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PALM SUNDAY

The Lord Needs It

Mark 11:1-10

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“The LORD needs it”

Please Consider

“THE LORD NEEDS IT” –

Q: If he is the LORD, why the need ?

Q: If he has needs, can he still be the LORD ?

Oxymoron ?

“The LORD needs it”

Definition of Oxymoron

An oxymoron is where you have two words that shouldn't go next to each other because they contradict each other.

Eg: Original Copy;
Bittersweet;
Deafening silence;
Living dead;
Accurate estimate;
Awfully good...

“The LORD needs it”

Did not the Bible say:

***Ps 24:1 The earth is the Lord 's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;***

***Ps 50:10-12 ... for every animal of the forest is mine, and
the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird in
the mountains, and the creatures of the field are
mine. IF I WERE HUNGRY I WOULD NOT TELL YOU,
FOR THE WORLD IS MINE, AND ALL THAT IS IN IT.***

“The LORD needs it”

Just to be clear :

The LORD, He is GOD

As GOD He EXISTED, is EXISTING and WILL EXIST ...

He is TOTALLY SELF-SUFFICIENT ...

He has NO NEEDS ...

BUT ... From Creation –

↳ GOD choose to made Man ...

for Man to be involved

for Man to reign ...

“The LORD needs it”

So

↳ **GOD can exist without Man**

↳ **Man CANNOT EXIST without GOD**

Here in this incident...

The LORD GOD choose to ...

↳ **Have a need ...**

↳ **Allowing man to fulfil His need ...**

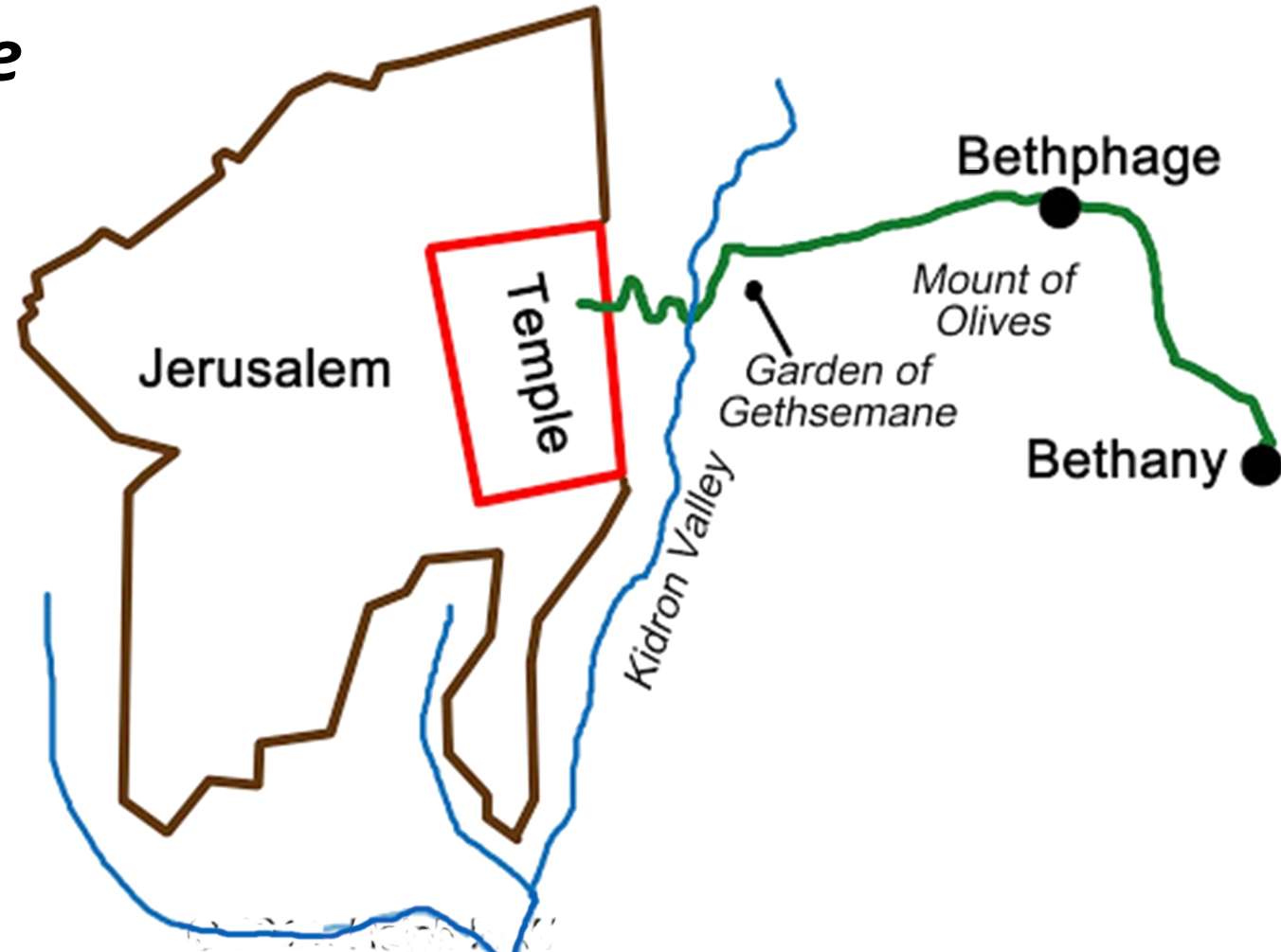
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- **Not sure which village is being referred to
? Bethphage ...**
- **A colt - young donkey**
- **Donkey – main mode of transport at that time ...**
- **“no one has ever ridden”**

