

# Not the Messiah they wanted



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When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." <sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Mt 21:1-9

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“The political autocrat is what people might want, but Jesus said God was not really interested in that kind of king over a kingdom in Jerusalem. ... To be quite honest, Jesus did not fulfill the messianic hopes of his Jewish contemporaries but rather dashed their messianic dreams by redefining the path and purpose of the Messiah. We miss this point, and we can miss what Jesus was all about.”

Paul T. Penley

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**Ps 17:13-14** Rise up, O Lord, confront them, overthrow them! By your sword deliver my life from the wicked, <sup>14</sup> from mortals – by your hand, O Lord – from mortals whose portion in life is in this world. May their bellies be filled with what you have stored up for them; may their children have more than enough; may they leave something over to their little ones.

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**Mk 8:31-33** Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

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**Mk 10:35-38** James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

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**Lk 7:18-20** So John summoned two of his disciples <sup>19</sup> and sent them to the Lord to ask, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” <sup>20</sup> When the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?’”

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**Dr. Mark Bird**

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### “The Real Jesus” AIG:

“One survey showed that though 80% of Americans would call Jesus the Son of God, only 40% believed that He was God – and only 40% believed He was sinless.”

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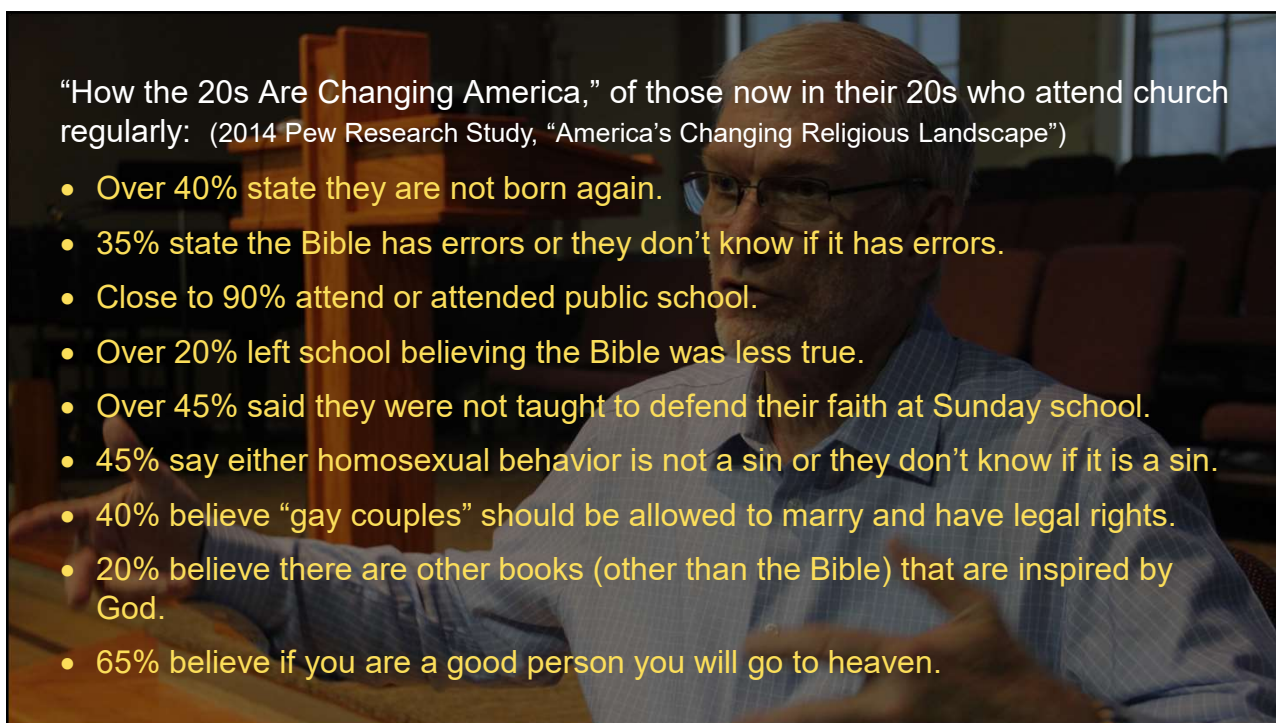
“Many people claim to know Jesus Christ, but as you talk with them it does not take long to figure out that it is not the Jesus of the Bible that they describe. Their God is an old grandfather type who can see no wrong in his grandchildren regardless of what they do, and their Jesus is emasculated. Their Jesus can be ignored, treated rudely and even cursed without consequence ... To be sure, the Jesus of the Bible is kind, gentle, merciful, gracious and loving, but He never excused sin and is plainly described as the coming judge who will execute vengeance with wrath on all the ungodly. ... You cannot believe that Jesus is who He claims to be and give such utter disregard to the commands He gave. Yet we find people who have lifestyles described in 1 Cor 6:9-10 – fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, effeminate, homosexuals, thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers and swindlers – claiming to be Christians.”

