

A close-up, high-angle shot of numerous green palm fronds. The fronds are long, narrow, and pointed, radiating from a central point at the bottom right, creating a dense, textured pattern. The lighting is bright, highlighting the vibrant green color of the leaves.

**PALM
SUNDAY**

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The background of the image is a dense, close-up photograph of palm fronds. The fronds are a vibrant green color and are arranged in a radial pattern, with many fronds pointing towards the center of the frame. The lighting is bright, creating a high-contrast effect between the dark green of the fronds and the lighter green highlights.

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The very core of a person, that from which
everything flows

If you know the heart of a person,
you really know a person.

If you know the heart of a person, you
really know a person.

Do you really know a person
if you don't know their heart?

Jesus said unto him, "I have been with you such a long time, and yet you still do not know me, Philip?"

-John 14:9

Do you know the heart of Jesus?

Do you know the heart of Jesus?

Do you know the heart
of Jesus towards you?



This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

“Say to Daughter Zion,

‘See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

Matthew. 21: 5

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, **for I am gentle and humble in heart**, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

—Matthew 11: 28-30

Jesus' heart toward you is humble and gentle, longing for you to know the Father's peace, and meet your deepest need.

This Good News of Jesus' humble and gentle heart: Who is it for?

Today, Good News is for normal
Christians who are sinners and sufferers,
often in secret, wondering deep within,
How does Jesus feel about them?

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And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming,
“The LORD, the LORD, the **compassionate** and
gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in
love and faithfulness, maintaining love to
thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion
and sin.”

–Exodus 34: 6-7

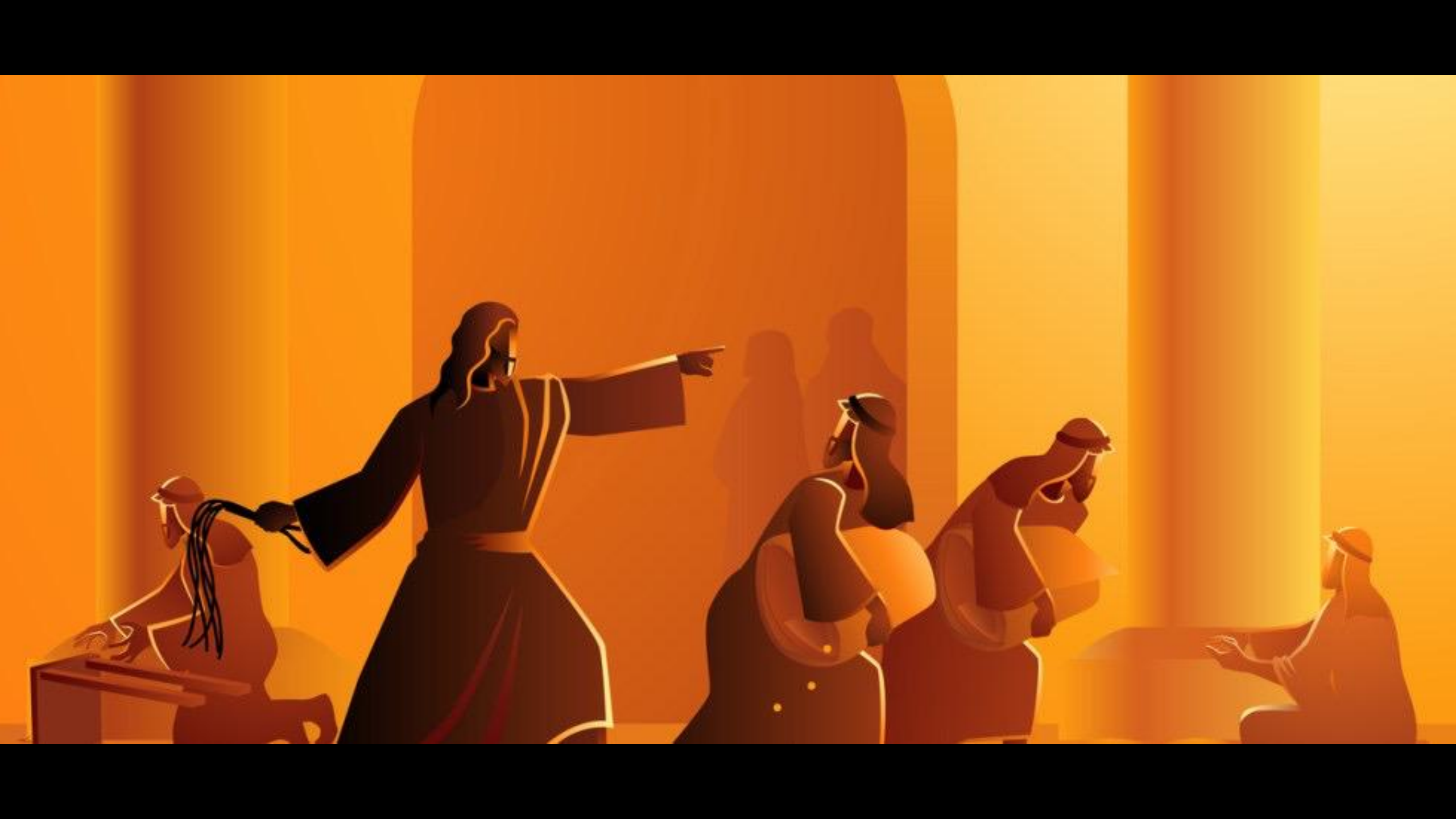
Is not Ephraim my dear son, the child in whom I delight?...Therefore **my heart yearns for him**; I have great compassion for him," declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 31: 20