Q: If you one of the 2 Disciples, will you go ?

Q: What will go through your mind ?

“The LORD needs it”

The 2 Disciples could have ...

- ↪ doubted ...
- ↪ asked for more confirmation...
- ↪ asked for greater clarity ...

Yet the TWO DISCIPLES obeyed ...

Going in Obedience ...

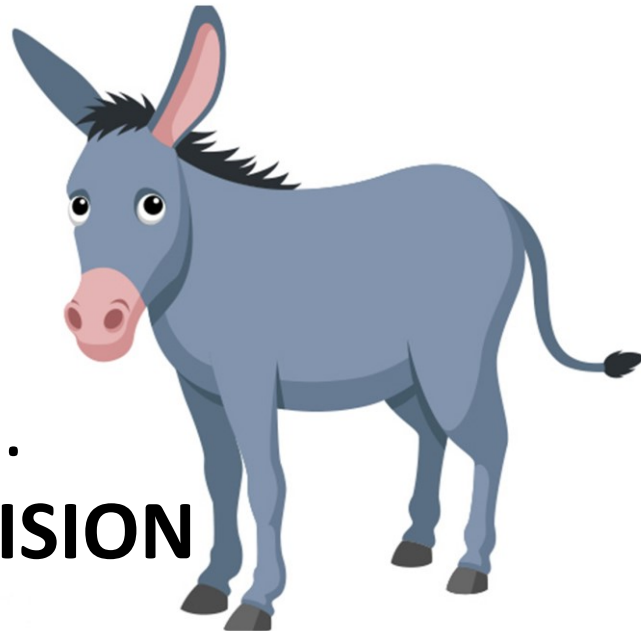
Faith ...

Trust

AND Because they went ...

Because they obeyed ...

1. SEEING THE LORD’S PROVISION



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Mark 11:4-6

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5 some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?"

6 They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go.

“The LORD needs it”



OWNERS VIEWPOINT.

- ? Was the phrase *‘The LORD needs it’* a secret code ?
- ? Did Jesus make a prior arrangement with the owner ?



- ? Did the owner even know who is *‘the LORD’* ?

“The LORD needs it”



OWNERS VIEWPOINT.

↪ The Bible is silent

↪ We do not know

↪ We will not speculate...

BUT we do know that ...

✓ The owner consented ...

