





Jesus on the way to Jerusalem

Part 4: Luke 12:49-13:9

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Jesus to Jerusalem

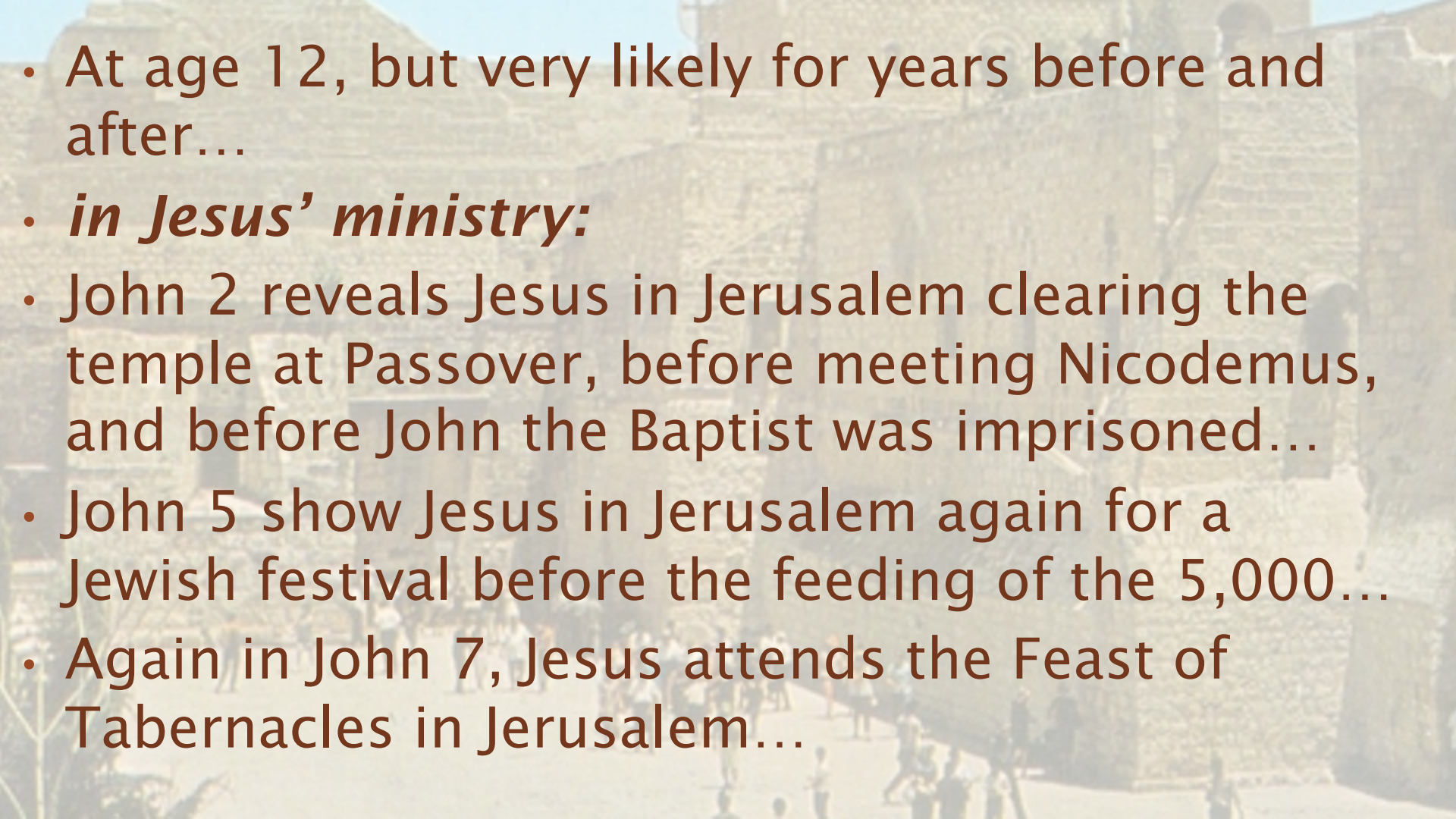
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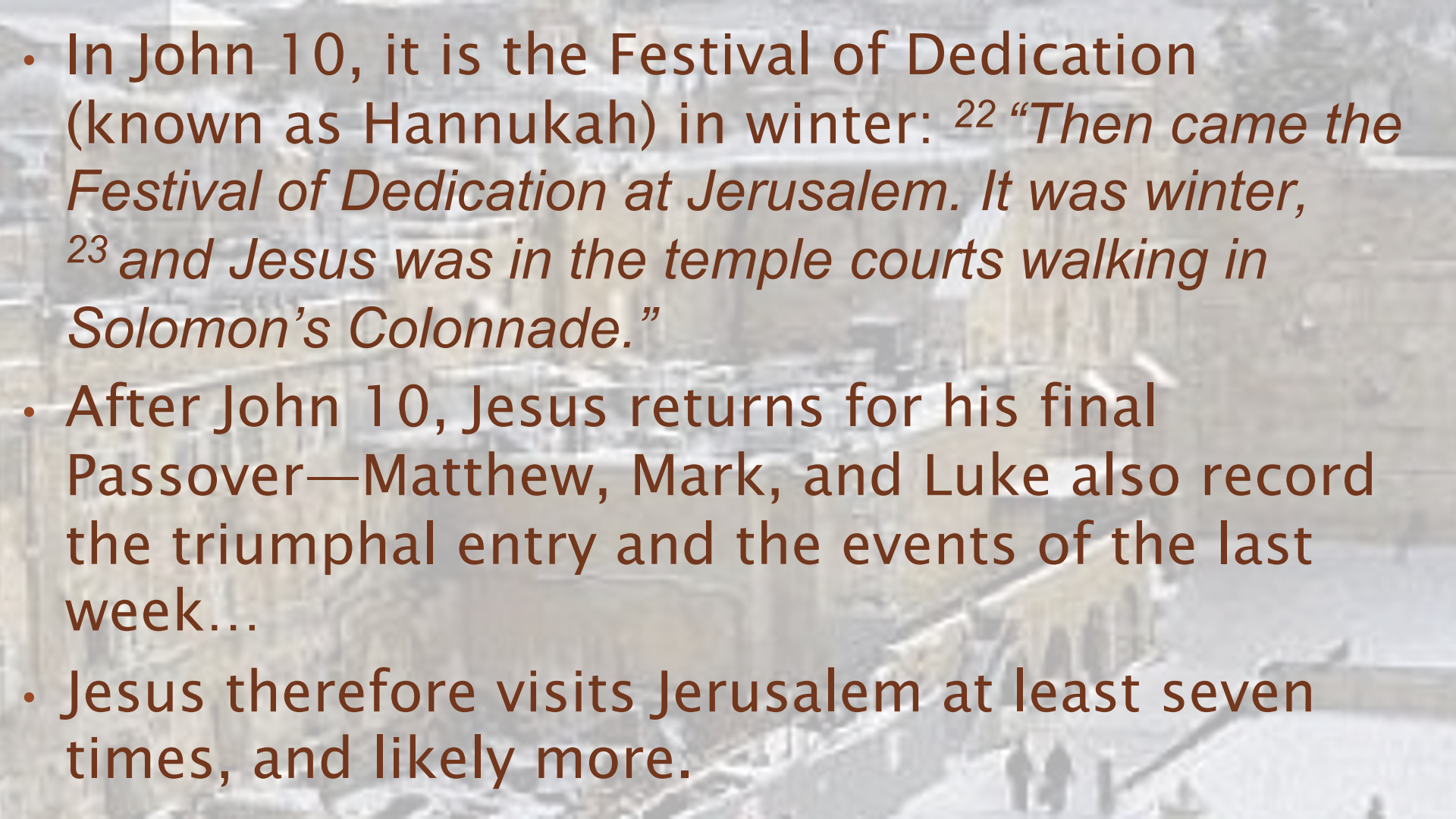
I. Bible Knowledge