Pastor Scott L. Harris, Grace Bible Church, Wappingers Falls, NY

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“How the 20s Are Changing America,” of those now in their 20s who attend church regularly: (2014 Pew Research Study, “America’s Changing Religious Landscape”)

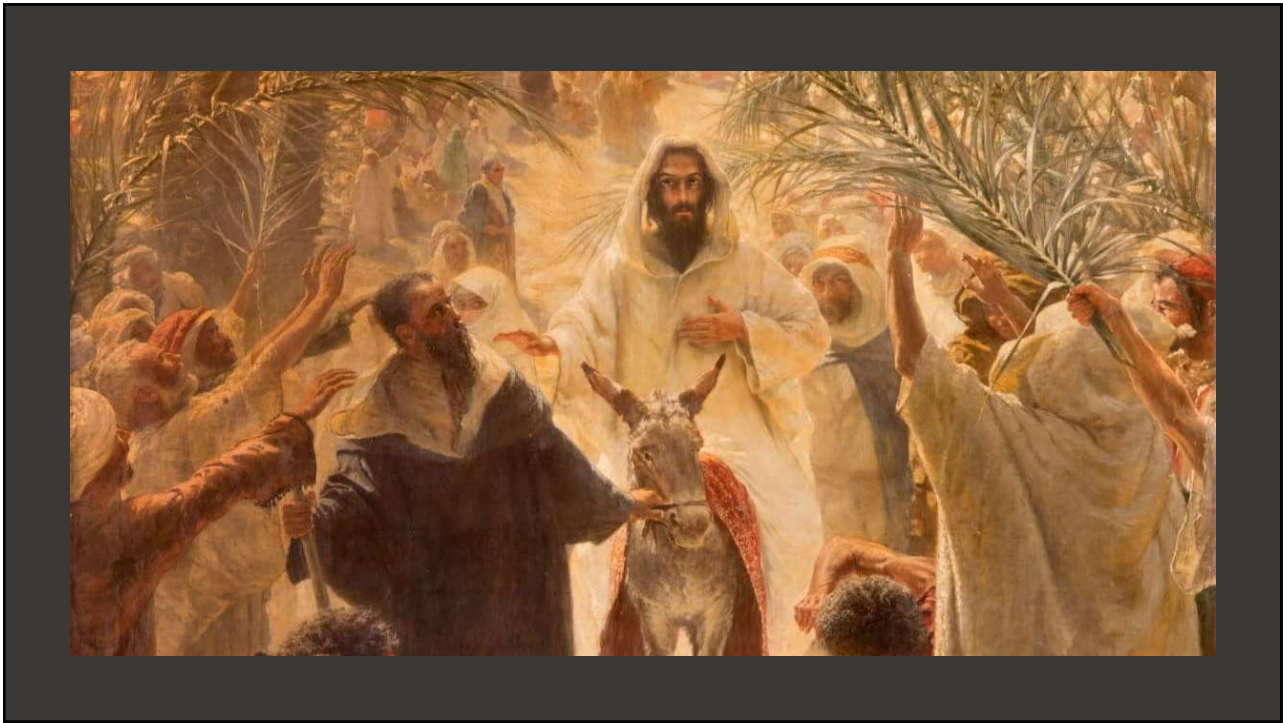
- Over 40% state they are not born again.
- 35% state the Bible has errors or they don’t know if it has errors.
- Close to 90% attend or attended public school.
- Over 20% left school believing the Bible was less true.
- Over 45% said they were not taught to defend their faith at Sunday school.
- 45% say either homosexual behavior is not a sin or they don’t know if it is a sin.
- 40% believe “gay couples” should be allowed to marry and have legal rights.
- 20% believe there are other books (other than the Bible) that are inspired by God.
- 65% believe if you are a good person you will go to heaven.