✓ He agreed to let his ...

↪ valuable ...

↪ unridden / 'new'...

donkey ...

“The LORD needs it”



OWNERS VIEWPOINT...

2. SURRENDERING TO THE LORD'S PURPOSE

I do not think the owner

↪ **knew the whole purpose ...**

↪ **understood the full implication ...**

↪ **fully appreciated the significance...**

BUT again in ? Faith

? Obedience ...

? Submission ...

He allowed

“The LORD needs it”



2. SURRENDERING TO THE LORD'S PURPOSE

Question:

What about us ...

What about you & I

*All the more, we who profess to
KNOW the LORD*

⇒ *Will we be willing to surrender ...*

⇒ *Surrender what is precious and
valuable to us*

Just because “The LORD needs it” ?



Abraham & Isaac
Gen 22



King David
2 Sam 24



Joseph of Arimathea
Matt 27



Woman with the
Alabaster Perfume Matt 26

“The LORD needs it” :
SURRENDERING TO THE LORD’S PURPOSE

BUT if you DO NOT ...



“The LORD needs it” : SURRENDERING TO THE LORD’S PURPOSE

“The LORD needs it”



Just a side note:

In Greek ...

- Owner NT:2962 ‘kurios’
- LORD NT:2962 ‘kurios’

“the Lord needs it”

↪ “the owner needs it.”

All we have is : FROM HIM...

FOR HIM ...

Q: How will this affect
the way we see ‘ownership’ ?



**“The
LORD
needs it”**



Mark 11:7-10

7 When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.

8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.

9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!"

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

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Lastly from THE DONKEY’S VIEWPOINT

- The donkey was tied ...
- Of no use when tied ...
- Needed to be untied
- Untied and brought to the LORD ...
- In the LORD’s hands that donkey made ...
 - ↳ a 500+ yrs prophecy came true ...
Zech 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
 - ↳ Made history ...

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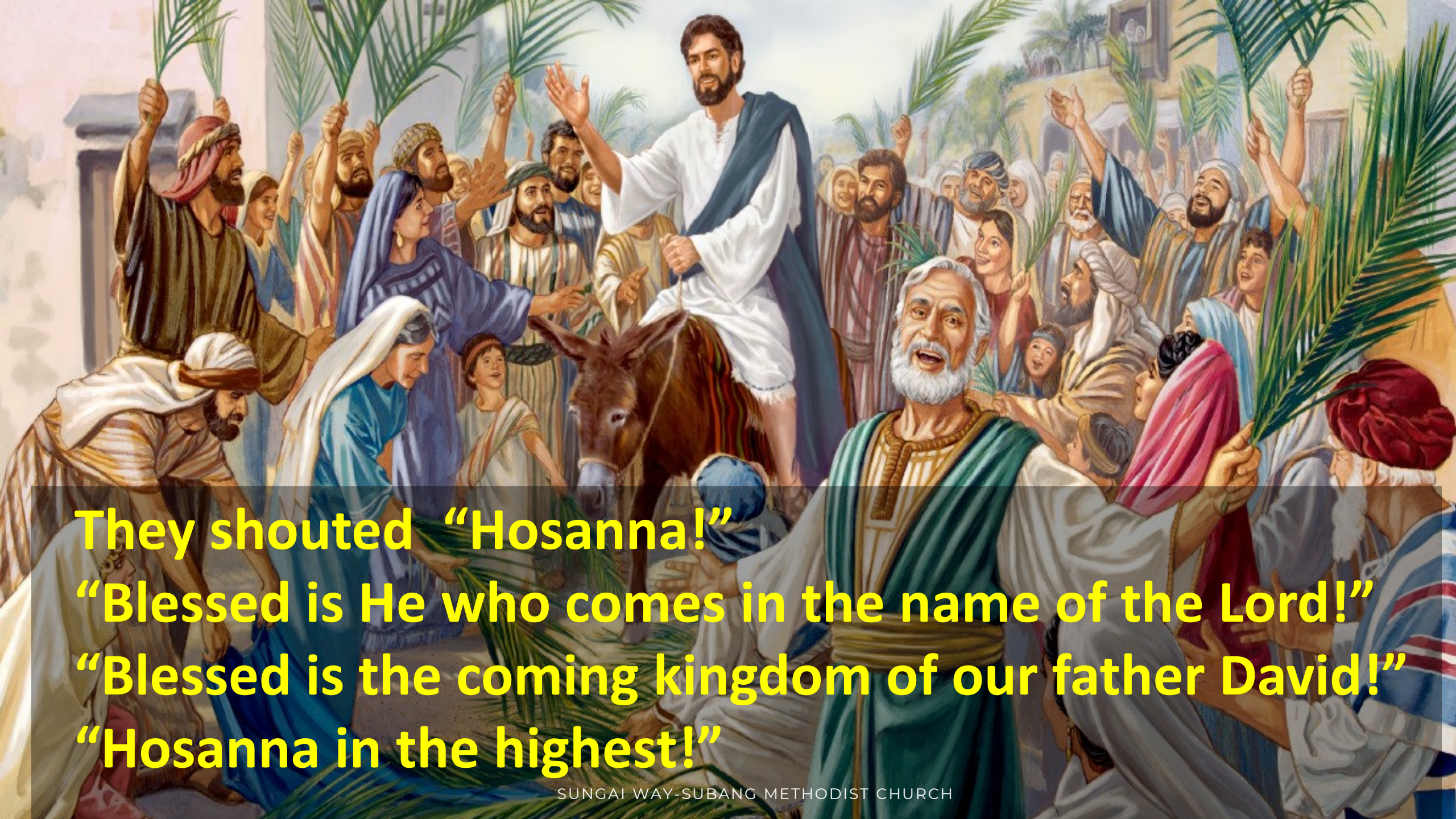
Lastly from the Donkey's Viewpoint

