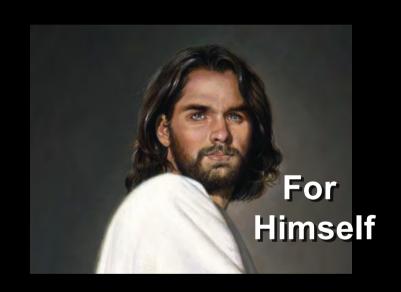
John 17:1-5

Jesus prays for His resurrection and glorification, showing His subjection to God and confidence in God for His resurrection

A Pattern for Prayer

I. Pray that you will glorify God by fulfilling his calling for you.

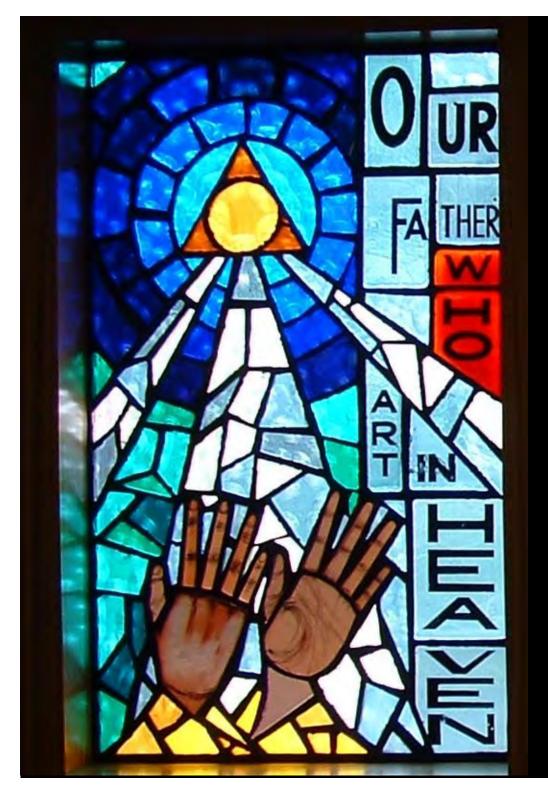
Widening Circle of Christ's Prayer



"The time has come. Glorify your Son..." (17:1)

"You granted him authority... [to] give eternal life" (17:2)

"I have brought you glory by completing the work you gave me to do" (17:4)



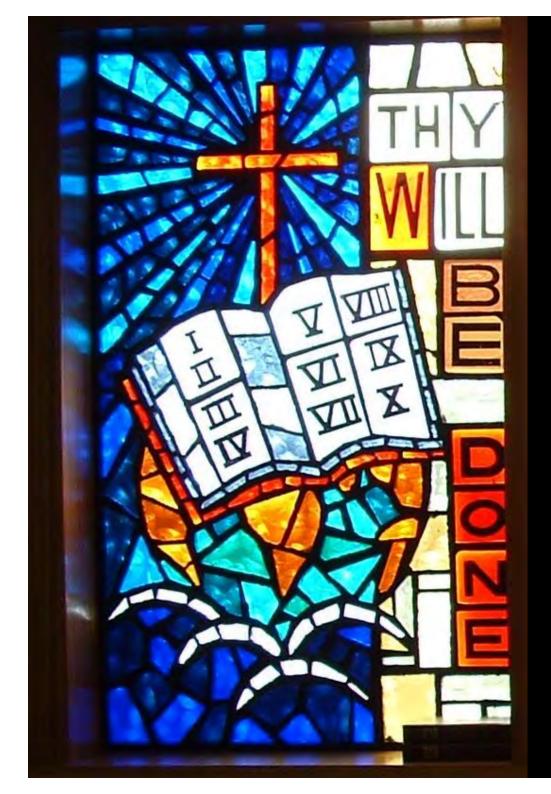
Our Father in Heaven



Hallowed Be Your Name



Your Kingdom Come



Your Will Be Done

2. His Prayer for His Disciples

John 17:6-19

Jesus prays for the protection and joy of his men and then ordains them for ministry to make the Father known to the world