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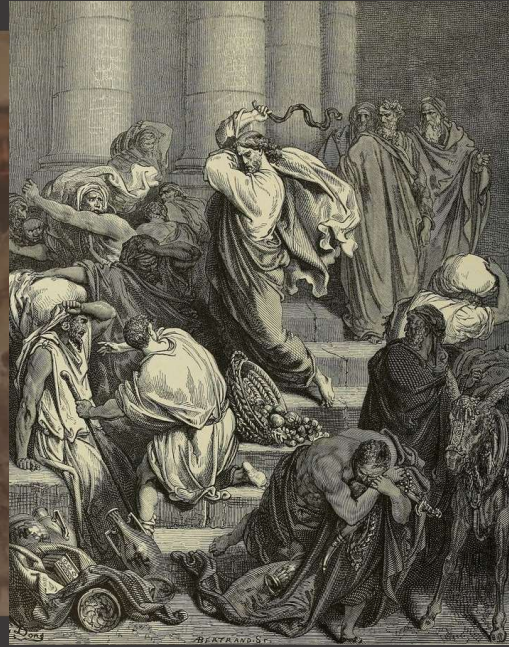


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# 1. Confrontational

**Mt 21:12-13** Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. <sup>13</sup> He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers."



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**21:27** "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things."

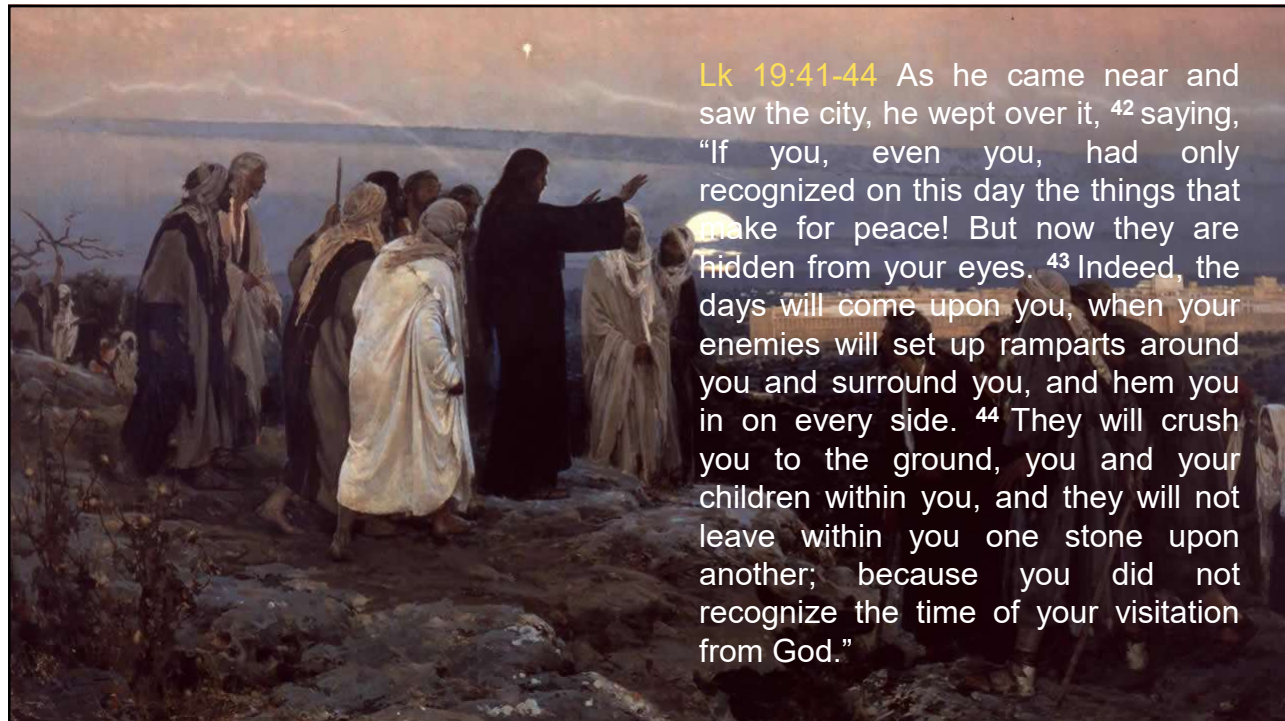
**21:31** "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you."

