



Jesus' Arrival in Jerusalem

Matthew, Mark & Luke: (Part 2)

“Six Parables on the Steps of Jerusalem”

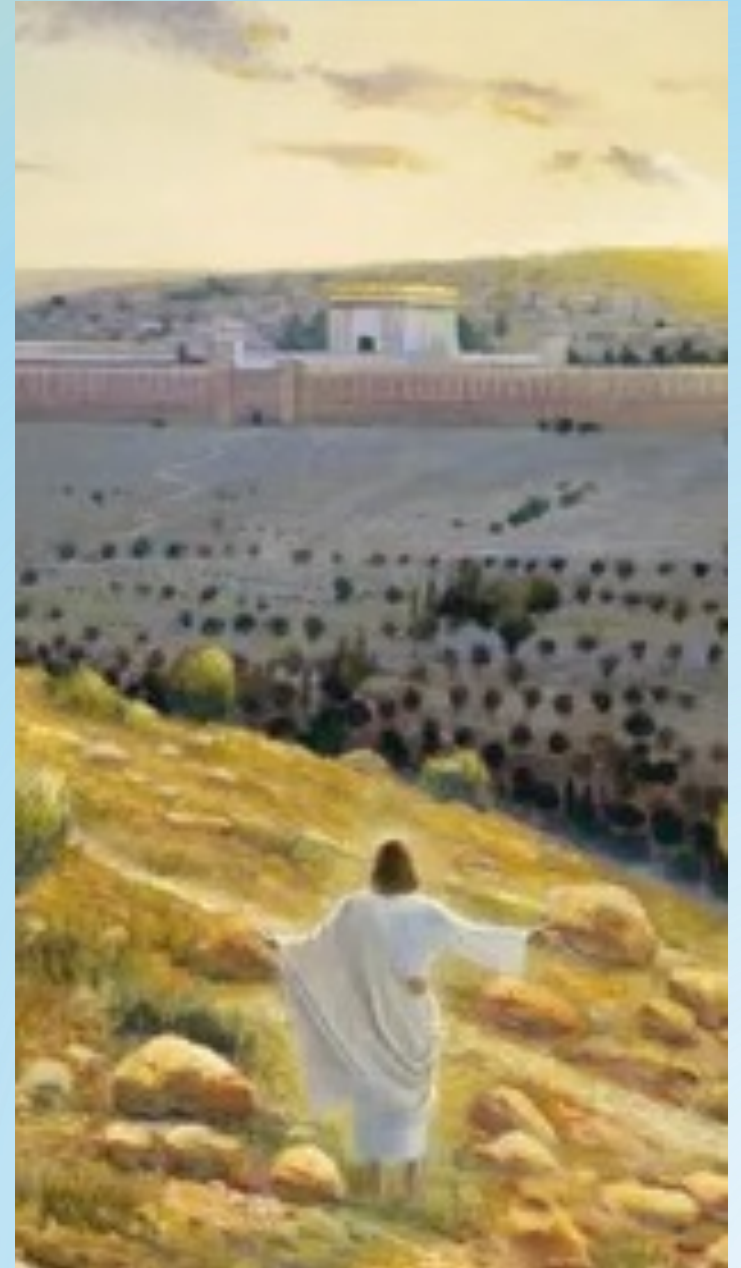
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**...he placed his right hand on me and said:
“Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.
Revelation 1:17-18**



Jesus' Last Week - The Passion Week

SATURDAY ←

- Arrives at Bethany (John 12:1)
- The supper prepared for Him

SUNDAY ←

- Triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey
- Crowds shout "Hosanna"
- Weeps over Jerusalem

MONDAY ←

- Withers the fig tree
- 2nd cleansing of the Temple

TUESDAY ←

- His last day in the Temple
- His authority challenged by the Sanhedrin
- Taught the parables of:
 - The two sons
 - The vineyard
 - The marriage feast
 - The ten virgins
 - The talents
- Questioned about:
 - Paying tribute to Caesar
 - The resurrection
 - Which is the greatest commandment?
 - How could David's Son be his Lord?
- Fearful denunciation of Scribes and Pharisees
- Observed the widow giving her two mites
- Final departure from the temple

- Final discourse on the Mount of Olives
 - Destruction of Jerusalem
 - His second coming
 - Final judgment scene

→ WEDNESDAY

- Day of quiet at Bethany
- Judas conspired against Him

→ THURSDAY

- Washed the disciples feet
- Ate the Last Supper
- Predicted Peter's denial
- Predicted Judas' betrayal
- Prayed and agonized in the Garden of Gethsemane
- Judas betrayed Him
- Arrested

