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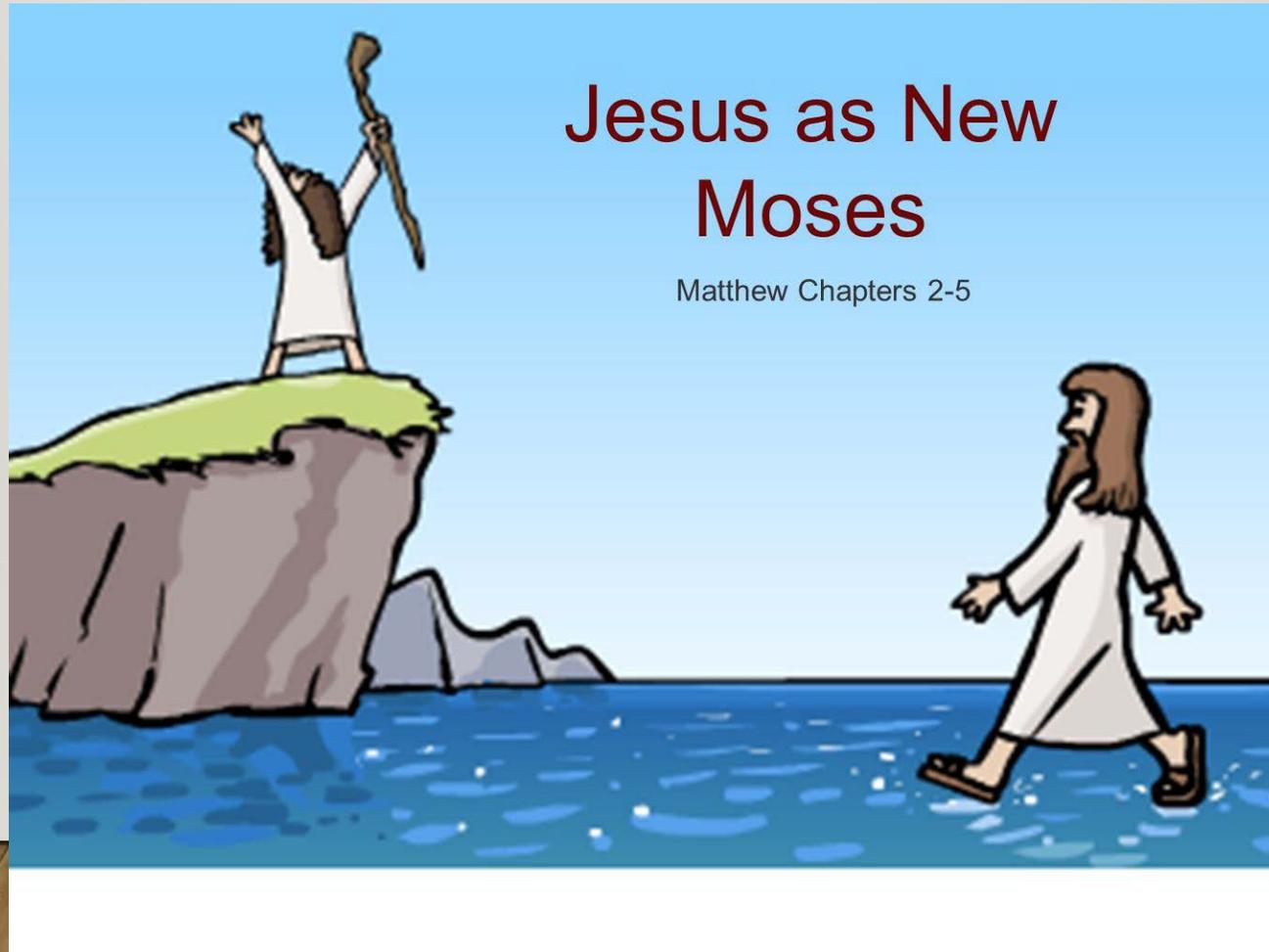
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