1. How many visits to Jerusalem did Jesus make in his life?

- At 40 days (Luke 2:24, see Lev. 12)
- At age 12, but in Luke 2... *“⁴¹ Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom.”*

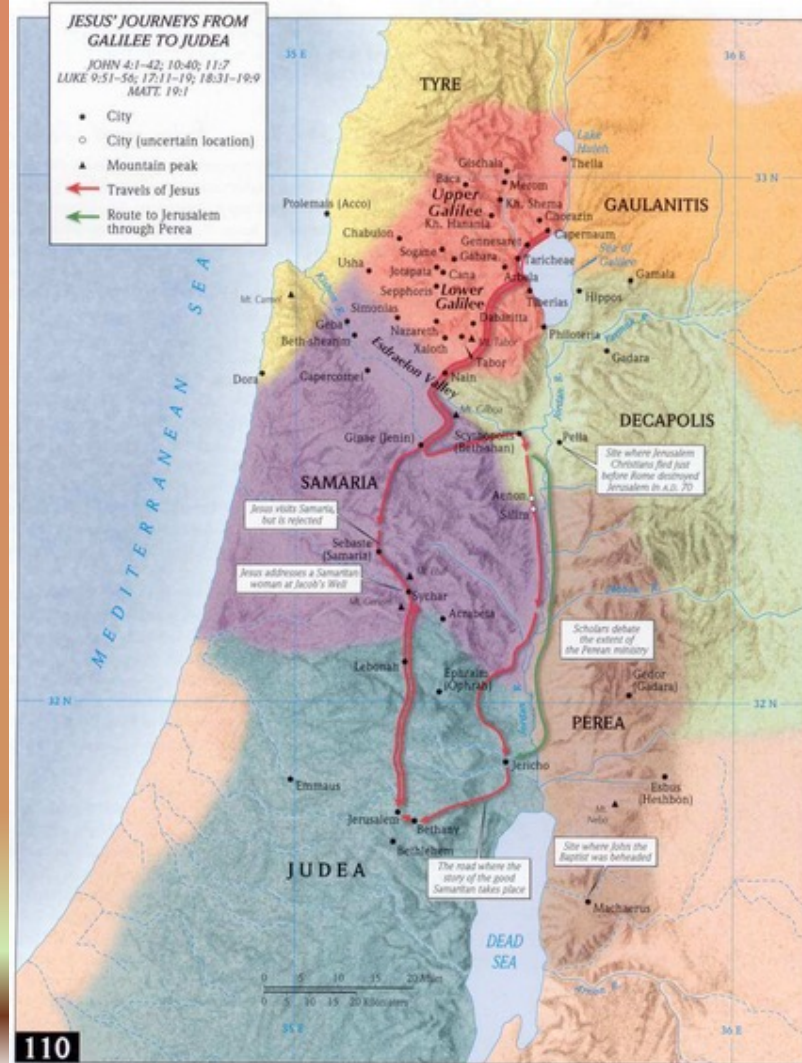


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- At age 12, but very likely for years before and after...
 - *in Jesus' ministry:*
 - John 2 reveals Jesus in Jerusalem clearing the temple at Passover, before meeting Nicodemus, and before John the Baptist was imprisoned...
 - John 5 show Jesus in Jerusalem again for a Jewish festival before the feeding of the 5,000...
 - Again in John 7, Jesus attends the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem...