→ FRIDAY

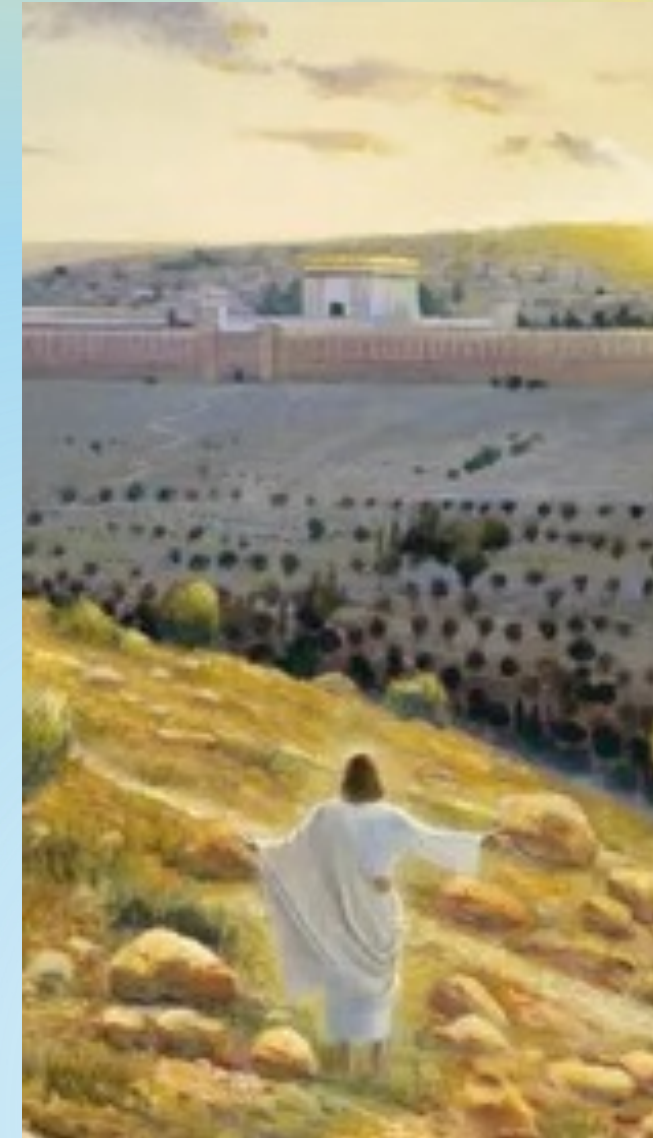
- Taken before:
 - Annas
 - Caiaphas
 - The Sanhedrin
 - Pilate
 - Herod
 - Pilate
- Denied by Peter three times
- Was crucified

→ SATURDAY

- His body was in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea

→ SUNDAY

- The Resurrection—"He is risen!"
- Began His post-resurrection appearances

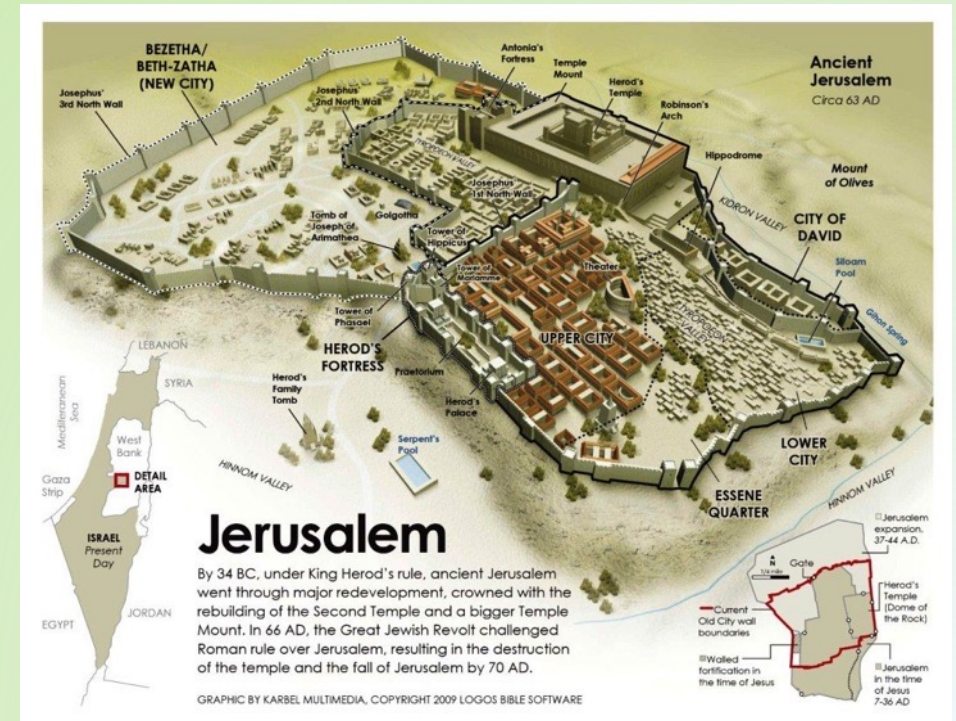


Jerusalem —
the heart of
Jewish faith,
identity, and
history was
now
occupied



“Six Parables on the Steps of Jerusalem”

- Jesus in Jerusalem with...
 - Crowds from his travels
 - Pilgrims to Passover
 - Jewish authorities
 - Gentile & Roman occupiers
 - His closest Apostles



Matthew

Matt. 20:1-16 – Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

Mark

Luke

Luke 19:11-27 – Parable of Ten Minas given to Servants

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem ("Palm Sunday")

Matt. 21:33-46 – Parable of the Tenants 🤴

Mark 12:1-12 – Parable of the Tenants 🤴

Luke 20:9-19 – Parable of the Tenants 🤴

Matt. 22:1-14 – Parable of the Wedding Banquet 🤴

Matt. 25:1-13 – Parable of the Ten Virgins 🤴

Matt. 25:14-30 – Parable of the Bags of Gold ("Talents")



Pattern...