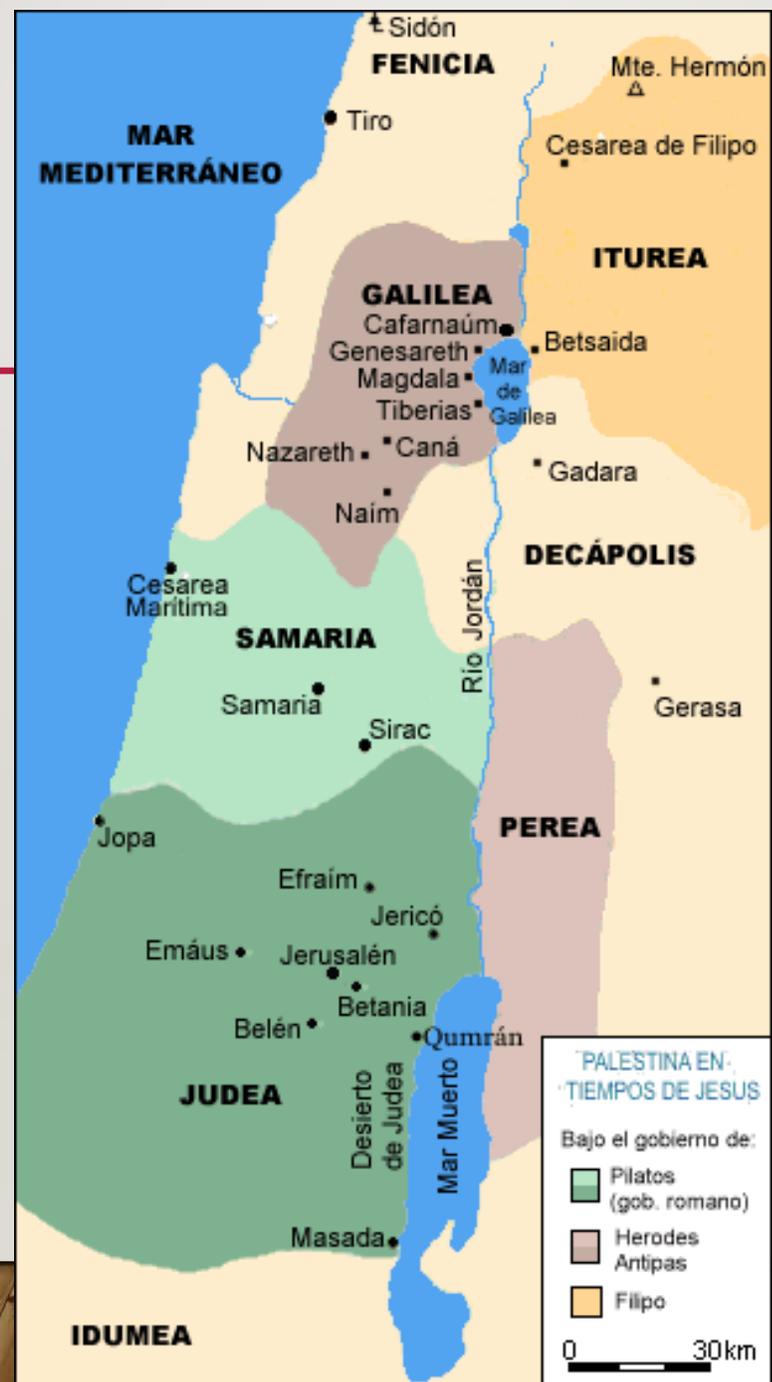
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WHO IS JESUS FOR YOU?