**21:43-44** "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."



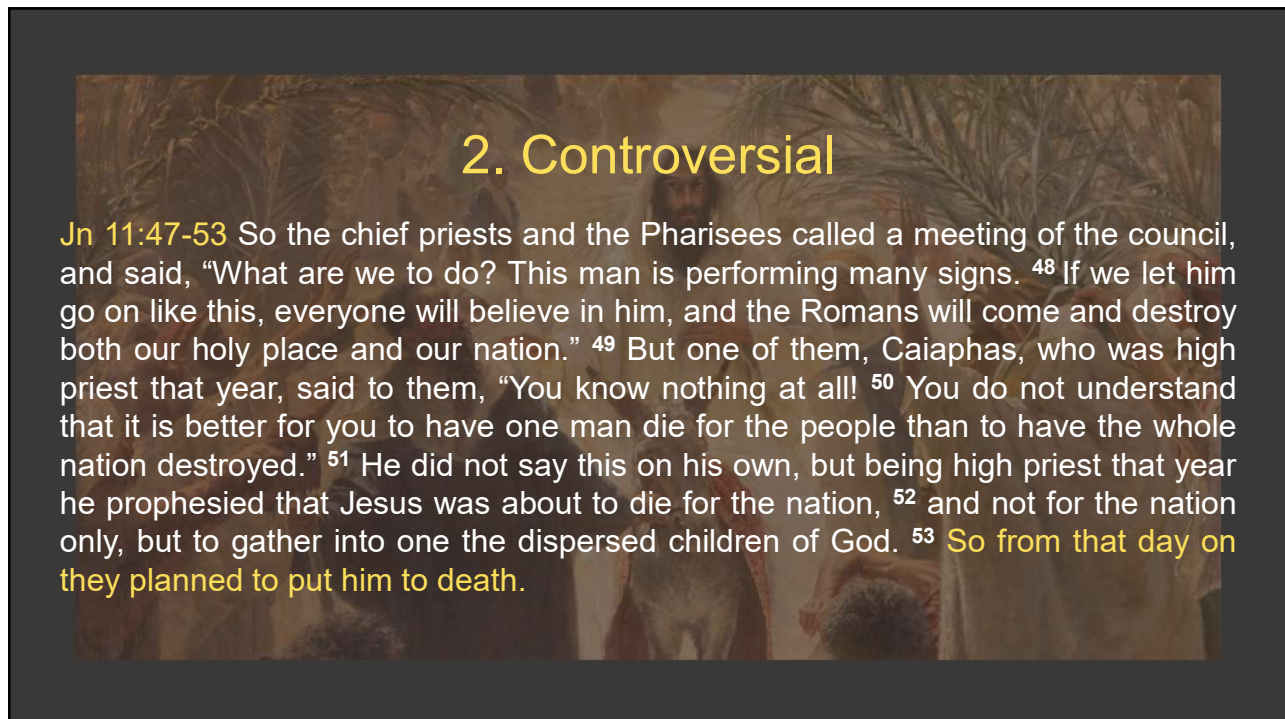
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**Lk 19:41-44** As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, <sup>42</sup> saying, “If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. <sup>44</sup> They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.”

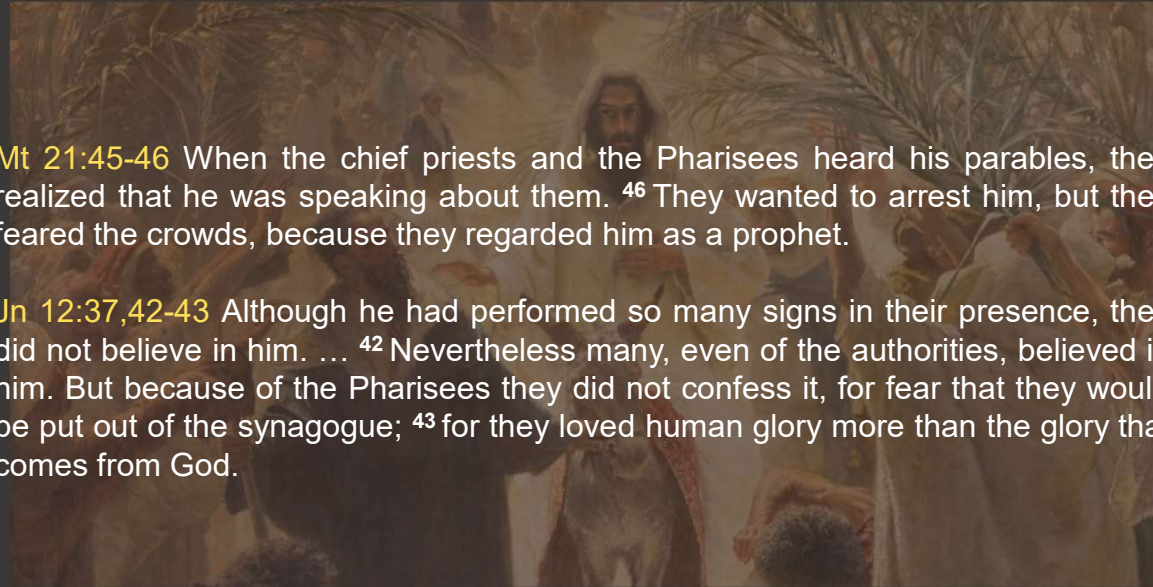
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## 2. Controversial