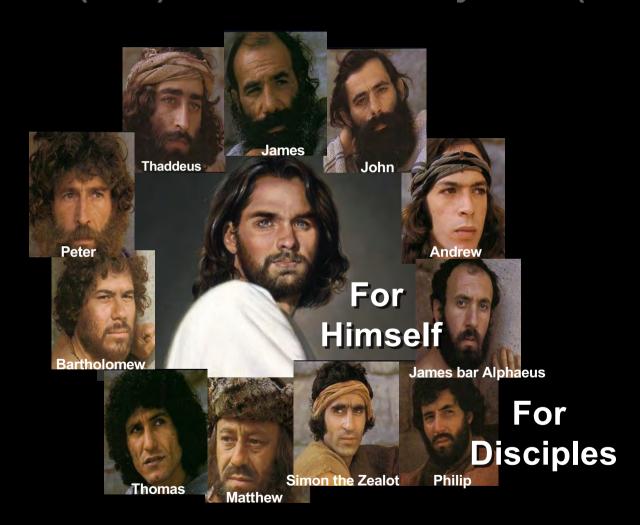
A Pattern for Prayer

I. Pray that you will glorify God by fulfilling his calling for you.

II. Pray for those you influence to be protected and holy.

Widening Circle of Christ's Prayer

1. Protect them (6-16) 2. Sanctify them (17-19)



Widening Circle of Your Prayers



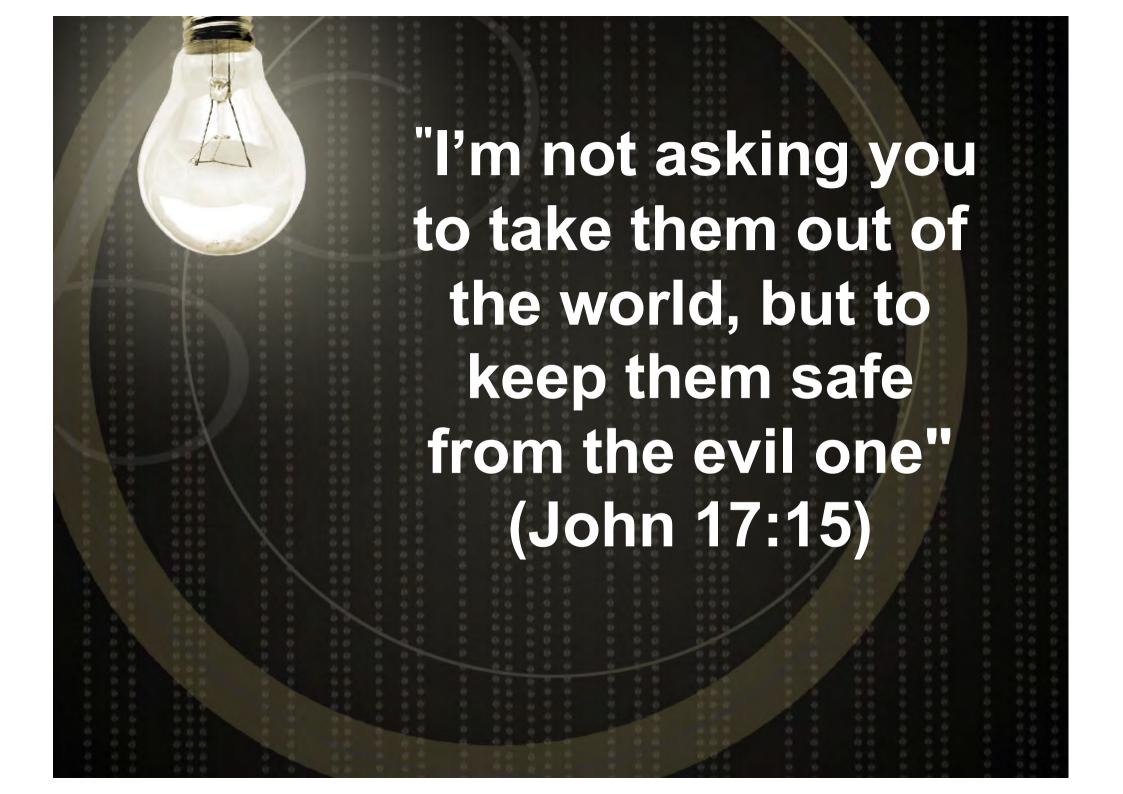




Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.

Hebrews 5:14 NLT



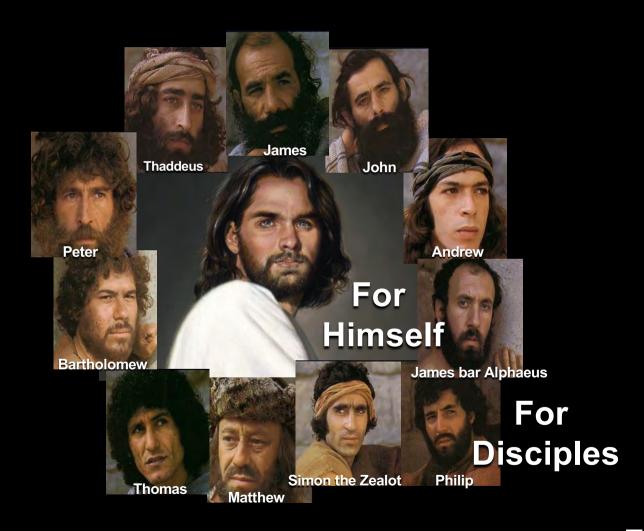


3. His Prayer for the Family of Believers

John 17:20-26

Jesus prays for future believers to have unity, glorification, and love for one another to match the love of the Father for the Son