BASIC FACTS

- Born in the year 4 BC. in the city of Bethlehem in Israel
- Grew up in Nazareth in Israel.
- Was a carpenter with his father Joseph
- Began his public ministry in 26 AD, when He was 30
- Died in 29 AD when I was 33 years old, in the city of Jerusalem in Israel



TITLES OF JESUS

- Christ, Messiah = “Anointed One”
- Lord = “Ruler”
- King of the Jews = King of our lives
- Son of God = the second person of the Holy Trinity

THE STORY OF JESUS



GOD'S PLAN FROM THE BEGINNING



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- God created the Garden of Eden, which was Paradise, for all humans to live in harmony with God
 - “Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day” (Genesis 3:8)

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- But the Devil longed to separate man from God
 - “Devil” = “he who separates”



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- This first sin is called **Original Sin**

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- “In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil” (Genesis 2:9)

And the Lord God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.” So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life (Gen 3:22-24)



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THE EXPULSION FROM THE GARDEN

- Symbolizes the separation of man from God
- It was a protection: if we lived forever in the state of original sin, our lives would have been miserable

WHAT NEEDED TO HAPPEN

- Humanity and God needed to be reunited.
 - Humanity needed to be the agent of the unity since it was humanity that committed the sin to separate themselves from God
 - But only God is the one who can bring about that unity

THE INCARNATION

God became man so that man could return to God



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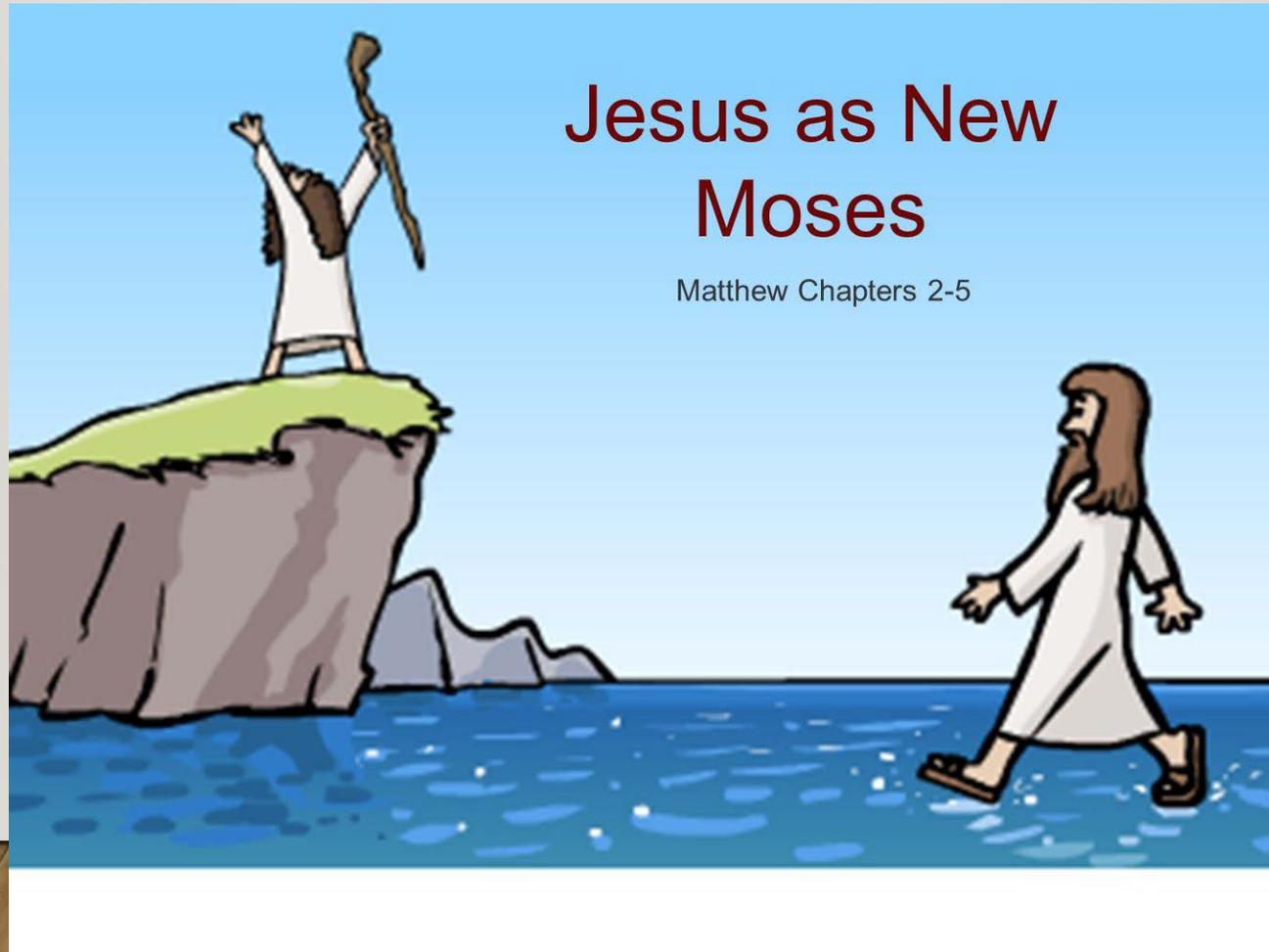
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THE PROCLAMATION EXPRESSED IN 2 WAYS