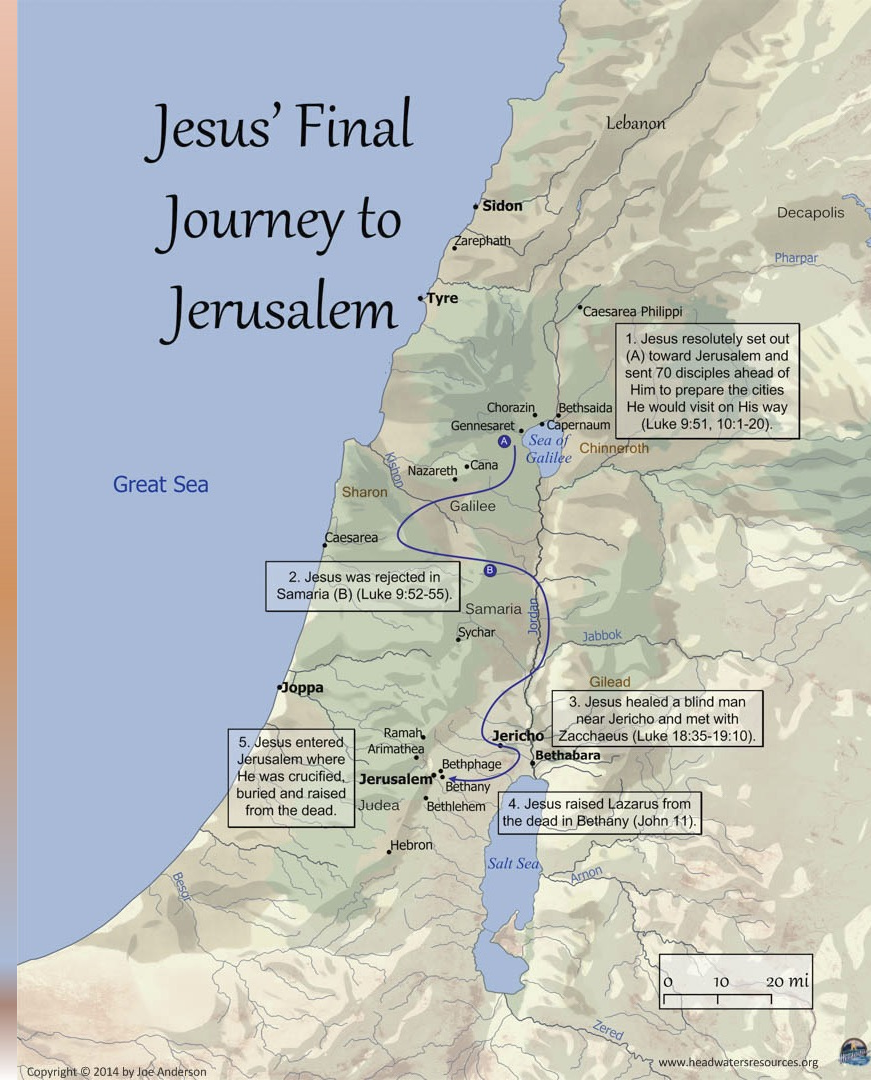
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- The background of the slide is a faded, high-angle photograph of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. It shows the large, tiered platform of the Temple, with various structures and courtyards visible. The image is in a sepia or brownish tone, matching the text color. People can be seen walking on the lower levels of the mount.
- In John 10, it is the Festival of Dedication (known as Hannukah) in winter: ²² *“Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter,* ²³ *and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon’s Colonnade.”*
 - After John 10, Jesus returns for his final Passover—Matthew, Mark, and Luke also record the triumphal entry and the events of the last week...
 - Jesus therefore visits Jerusalem at least seven times, and likely more.

2. How far is Jesus' home area from Jerusalem?

- Nazareth is about 150 kilometers, Capernaum about 195, to Jerusalem
- At least a week's journey...
- *Again, this helps us gain perspective...*



- Jesus is not speeding, but is taking time with people
- The Gospel writers are more focused on interactions and teachings than chronology
- Each writer has key emphases...



- Luke takes more time to tell the early events...



- Let's have a look...