“I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, **with all my heart** and all my soul”;

Jeremiah 32:41

Jesus' heart toward you is humble and gentle.



It is written...



“for he does not afflict from **his**
heart or grieve the children of men.”

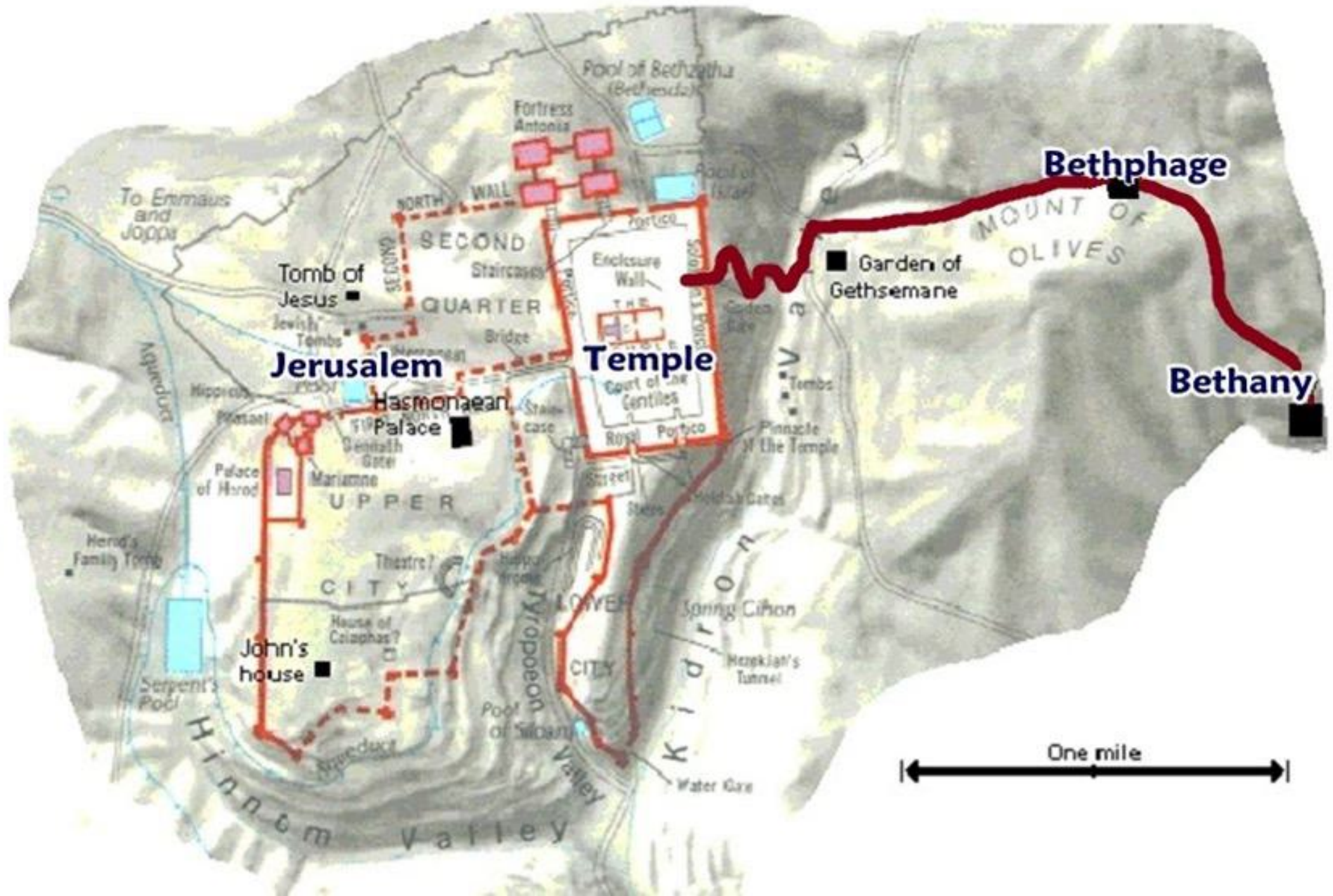
Lamentations 3:22

Not once are we told that God is “provoked to love” or “provoked to mercy.” His anger requires provocation; his mercy is pent up, ready to gush forth. We tend to think divine anger is pent up, spring-loaded; divine mercy is slow to build. It’s just the opposite. Divine mercy is ready to burst forth at the slightest prick. God is not like us needing no provoking to love, only to anger.

–Dane Ortlund

How does the humble and gentle heart of Christ bring us peace and meet our deepest need?





“Bethphage was a village of the priests, in which lambs were kept ready for the temple sacrifices. From Bethphage the priests would bring the Passover lambs to fulfill the requirements of law. When Christ willed to be brought in from Bethphage through the golden gate unto Jerusalem, He would show that He was the Lamb which taketh away the sins of the world, the true and final Lamb.”

-J. M. Boyce





“And being found in appearance as a man, **Jesus humbled himself**, by becoming obedient to death even death on a cross!”
-Phil. 2:4

“Jesus is not like us, He sees through to the deeper need and works at a deeper level. Most of the time He shows me that my problems are not my circumstances but me, or specifically, the sin in me. I need to be set free from my selfishness, fear of what people think, twisted perspectives and negative thinking. Jesus setting me free is often different than what I expect, but always what I truly need.”

-Darrell W. Johnson

In **humility** Jesus said, "Father, not my will but your will be done", paying the debt for our sin, and **bringing peace** between God and mankind.



“Redeem with a lamb
every firstborn donkey...”
Exodus 13:13



“Jesus rode in Jerusalem on the colt, a young male donkey. Onlookers could have seen this as minor miracle within the events. It would have been remarkable that Jesus was able to control a presumably unbroken animal, moving through an excited crowd with an unfamiliar burden on its back...This was just one more demonstration that Jesus was the gentle, safe Messiah.”

-Dr. Constable

“The heart of the Good News is Jesus’ proclaiming, ‘look to me, listen to me, in me you will see the leader you have always longed for. I understand your paranoia, fear and resentment. But at the cross you will see what I am really like, self-giving, self-sacrificing, humble and gentle in heart. I will not take advantage of you because I am stronger than you; I only long to restore your created dignity’.”

-J.D. Hettinga

The gentle heart of Christ meets our deepest need in providing for us a leader who is safe to submit to.

What are the implications?



This King is accessible to all!



This King must be accepted on
His terms.

“Where are you?”



“Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it,
as it is written:

‘Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;
see, your king is coming,
seated on a donkey's colt.’”

–John 12: 14-15

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