1. Miracles
2. Teachings

MIRACLES

1. Nature miracles
2. Healing miracles
3. Exorcisms

NATURE MIRACLES

Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!” He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!” (Matt 8:23-27)

NATURE MIRACLES

- The world is changing and is now being reoriented to God

HEALING MIRACLES

Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.” At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, “This fellow is blaspheming!” Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, “Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralyzed man, “Get up, take your mat and go home.” Then the man got up and went home. When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man (Matt 9:1-8)

HEALING MIRACLES

- Human beings are being healed of their sins and being made new. They are being reoriented towards God.

EXORCISMS

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee (Mark 1:21-28)

EXORCISMS

God has more power over Satan. His time of power is ending to give way to a new power.

TEACHINGS

1. The Beatitudes
2. The Parables
3. Other teachings

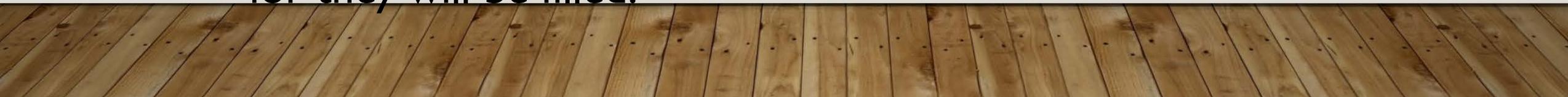
THE BEATITUDES

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.



THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you” (Matt 5:3-12)

THE PARABLES

- Stories that give insights on how life in the Kingdom of God needs to be like
- “The Kingdom of God is like...”

OTHER TEACHINGS

Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift (Matt 5:23-24)

OTHER TEACHINGS

Therefore what God has joined together, let
no one separate (Mark 10:9)

OTHER TEACHINGS

Do to others what you would have them do
to you (Matt 7:12)

CHRIST'S SALVIFIC WORK



THE IDEA OF THE MESSIAH

- “Messiah” is a word that means “Anointed One” and had come to be known among the Jews in the time of Jesus as the one who would save Israel