Widening Circle of Christ's Prayer

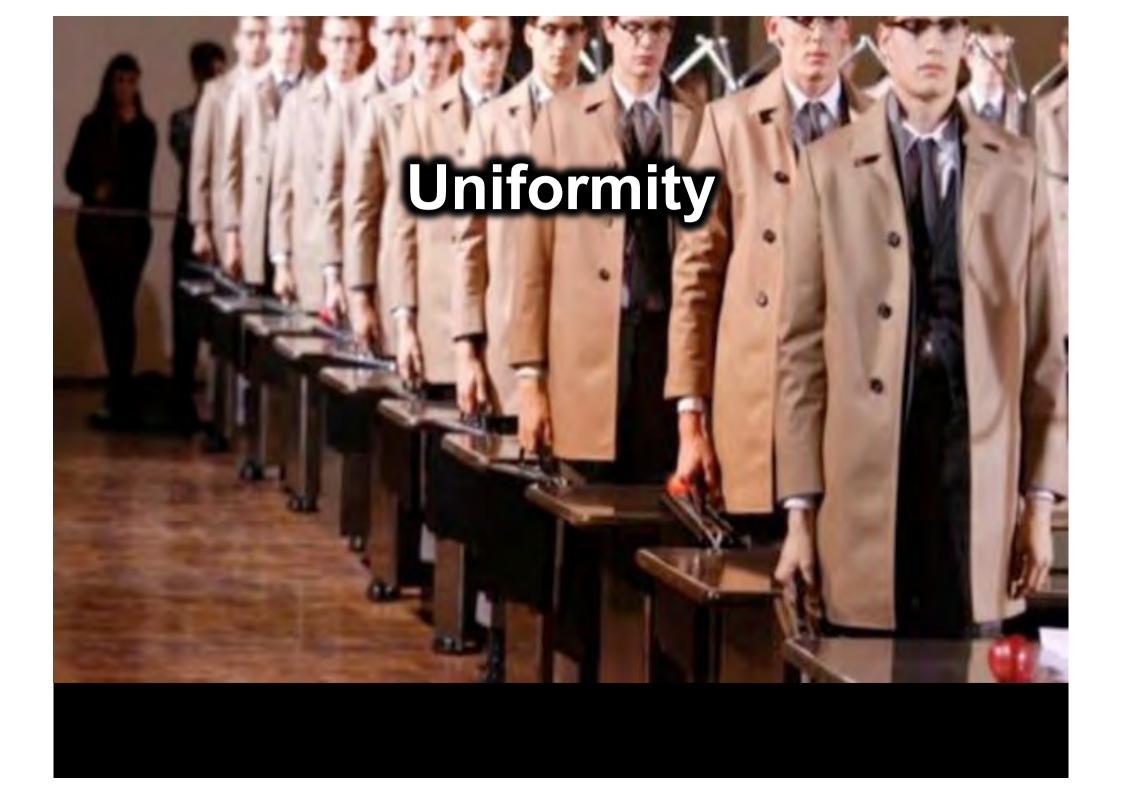


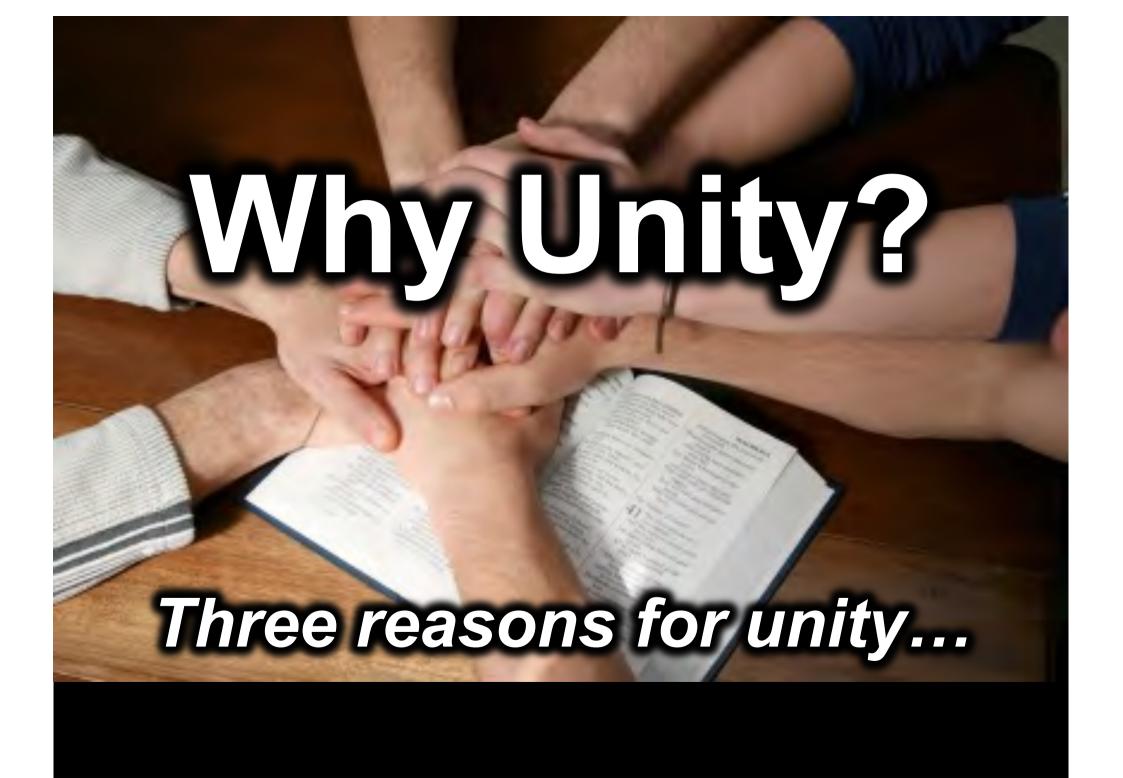
For All Believers



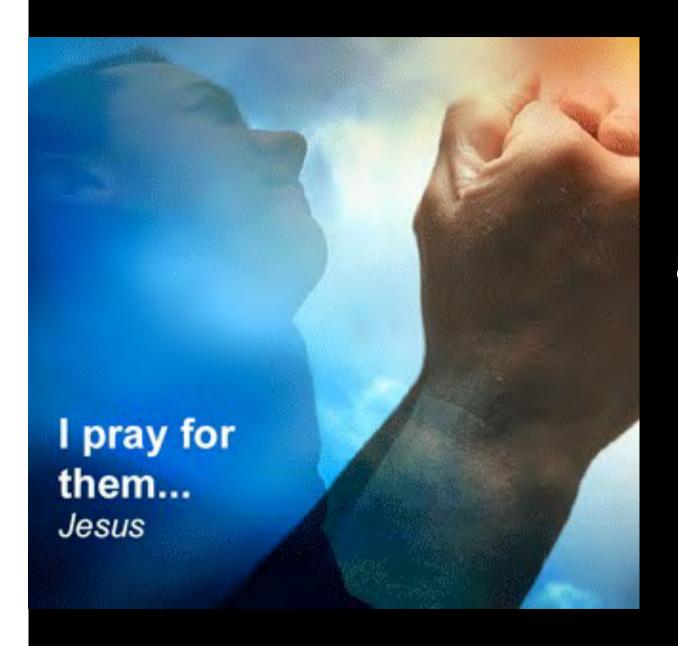












"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message" (17:20 NIV)



"that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you" (17:21a NIV)



H. Wayne House, Charts of Christian Theology and Doctrine, p. 45

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"that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: ²³I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me" (21b-23 NIV).

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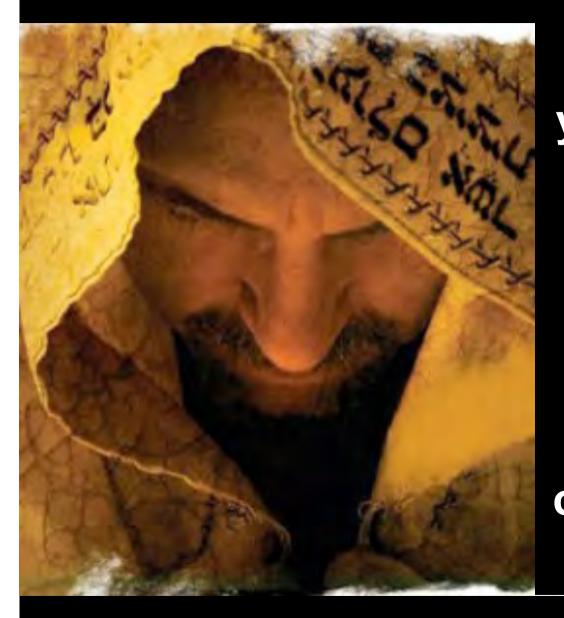