3. SERVING THE LORD's MISSION

- The donkey played a very key role in Jesus's Triumphal entry into Jerusalem ...
- Not only in fulfilling the OT Prophecy ...
- That He come in Peace

The People however may have misread the message, significance and implication

- They celebrated
- They shouted *"Hosanna!" "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest!"*



They shouted “Hosanna!”

“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

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Please Note:

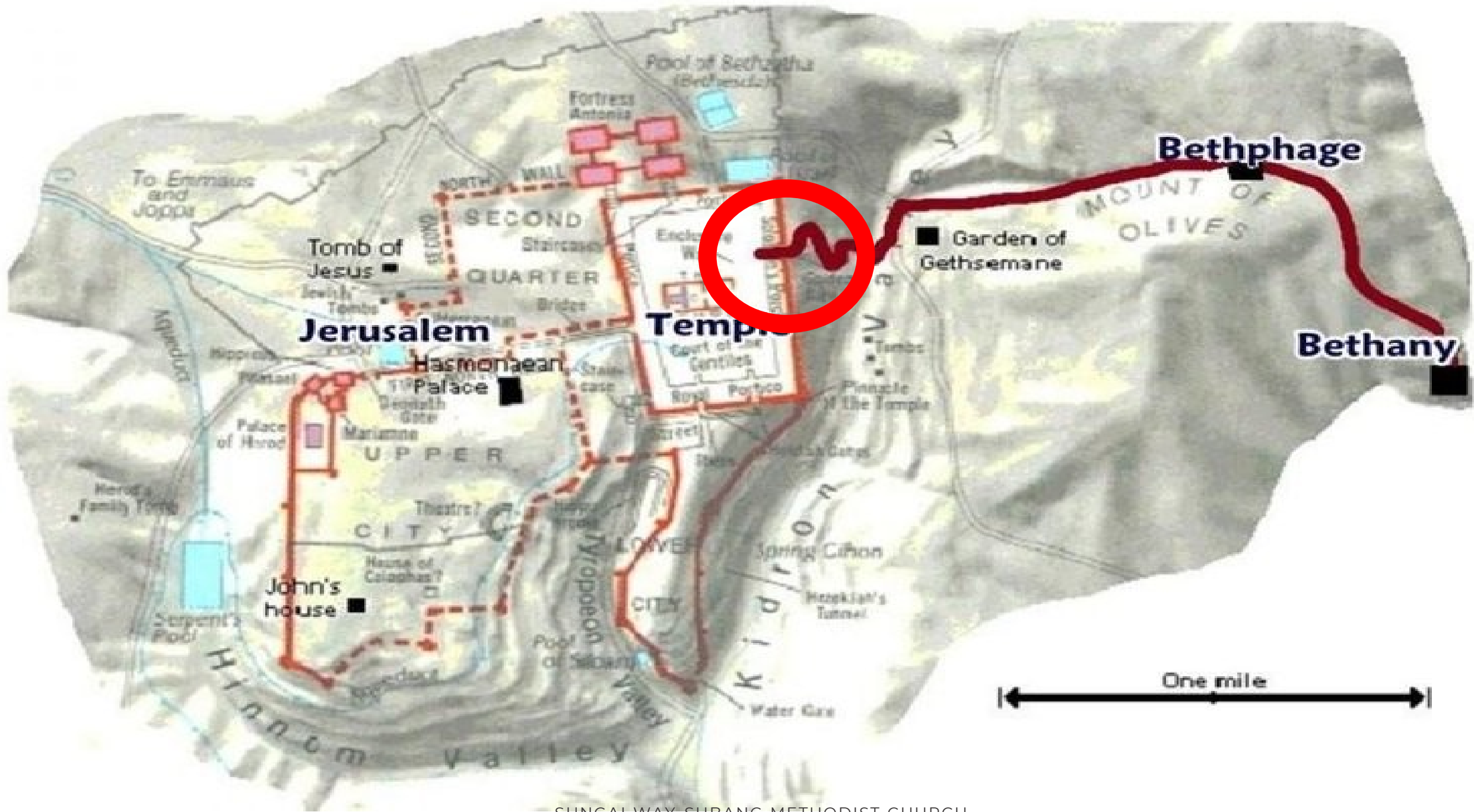
- **Quote from Psalms 118:25-26**
- **"Hosanna" – 'save us'**
- **25 Messianic Psalms – incld Psalms 118**
- **"Hallel" Heb - "hallelujah" = "praise the Lord."**
- **6 Hallel Psalms - Psalms 113-118 that are recited or sung during Jewish holidays and festivals, esp Passover.**

Ps 118:25-26

25 O Lord , save us; O Lord , grant us success.

26 Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord .

From the house of the Lord we bless you.