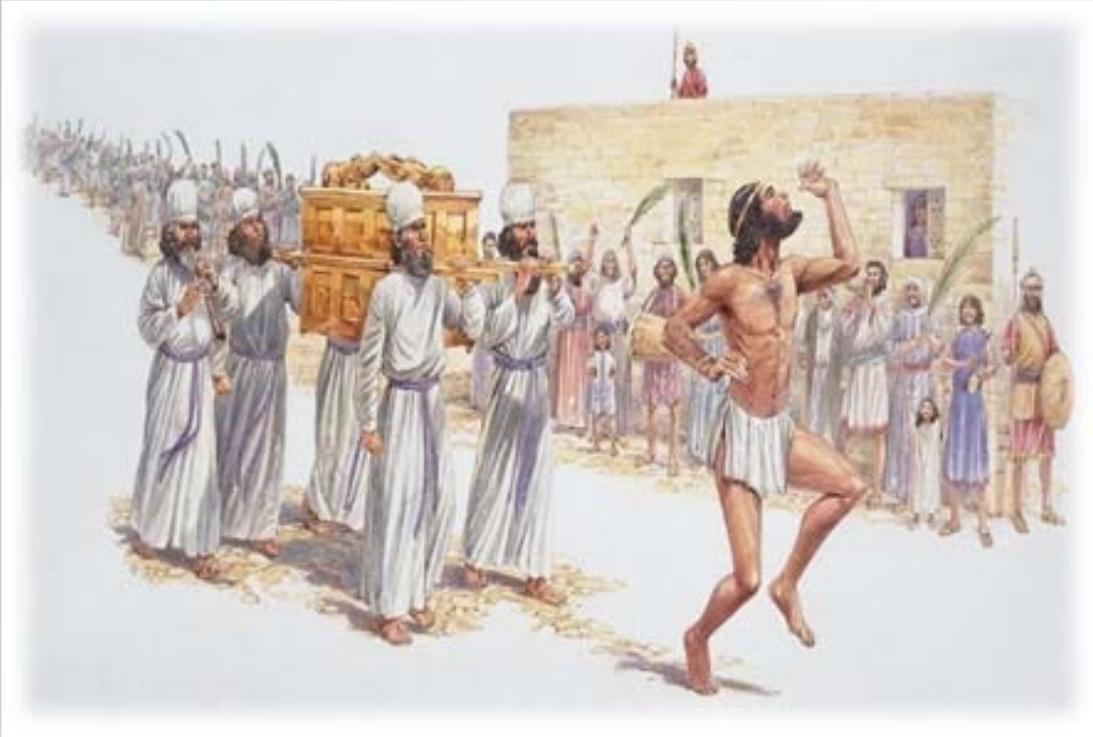
GOES BACK TO KING DAVID



FREE FROM ROMAN OCUPATION

- In the time of Jesus, the Jews saw the Messiah as the one who would free them from Roman occupation and bring Israel back to the glory days of King David

ASIDE: JESUS AS THE NEW DAVID



TENSIONS WITH JEWISH LEADERS

- Pharisees
- Sadducees
- Chief priests
- Elders
- Scribes

JUDAS ISCARIOT

- Was of the Jewish sect called the Zealots, who longed to organize a military force to overthrow Rome
 - They were waiting for the Messiah to be their military leader

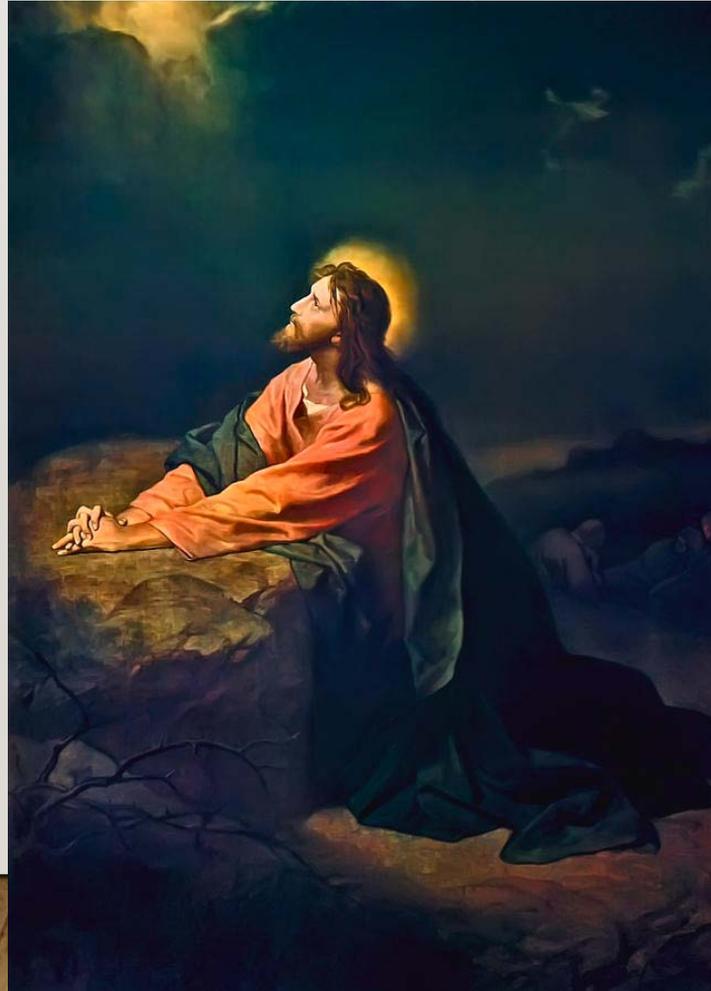
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- Judas puts pressure on Jesus to act and become this military leader
 - Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the chief priests and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty pieces of silver. From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over (Matt 26:14-16)