1. Authority, Power, Resources...
2. The end is a key
3. People's attitude?
4. Accountability
5. *The focus is on the Son*



**Main Idea: What matters to the Son matters!
How does that affect our behaviour?**

Perspectives so far...

- Jesus did come to save us, but...
- It is God's vineyard
- It is God's resources
- It is Jesus' wedding
- *We are so fortunate to be invited!*



A look at Attitudes...

- Prone to grumble
- Not diligent
- Careless
- Ignoring the King
- *Today...shocking attitudes!*





**#6: The Parable of the Tenants:
Matthew 21:33-46, Mark 12:1-12, &
Luke 20:9-19**

He Sent His Son and We Killed Him

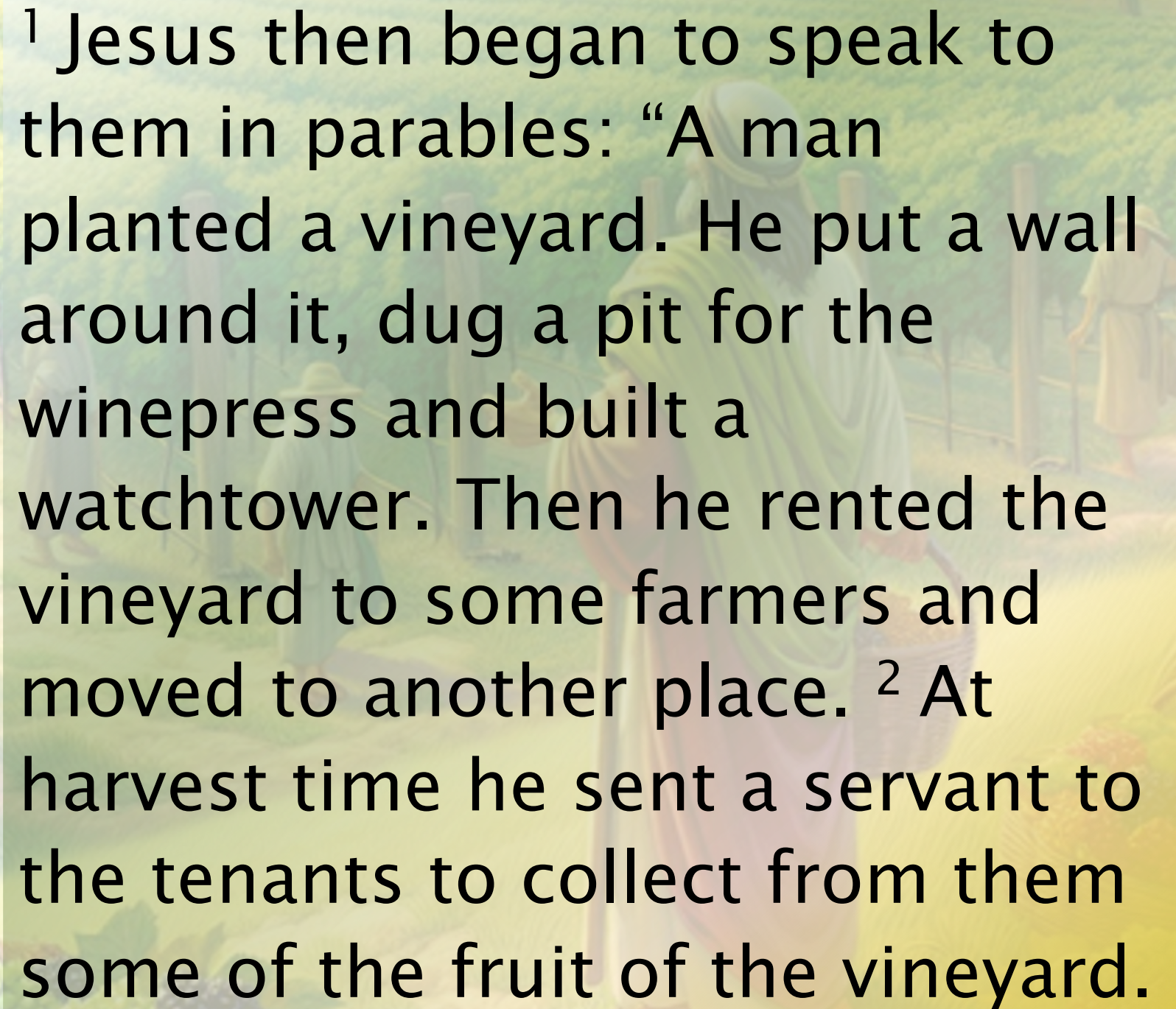
Mark 12:1-12



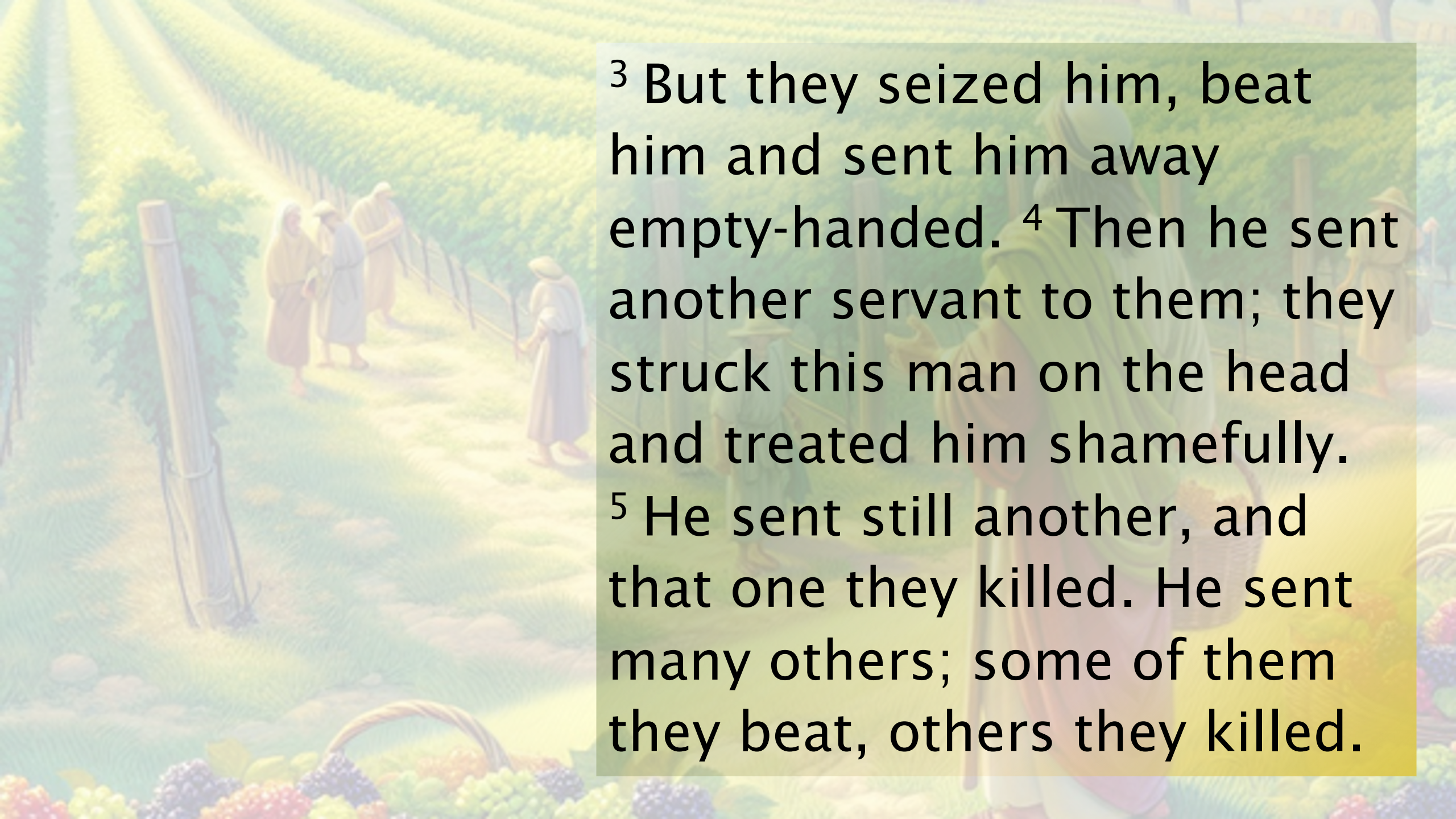
Spoken to crowds and
Jewish religious
authorities

*A new focus on the
Son*

Mark 12:1-12



¹ Jesus then began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a pit for the winepress and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ² At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard.

A vibrant, stylized illustration of a vineyard. In the foreground, a large, woven basket is overflowing with clusters of purple, red, and green grapes. The middle ground shows several workers in traditional, earth-toned robes and hats tending to the vines. One worker in the center is bent over, working on a vine. To the left, a tall wooden post stands near a vine. The background features rolling hills of vineyards under a bright, hazy sky. The overall scene is peaceful and depicts the process of grape harvesting.

³ But they seized him, beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴ Then he sent another servant to them; they struck this man on the head and treated him shamefully. ⁵ He sent still another, and that one they killed. He sent many others; some of them they beat, others they killed.