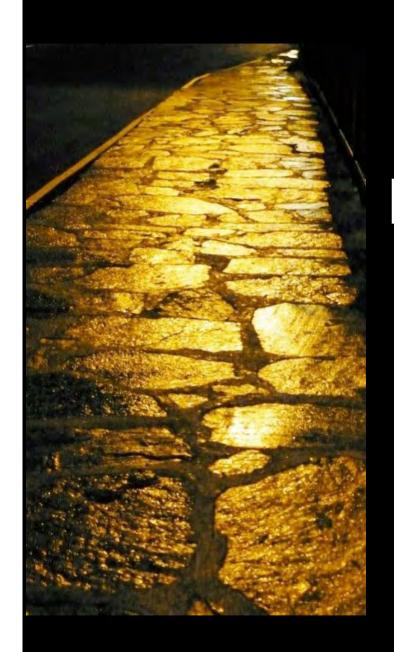
II. We'll be united in heaven forever —so let's start agreeing now

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Colossians 1:16 The Message



"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world" (17:24 NIV).



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Church Unity

When should we <u>not</u> work together?

"Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? 15What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? 16 And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God."

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"As God said:
    'I will live in them
    and walk among them.
    I will be their God,
    and they will be my people.
<sup>17</sup>Therefore, come out from among
 unbelievers, and separate yourselves
from them, says the Lord'
                            (2 Cor. 6:16-17)
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"Don't touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you. ¹⁸And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

¹Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God"

(2 Cor. 6:17–7:1

"The direct commands to separate from other people are always commands to separate from unbelievers, not from Christians with whom one disagrees... The are no direct New Testament commands to separate from Christians with whom one has doctrinal differences (unless those differences involve such serious heresies that the Christian faith itself is denied)."



Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology, 877



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Colossians 1:16 The Message

III. Unity shows love that attracts unbelievers (25-26).



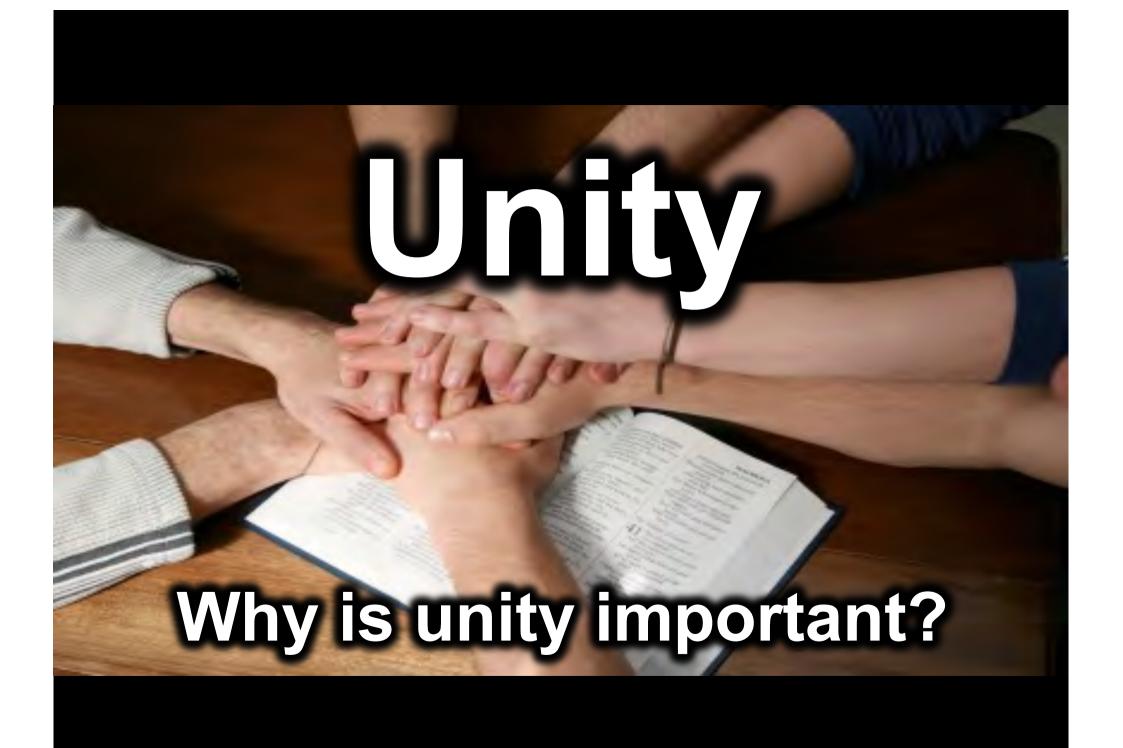
"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them" (17:25-26 NIV).



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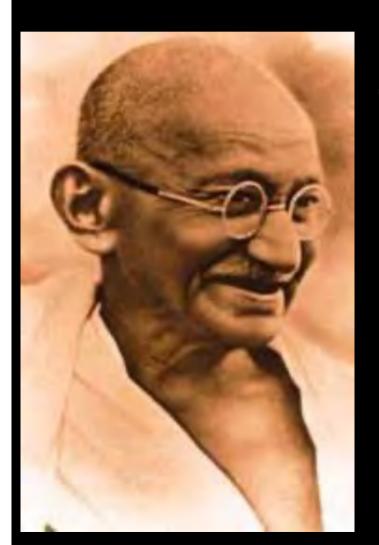








Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)



"I would become a Christian
—if it weren't for Christians."



"In essentials, unity; In non-essentials, liberty; In all things, charity."