THE LAST SUPPER



THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN



BETRAYED BY A KISS



THE TRIAL OF JESUS

- The Jewish leaders brought forth 2 charges of Jesus:
 1. Blasphemy, or claiming to be God
 2. Treason, claiming to be a rival Roman king

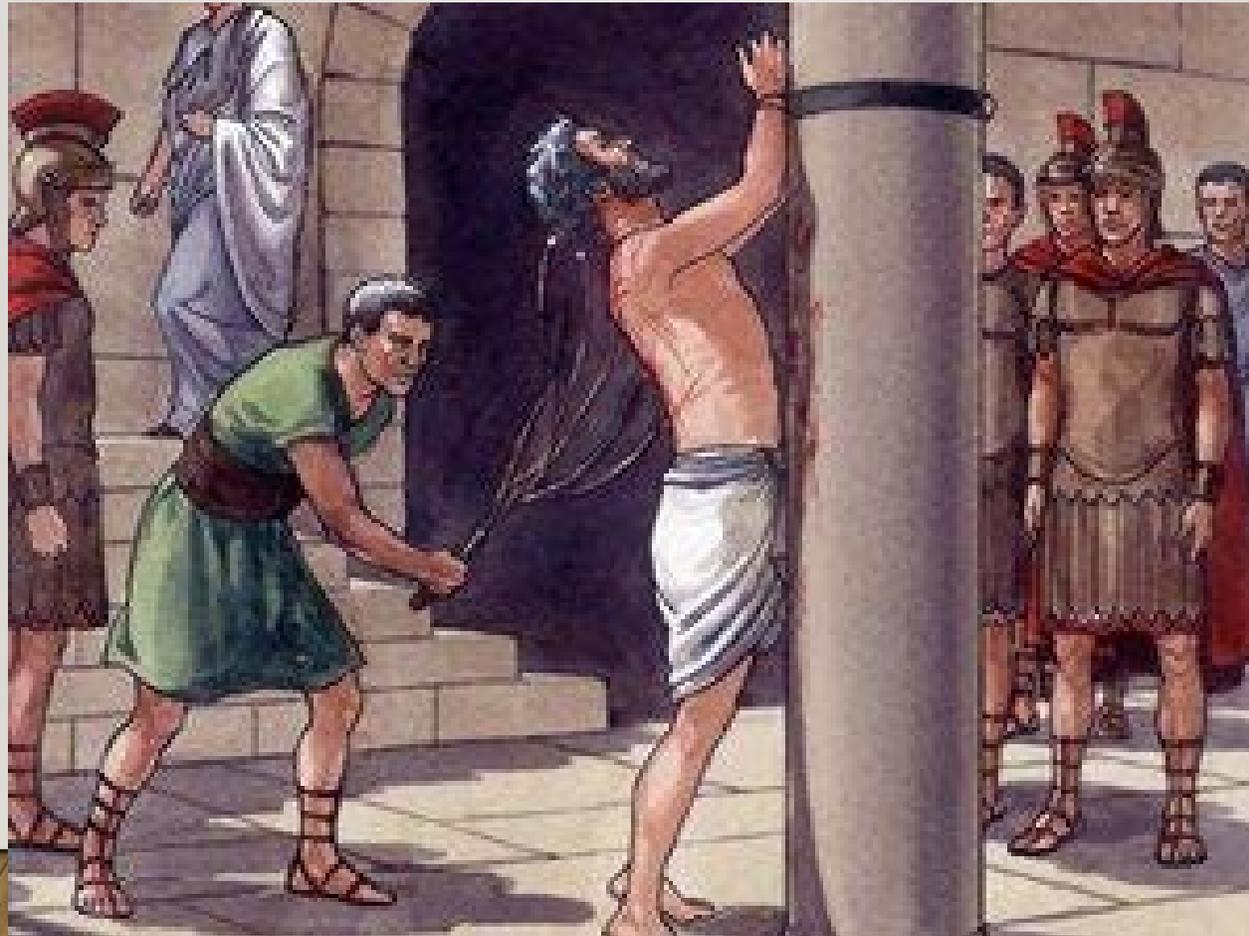
BROUGHT BEFORE PILATE

- The Jewish leaders did have the ability to condemn someone to death, only the Roman authorities did, which is why they brought Jesus before Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of that region