⁶ “He had one left to send, a son, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

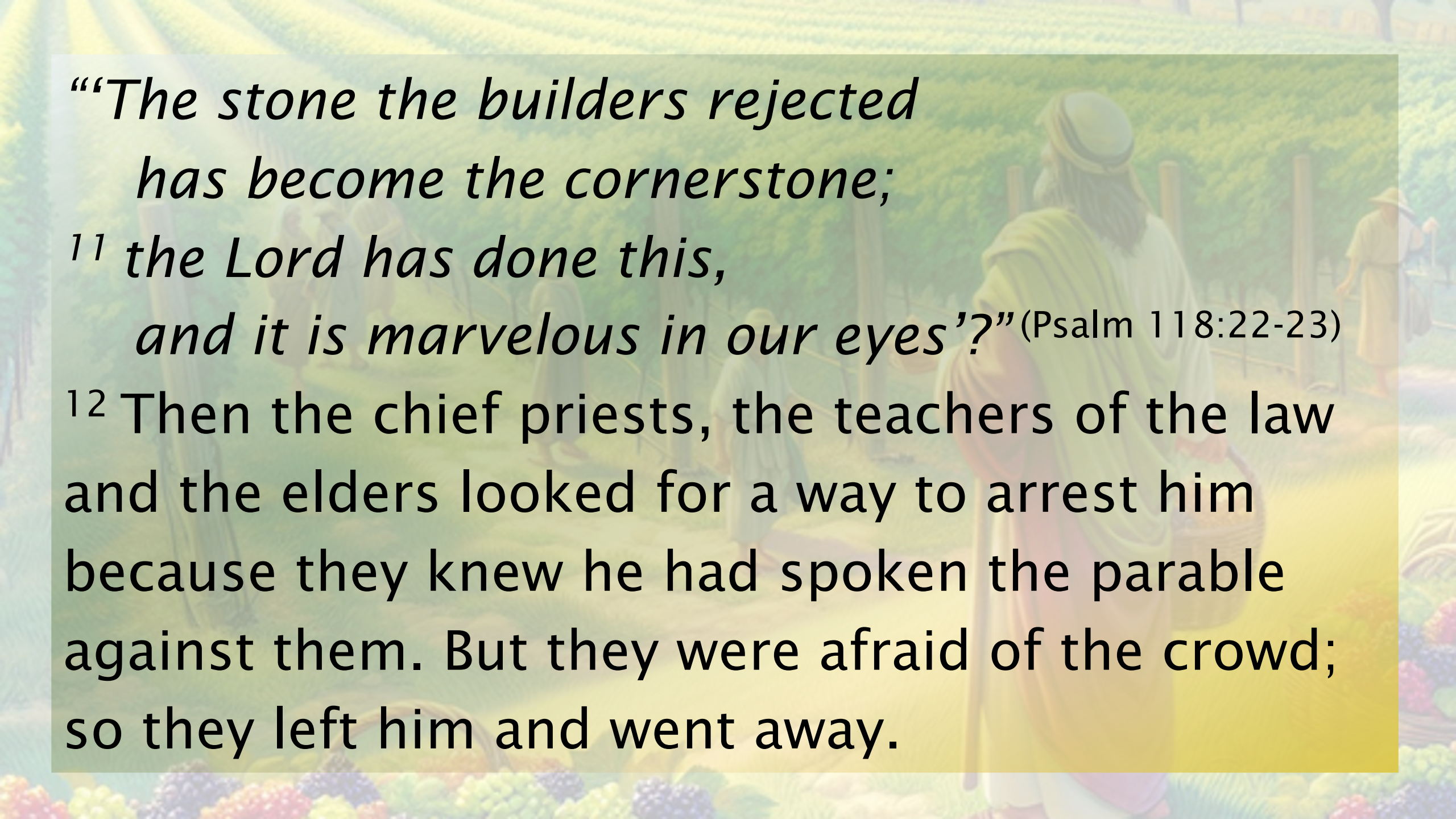
⁷ “But the tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ⁸ So they took him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.



9 “What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.

10 Haven't you read this passage of Scripture:





*“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
¹¹ the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?” (Psalm 118:22-23)*

¹² Then the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd; so they left him and went away.

❖ ***Matthew includes one further quote (21:42-46)***

*“...the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes”?*

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid...

❖ *Luke reveals interaction with Jesus (20:16-19)*

“What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?

¹⁶ He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When the people heard this, they said,

“God forbid!” ¹⁷ Jesus looked directly at them and asked,

“Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

*“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone”?*

¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

¹⁹ The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.



Pattern...

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5. *The focus is on the Son (who is killed)*



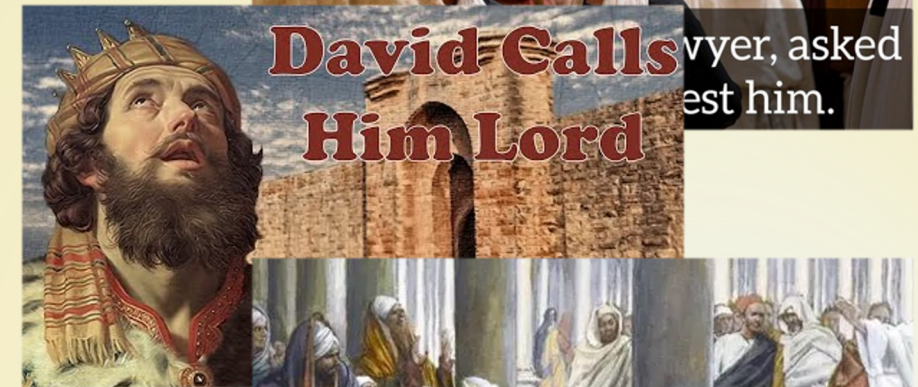
**Main Idea: What matters to the Owner matters!
How does that affect our behaviour?**

Do you wonder?