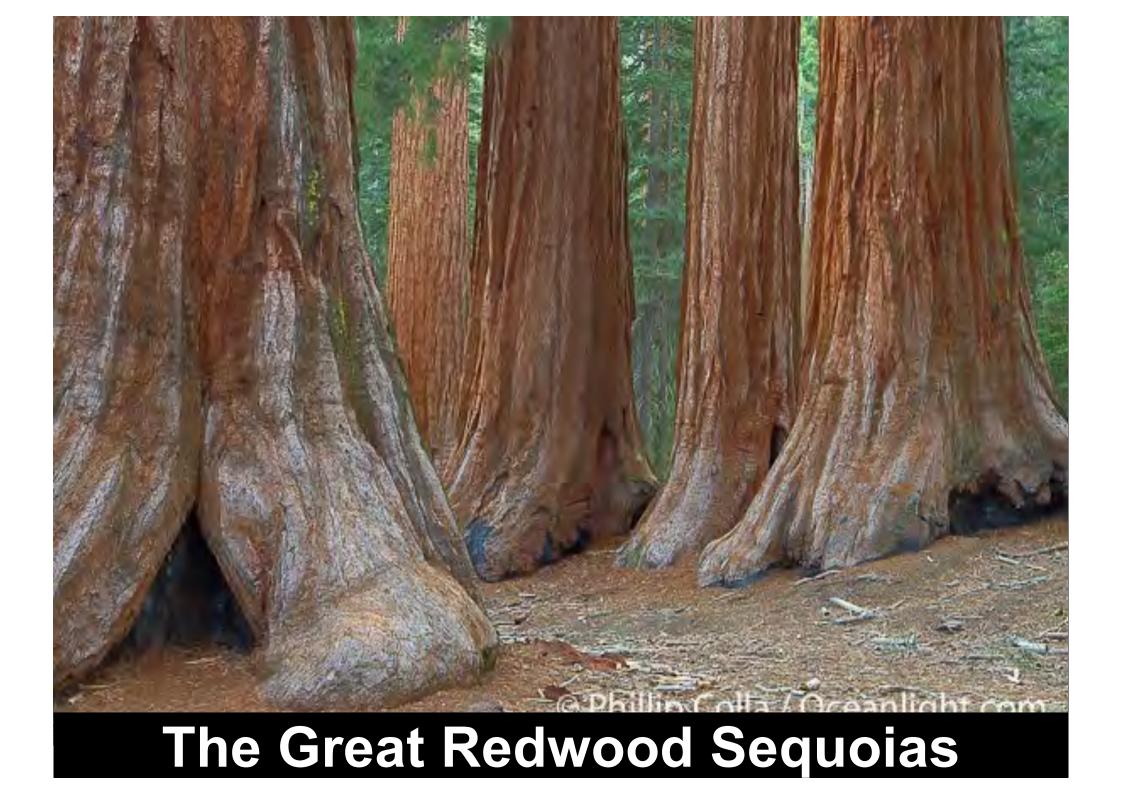
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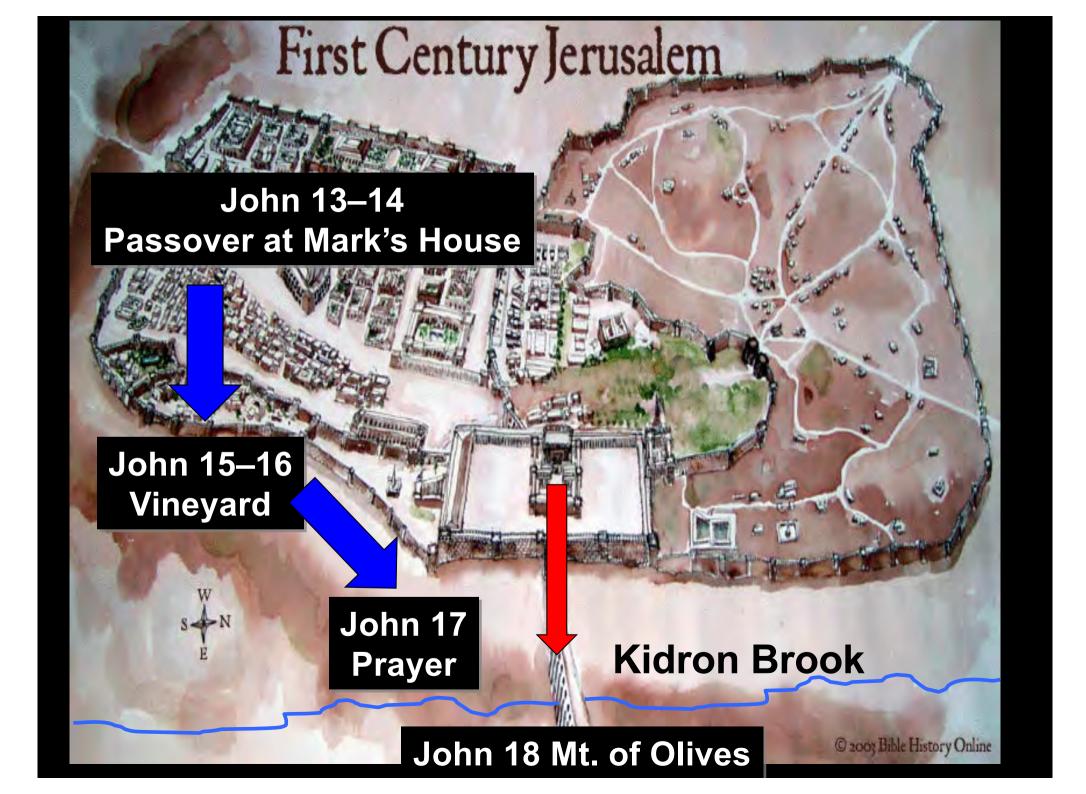


E. Prayer in the Garden

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Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46; John 18:1

Christ prays for the Father to accept His death as payment for the world's sins and to raise Him to fellowship with the Father for eternity