**Jn 11:47-53** So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the council, and said, “What are we to do? This man is performing many signs. <sup>48</sup> If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation.” <sup>49</sup> But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all! <sup>50</sup> You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed.” <sup>51</sup> He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation, <sup>52</sup> and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the dispersed children of God. <sup>53</sup> **So from that day on they planned to put him to death.**

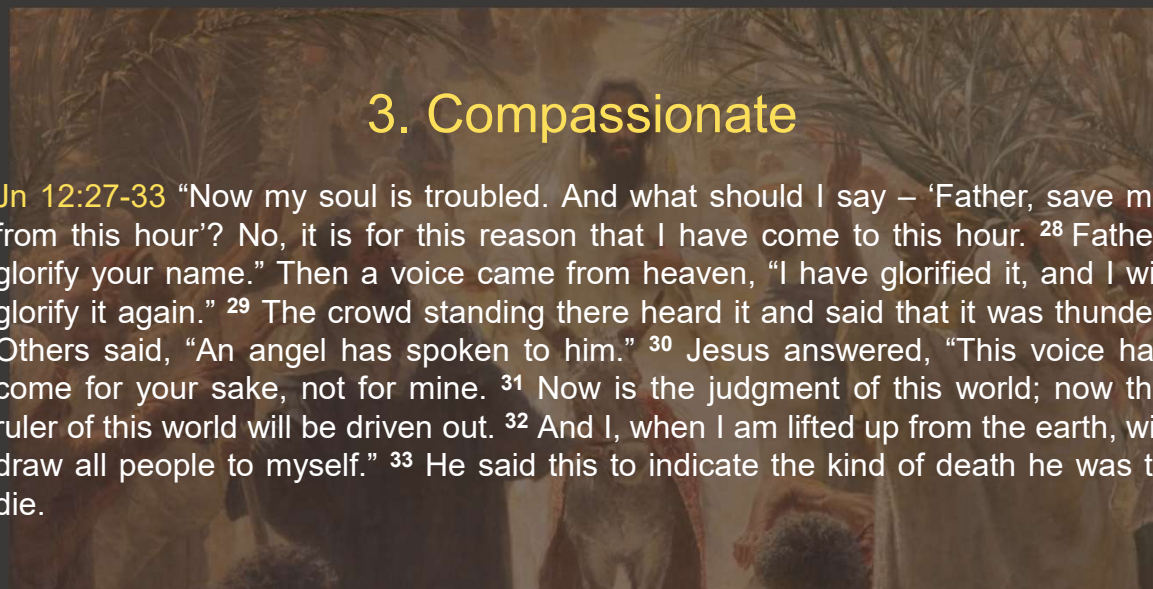
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**Mt 21:45-46** When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

**Jn 12:37,42-43** Although he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him. ... <sup>42</sup> Nevertheless many, even of the authorities, believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup> for they loved human glory more than the glory that comes from God.

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### 3. Compassionate

**Jn 12:27-33** “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup> The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup> He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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## 4. Conquering

**Rev 19:11-16** Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems; and he has a name inscribed that no one knows but himself. <sup>13</sup> He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called The Word of God. <sup>14</sup> And the armies of heaven, wearing fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. <sup>15</sup> From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron; he will tread the wine press of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. <sup>16</sup> On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, "King of kings and Lord of lords."



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## 5. Condemning/consoling

**Mt 21:42,44** Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? ... <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

**Heb 7:25** Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.



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