- How did the Jewish leaders know?
- Scripture? Enlightenment? Jesus?
- *Why didn't they repent?*
- Did the crowds know?
- Do the disciples see Jesus' death coming?
- Soon—a crowd will turn to mob... *Why?*

What comes next? (4Qs, 1W)

- In Matthew, Mark, & Luke...
- *Taxes & Caesar*
- *Question of Resurrection*
- *Greatest Commandment*
- *Whose Son is the Messiah?*
- *Jesus' warnings about Jewish leaders (especially in Matthew)*

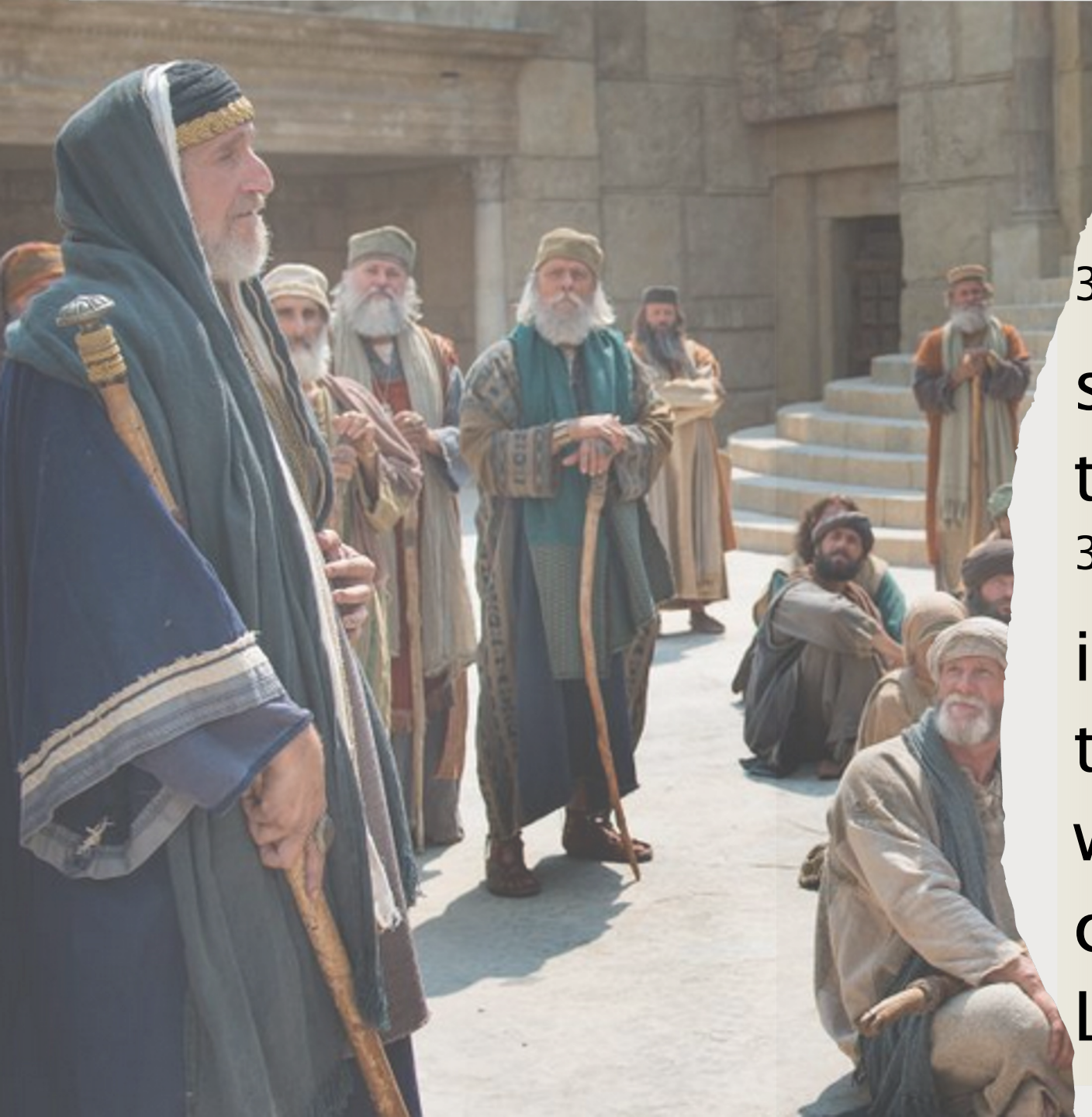


❖ ***Let's follow Matthew (22:31-46)***

“...about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, ³² *‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’?* He is not the God of the dead but of the living.”

³³ When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching.





The Greatest Commandment

³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.

³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”



³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’

³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.

³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Whose Son Is the Messiah?