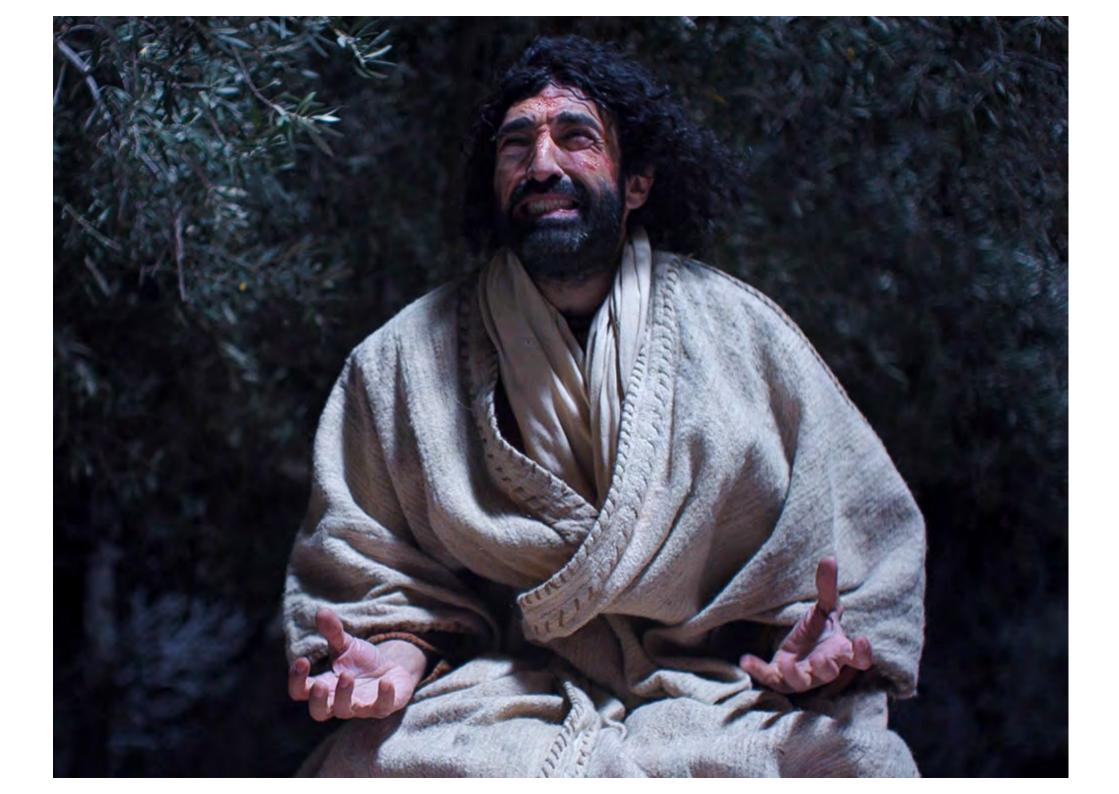








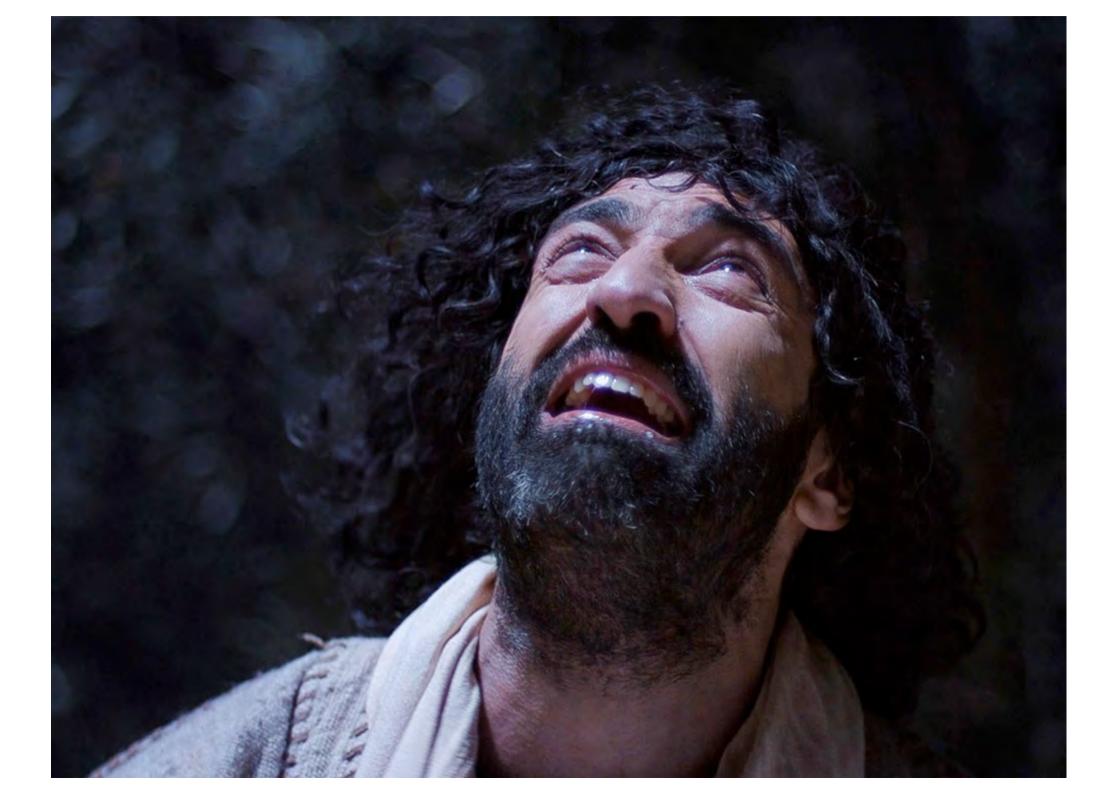






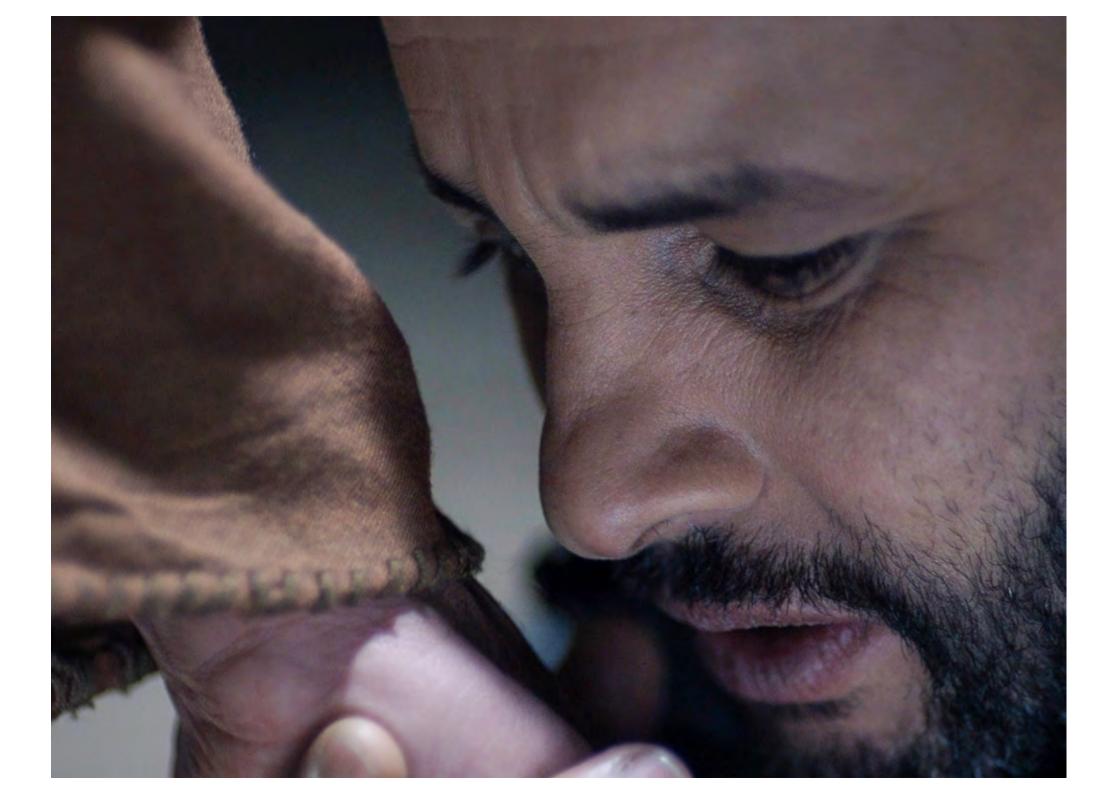