II. *The Holy Spirit's Story:*

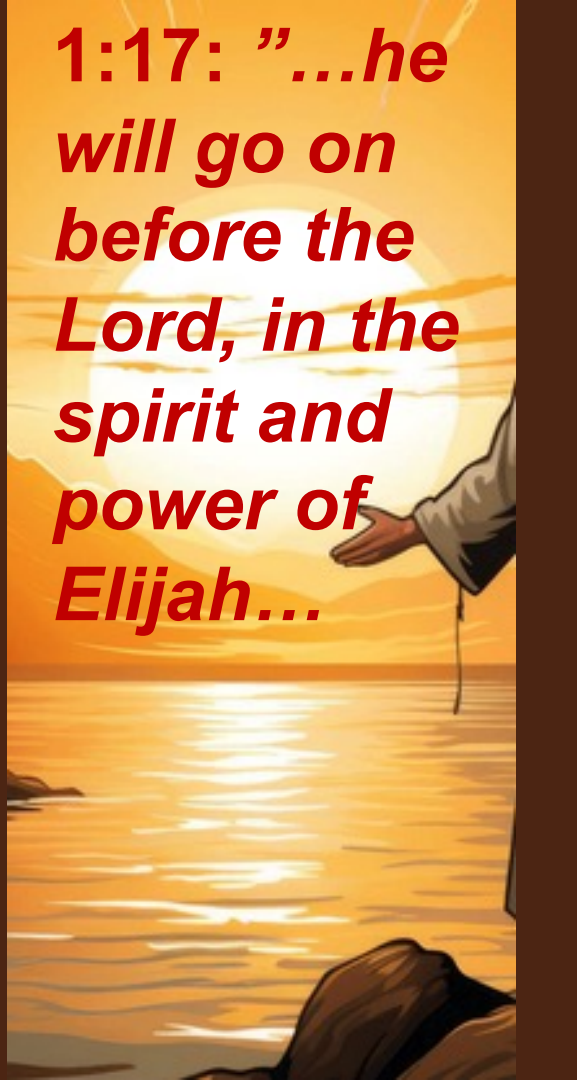
- The testimonies of the early witnesses: Angels, Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary, Shepherds, Simeon, and Anna... recorded by Luke in his first 2 chapters...
- The parents of John the Baptist are told about the coming Messiah...



Jesus will be...

1. Lord & Messiah (to Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary, Shepherds, Simeon)
2. Son of God (to Mary)
3. Saviour & Restorer (to Zechariah, Mary, Simeon, Anna)
4. Ruler on the Throne of David (to Zechariah, Mary, Shepherds, Simeon)

1:17: "...he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah..."

A religious illustration on the right side of the slide. It depicts a bright sun setting over a body of water, with the sun's rays reflecting on the surface. A hand in a white robe reaches out from the right edge towards the sun. The sky is a mix of orange and yellow, and there are dark rocks in the foreground at the bottom right.

5. Fulfiller of the Covenant with Abraham, both to Jews and Gentiles (Zechariah, Simeon)
6. Revealer of hearts (Simeon)



³⁰ “For my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations...”

³³ The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed..."



Simeon's last words are very fitting as we return to Jesus' ministry across Judea...

III. *Jesus' Feelings & Jesus' Teachings:*

- We might be surprised today!
- He fulfills prophecy...
- He challenges his audience again... in the light of coming judgment
- A parable about a fig tree...
- *Let's look at Luke 12:49-13:9*