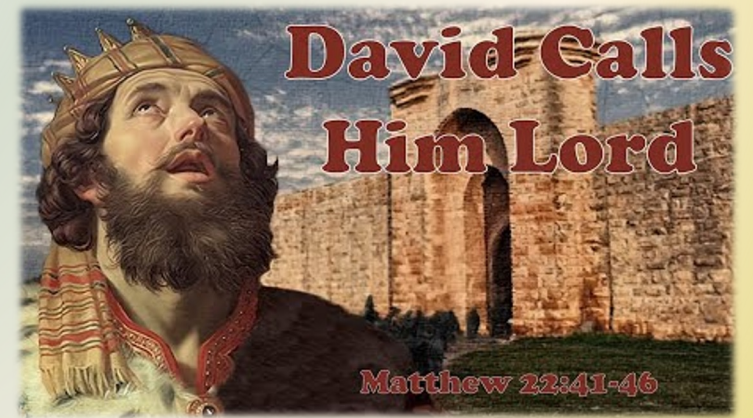
4¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, 4² “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?”

“The son of David,” they replied.

4³ He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says,

4⁴ *“The Lord said to my Lord:*

*“Sit at my right hand
until I put your enemies
under your feet.”*”(Psalm 110:1)

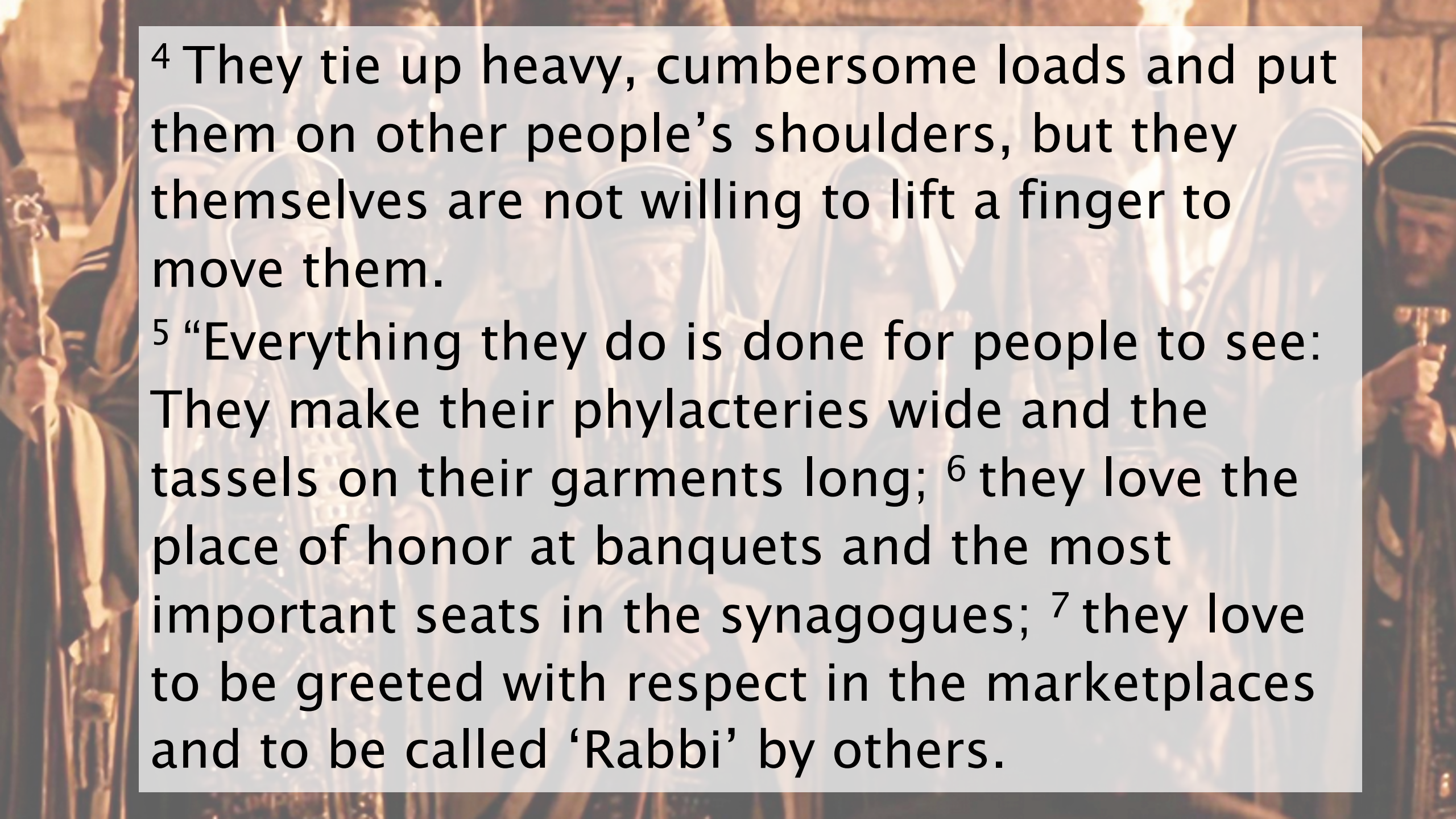


45 If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" 46 No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

A Warning Against Hypocrisy

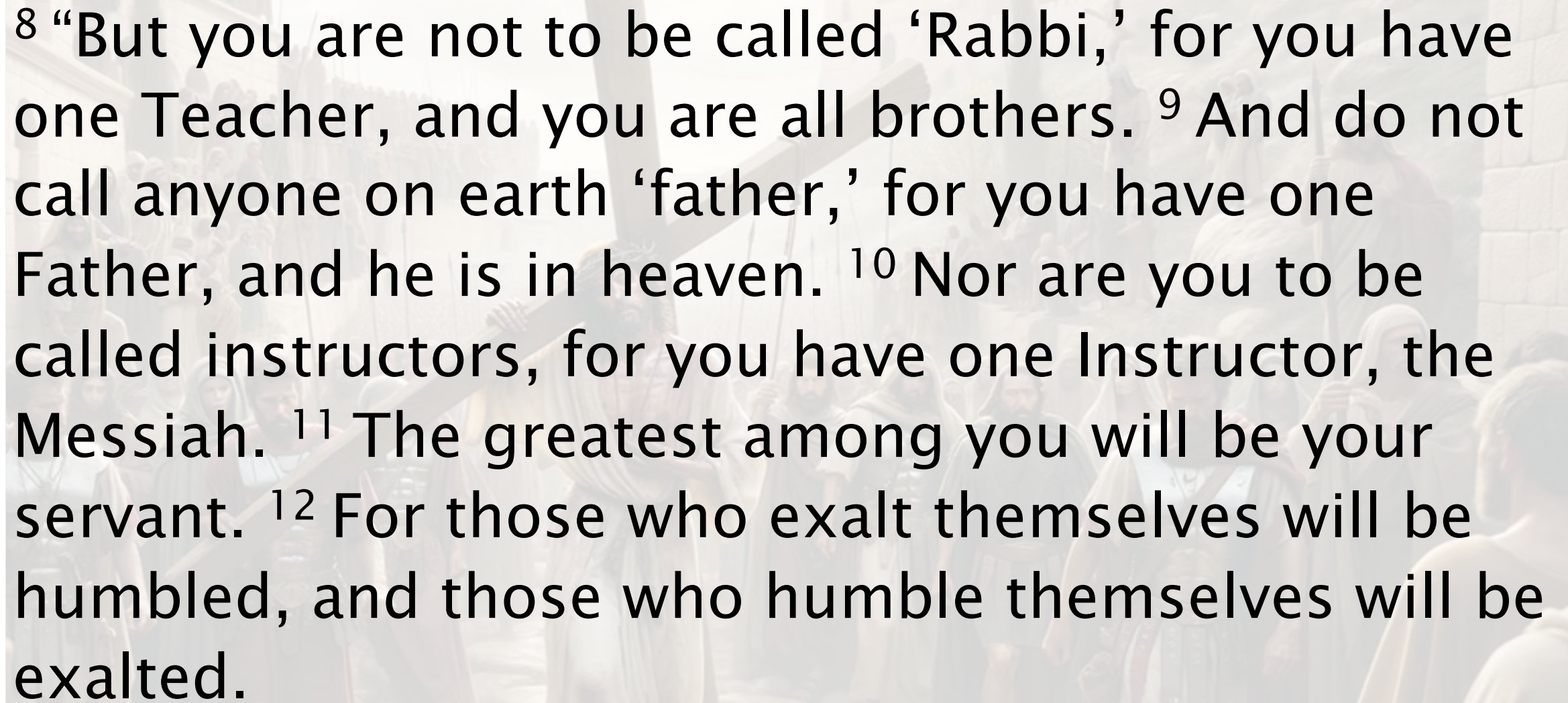
23 ¹Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: ² "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. ³ So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.





⁴ They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.

⁵ "Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; ⁶ they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; ⁷ they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others.



⁸ “But you are not to be called ‘Rabbi,’ for you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers. ⁹ And do not call anyone on earth ‘father,’ for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. ¹⁰ Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one Instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹ The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹² For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

What have we learned?

- † It is all about the Son
- † Caesar is under the Son
- † David bows to the Messiah
- † Sadly, the leaders of the people do not...
- † Their politics and jealousy lead the nation astray
- † *Rejecting God's Son is the tragedy of this
Passover*
- † *Jesus will fulfill the Law of love for all*

Conclusion

1. God created and owns all...
2. It's his vineyard, his Kingdom...
3. His joy to crown his Son
4. We are invited to celebrate Jesus' wedding and to celebrate with him forever
5. Our eternal Saviour!



Is Jesus the center of our lives?

➤ In Acts 4:11-13... (a few weeks later)

➤ ¹¹ Jesus is “*the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.*”

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” ¹³ When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

¹⁵ The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:

*“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah,
and he will reign for ever and ever.”*

¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God... Revelation 11:15-16



⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

“Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

⁷ ***Let us rejoice and be glad
and give him glory!***

***For the wedding of the Lamb has come,
and his bride has made herself ready.***

⁸ ***Fine linen, bright and clean,
was given her to wear.”***

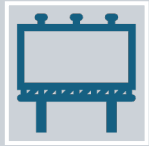
Revelation 19:6-8



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AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL
YOUR MIND." THIS IS THE FIRST AND
GREATEST COMMANDMENT. AND THE
SECOND IS LIKE IT: AND THE
'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.'
MATTHEW
22:37-
39