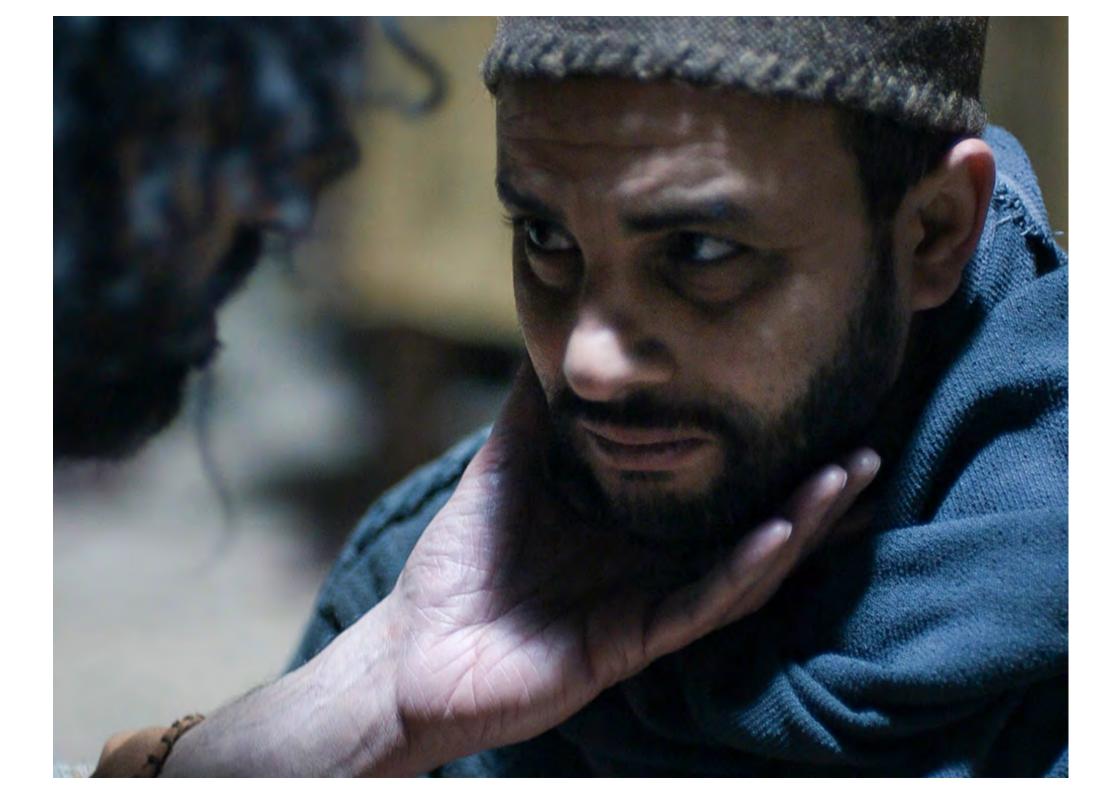




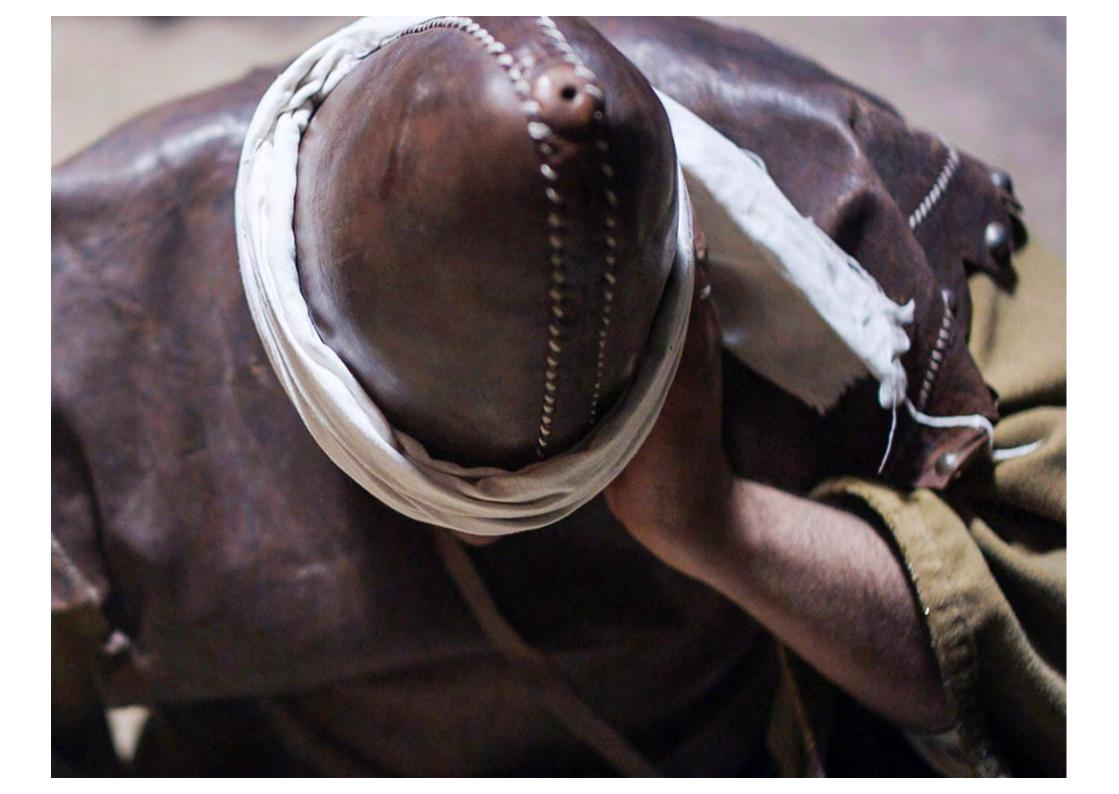








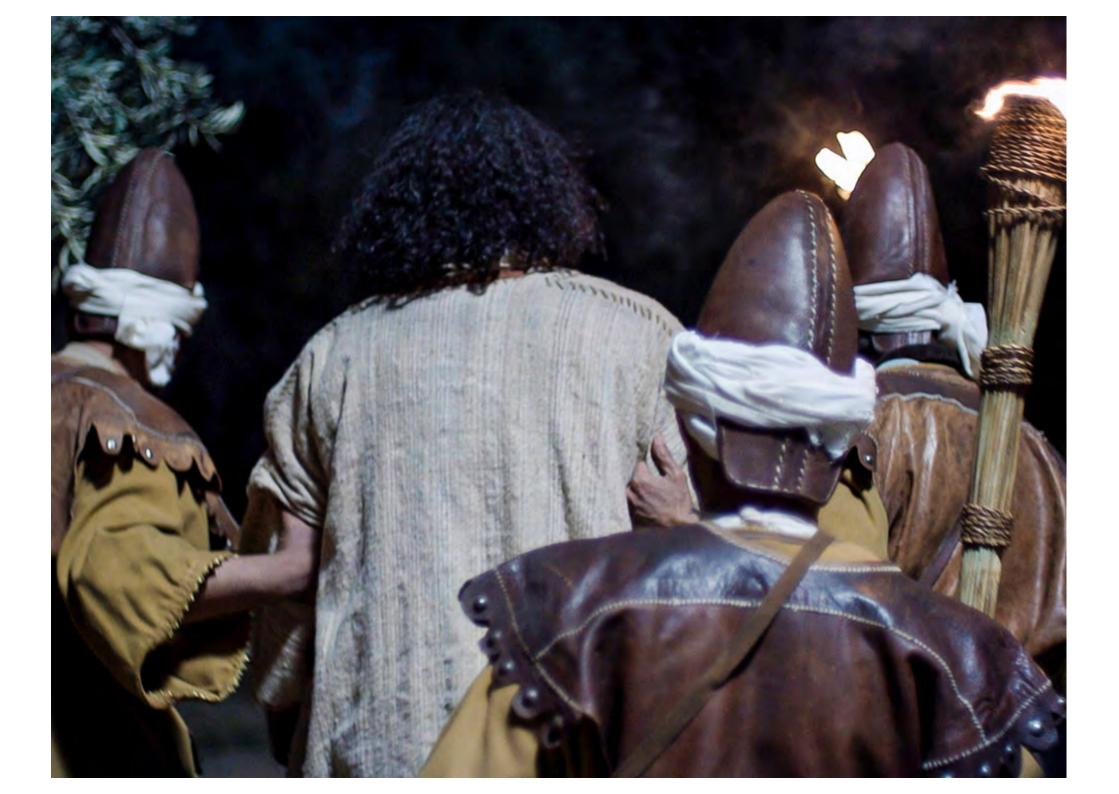








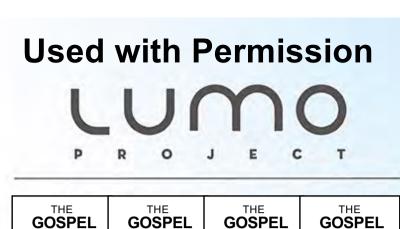