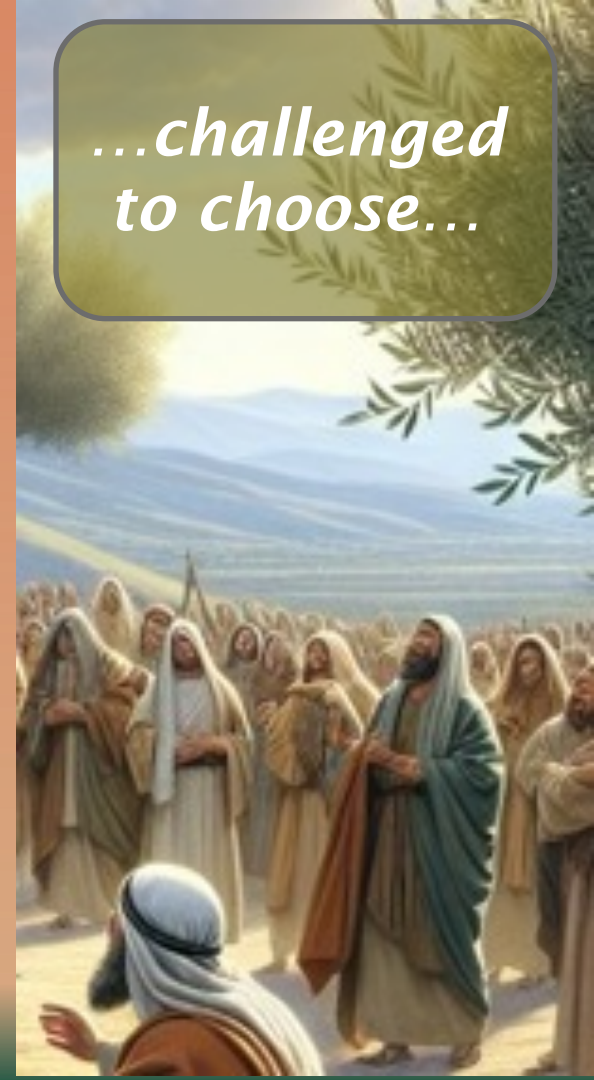
Mouth
Heart
Treasure
Fruit

⁴⁹ “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

1. Jesus is being baptized—he is changing the world around him!

- He is “constrained”...other versions say “distressed until it is accomplished,” or, “how great is my anguish” v.50
- Division—even in families!
A prophecy of Micah 7:6 (Micah also predicted Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem)

*...challenged
to choose...*



Interpreting the Times

⁵⁴ He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. ⁵⁵ And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?



⁵⁷ “Why don’t you judge for yourselves what is right? ⁵⁸ As you are going with your adversary to the magistrate, try hard to be reconciled on the way, or your adversary may drag you off to the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. ⁵⁹ I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny.”

*...challenged
to interpret
the times,
and to be
reconciled...*

2. Do 'we see the signs'? Do we know what's coming?

- Jesus indicates mercy is possible and present, but people need to act.
- Guilt is already implied...
- The court trial is already beginning...