BROUGHT BEFORE PILATE

- Pilate was resistant to condemning Jesus because he saw Him as innocent
- From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar (John 19:12)”

JESUS SCOURGED



THE CROWN OF THORNS



JESUS CARRIES HIS CROSS



THE CRUCIFIXION



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- Crucifixion was the most cruel way to die in the time of Jesus
- It was only reserved for non-Roman citizens
- It was death by suffocation

THE HOURS OF GOOD FRIDAY

- 9am: Christ is crucified
- 12pm: darkness comes over the whole land
- 3pm: Christ dies

THE POWER OF CHRIST'S DEATH

- At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people (Matt 27:51-53)

THE DESCENT INTO SHEOL

God slept in the flesh and raised up those who were sleeping from the ages. God has died in the flesh, and hell trembled with fear (*Ancient Homily of Holy Saturday*).







WHAT DID THE DEATH OF JESUS DO?

- It opened the doors of Heaven for all the Just who had already died

THE RESURRECTION



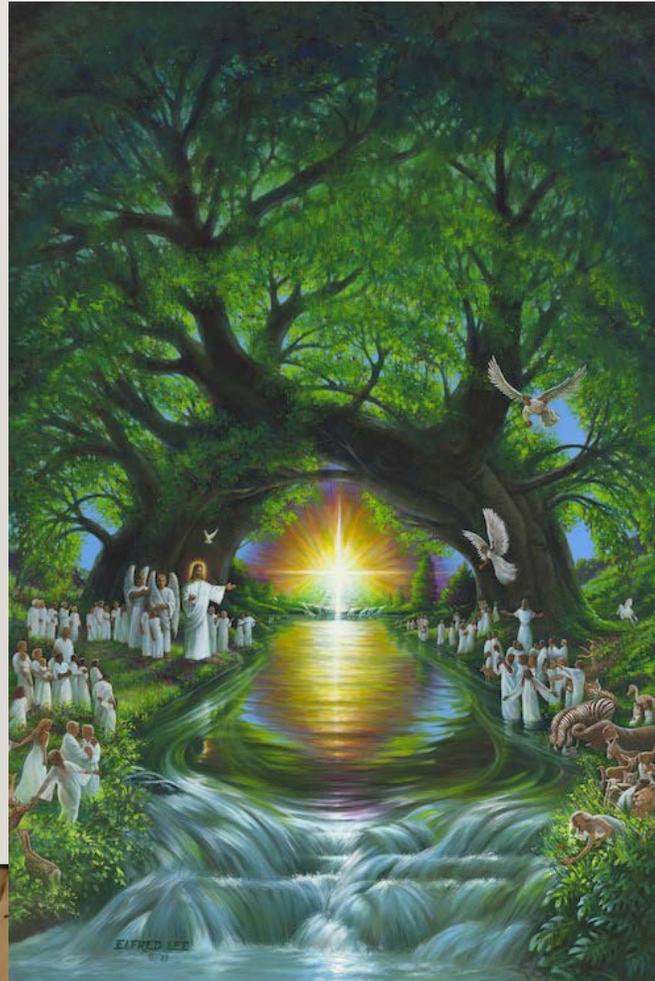
WHAT DID THE RESURRECTION DO?

- It conquered sin for all of us here on earth; sin no longer condemned us to death, but could be forgiven and washed away
- It conquered death for all of us here on earth; it was no longer an end, but rather it was made the door for eternal life
- It gave us access to the tree of life

ACCESS TO THE TREE OF LIFE

On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let the one who hears say, “Come!” (Rev 22: 2-3, 17)

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- Now life could be given to us, because our life was not a life doomed to sin, as was the life of Adam and Eve, but one of eternal life with God
- Now was achieved the union of God and man

JESUS AS THE NEW ADAM



THE ASCENSION



PENTECOST



CHRIST'S COMMISSION

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matt 28:18-20)



WHY?

The Kingdom of God has been initiated, but it is not fully established yet.

QUESTIONS?