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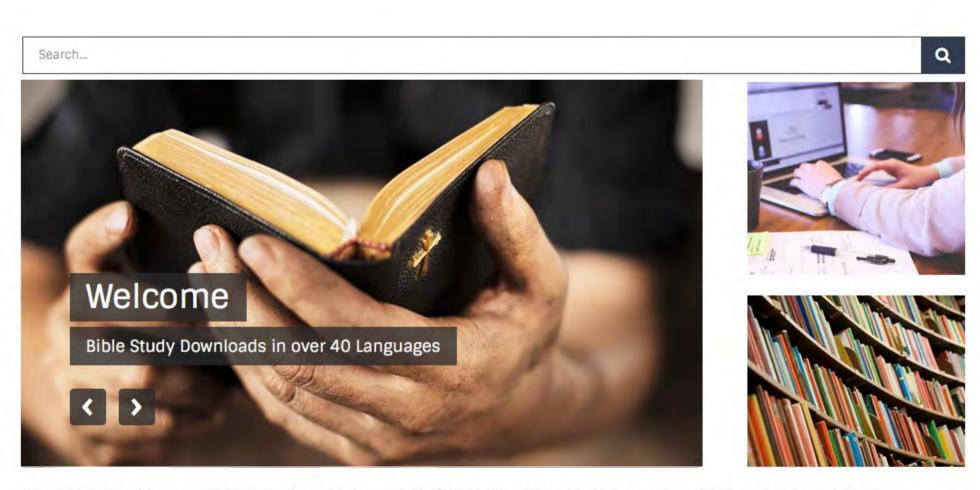
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