View from Mount of Olives towards Jerusalem



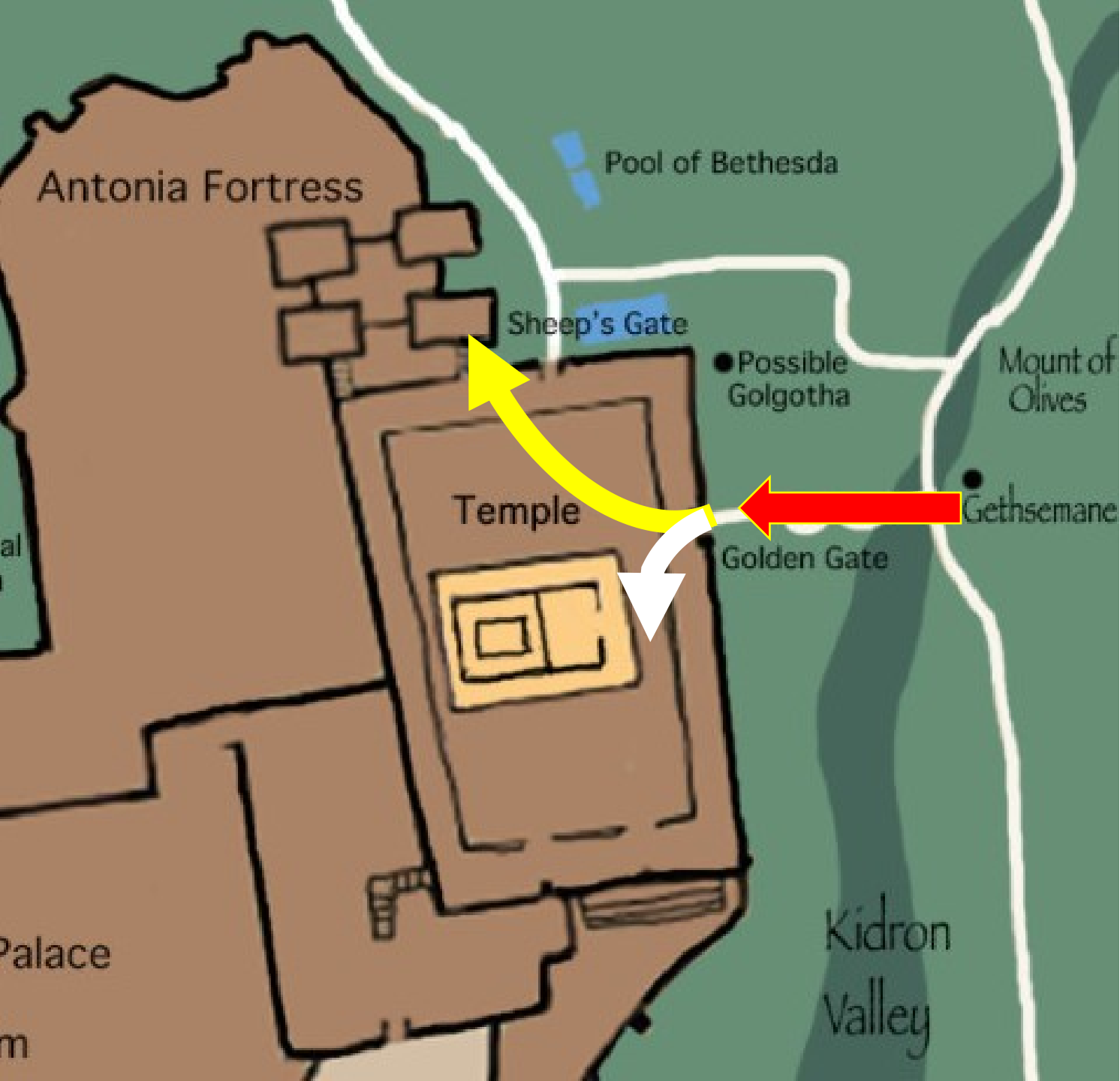
'Temple'

Jerusalem

Golden Gate
Or Eastern Gate

Kidron Valley

Mount of Olives



- Jesus entered Jerusalem thru - Eastern Gate / Golden Gate ...
- A 'conquering King' will turn RIGHT to the Antonia Fortress to deal with the hated Romans
- Instead Jesus turned LEFT to the Temple
- This may help to explain why the people who shouted 'HOSANNA', 5 days later shouted 'CRUCIFY HIM'

“The LORD needs it”

- 1. SEEING THE LORD'S PROVISION**
- 2. SURRENDERING TO THE LORD'S PURPOSE**
- 3. SERVING THE LORD'S MISSION**





Adoniram Judson



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Sarah



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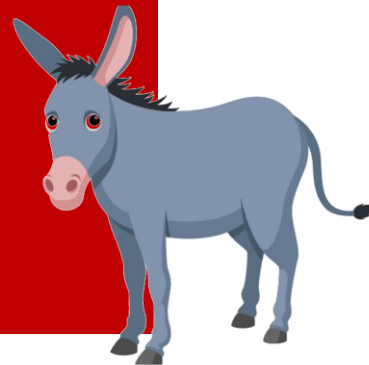
“I have now to ask, whether you can consent to part with your daughter early next spring, to see her no more in this world; whether you can consent to her departure, and her subjection to the hardships and sufferings of a missionary life; whether you can consent to her exposure to the dangers of the ocean; to the fatal influence of the southern climate of Burma; to every kind of want and distress; to degradation, insult, persecution, and perhaps a violent death.”