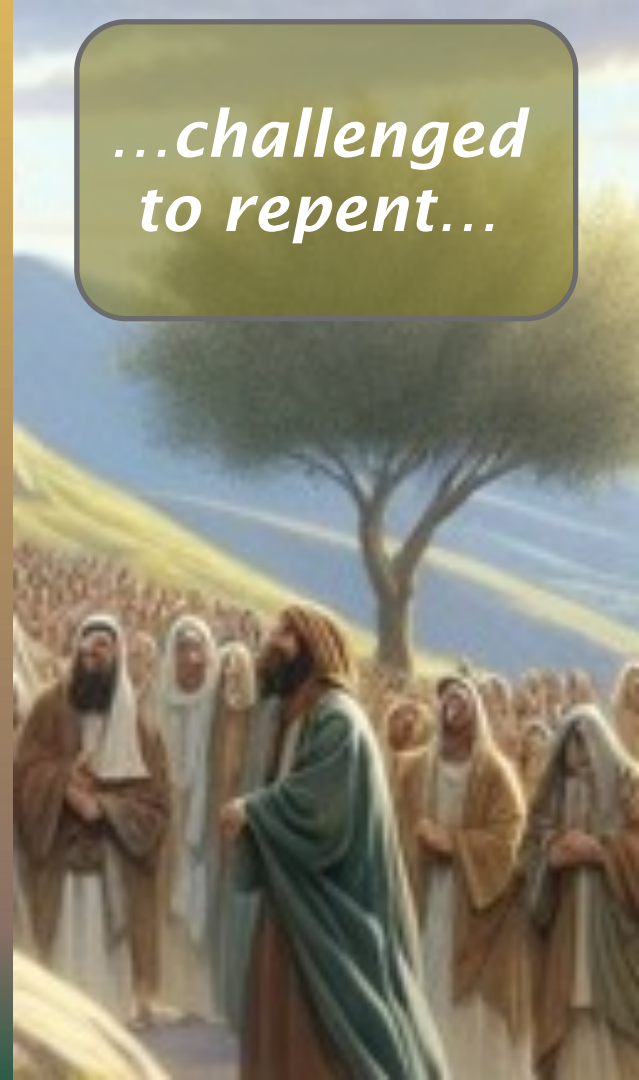
Repent or Perish

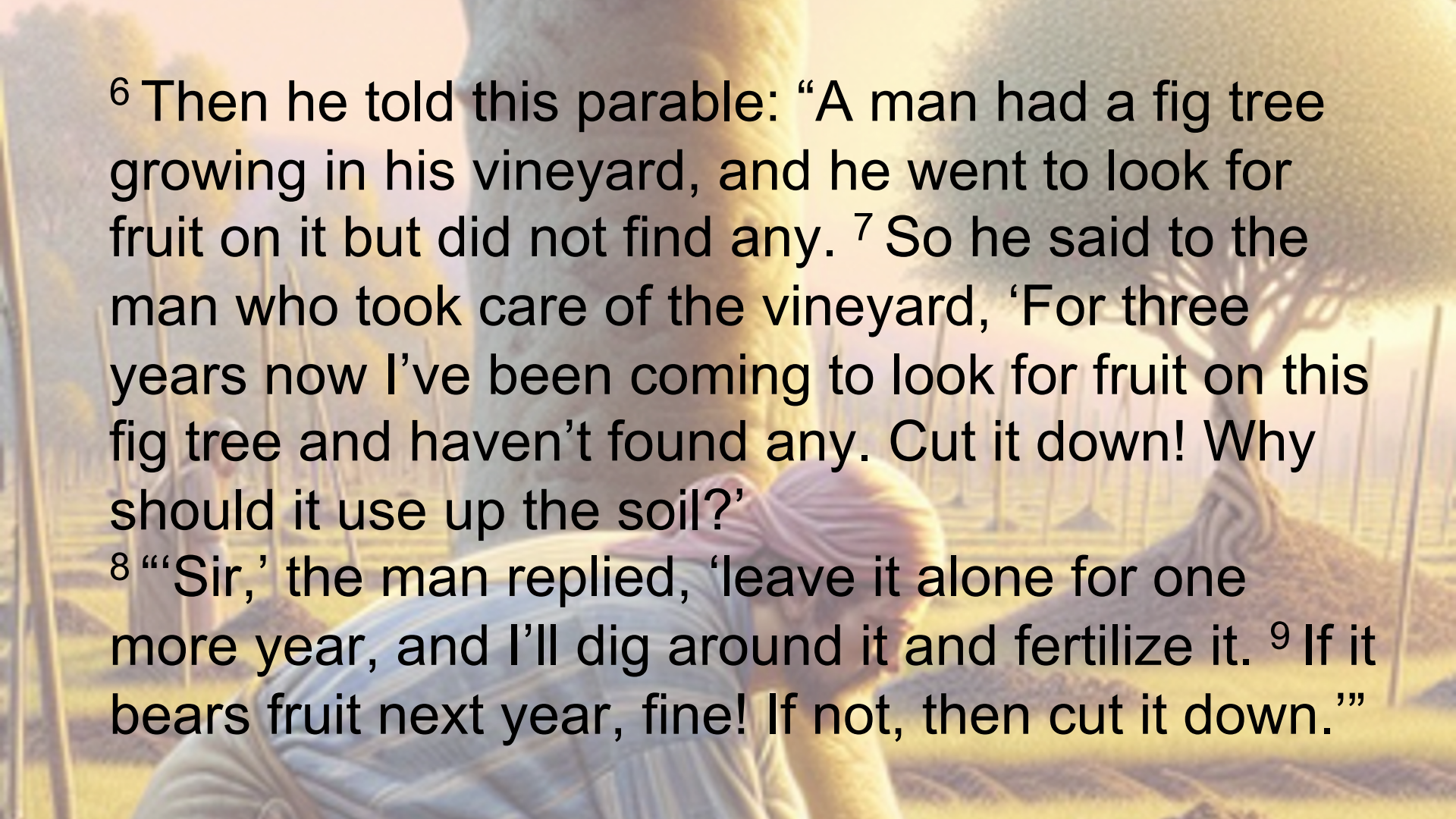
13 ¹Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

3. *Jesus calls for repentance*

- An important teaching—
accidents do not imply guilt!
- Everyone is already guilty
- Jesus is speaking to the
crowds...more superstitious
- Jesus calls for self-inspection
while we can
- *One last challenge...*

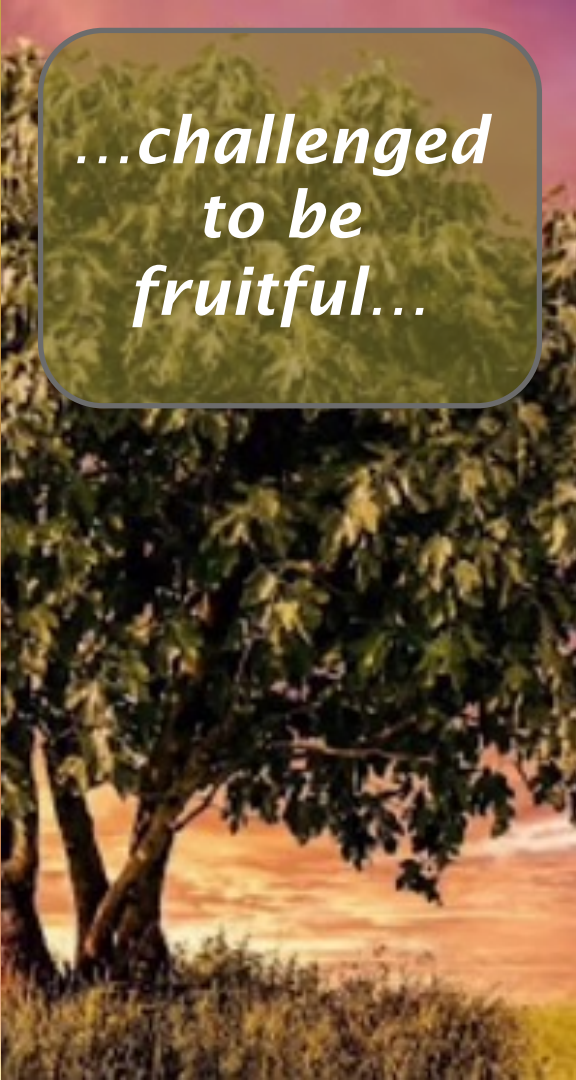
*...challenged
to repent...*



A man wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and a white headscarf is bent over, working in a vineyard. He is in the foreground, slightly out of focus. In the background, there are rows of grapevines and a large, leafy tree under a bright, hazy sky.

⁶ Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

⁸ “‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”



*...challenged
to be
fruitful...*

4. A historic symbol of Israel But a personal application...

- The tree was already planted and mature
- The garden is the Master's
- The fruitful period is long overdue
- The tree is in peril, but mercy is being shown...

IV. *Summary:*

This whole section highlights Jesus' strong teachings:

- Mouth...heart...treasure...
Now recognition, repentance,
and fruitfulness (while we
can!)
- Again, Jesus is emphasizing
the coming judgment...



*Jesus
personally is
experiencing
stress in this
'baptism' on
the earth*

(Fulfilling Luke 1 & 2?)

- This section highlights Jesus' mission to transform people's hearts...
- As Mary said in her response to Gabriel: *"His mercy extends to those who fear him from generation to generation."* Luke 1:50



*Jesus the child
comes to restore
fallen
humanity....
faith and
repentance are
the keys...*

- Jesus will indeed build a Kingdom on David's throne--one of righteousness, not just power.
- Fruitfulness shows our transformation beyond words...
- Accidents showing God's displeasure? No, rather, we are all liable...



*Salvation comes
from God, but
fruitfulness
thrives in
softened hearts
that cooperate...*

Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem...

He is claiming and building his Kingdom
each step of the way...

The testimonies of the Holy Spirit in the
early chapters are coming to pass...

*“...the rising sun will come to us from heaven to
shine on those living in darkness and in the
shadow of death...”* Luke 1:78-79



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