Life & Ministry of Adoniram Judson



- Living by Faith
- 37 years in the mission field
- Imprisoned for about 20mths
- Ann died @ age 36yrs
- Judson had acute depression ...
- Sarah died enroute home @ aged 42 ...
- 13 children – only 6 survived to adulthood

- Baptist Missions Society
- Translated the whole Bible into Burmese
- 1st Baptist Church
- Burmese – English dictionary
- Influenced Burmese Literature
- Influenced Foreign Missions





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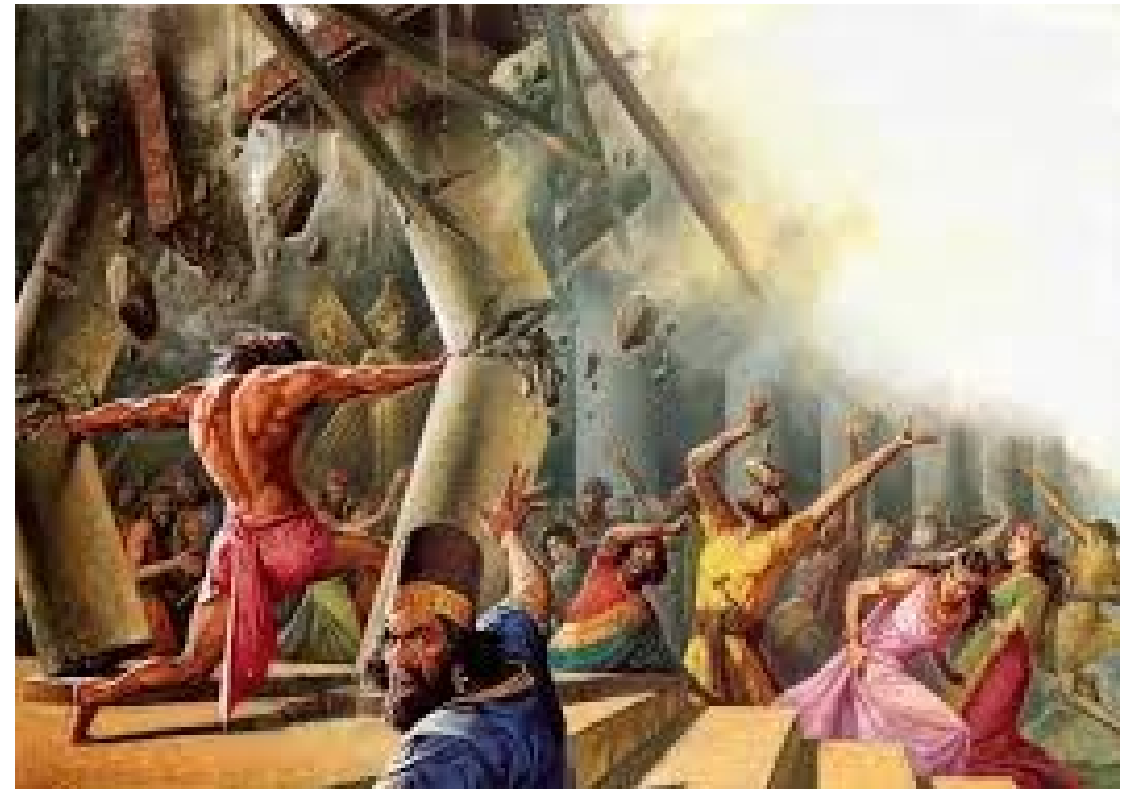
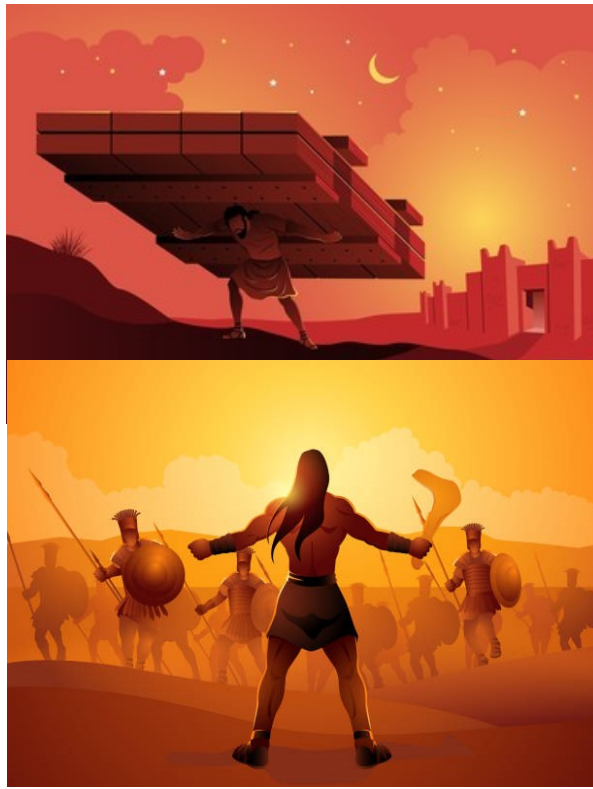
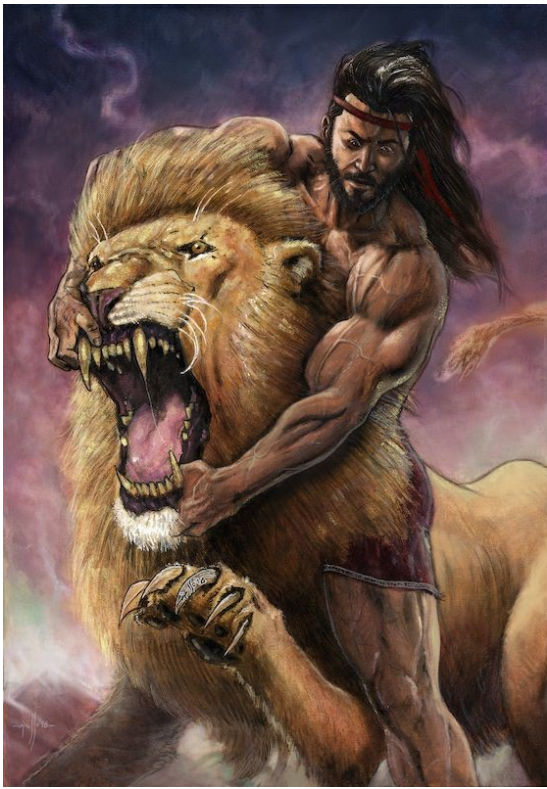


Sarah



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On this Palm Sunday 2023

How will you respond to the request ...

↳ “The LORD needs it....”

Today “Your LORD still needs ‘IT’

Will you respond like the 2 DISCIPLES ...

↪ **In Faith ...**

↪ **In Obedience ...**

↪ **In Submission ...**

and so

SEEING the LORD's PROVISION

Or respond like the OWNER ...

Again

↪ **In Faith ...**

↪ **In Obedience ...**

↪ **In Submission ...**

and

**SURRENDERING TO THE
LORD'S PURPOSE**

Or respond like the DONKEY ...

↪ **being untied ...**

↪ **led to the Lord ...**

↪ **allowing to be used**

and thus

**SERVING THE LORD'S
MISSION**



Your LORD still Needs 'IT' ...

Your LORD still Choose to involve His Children

↳ In fulfilling His Plan ...

↳ In ushering in His Kingdom ...

**↳ In bearing the Good News to everyone &
everywhere ...**

Your LORD still Needs 'IT' ...

'IT' varies from person to person

For some 'IT' maybe **TIME**

For others - **TALENTs**

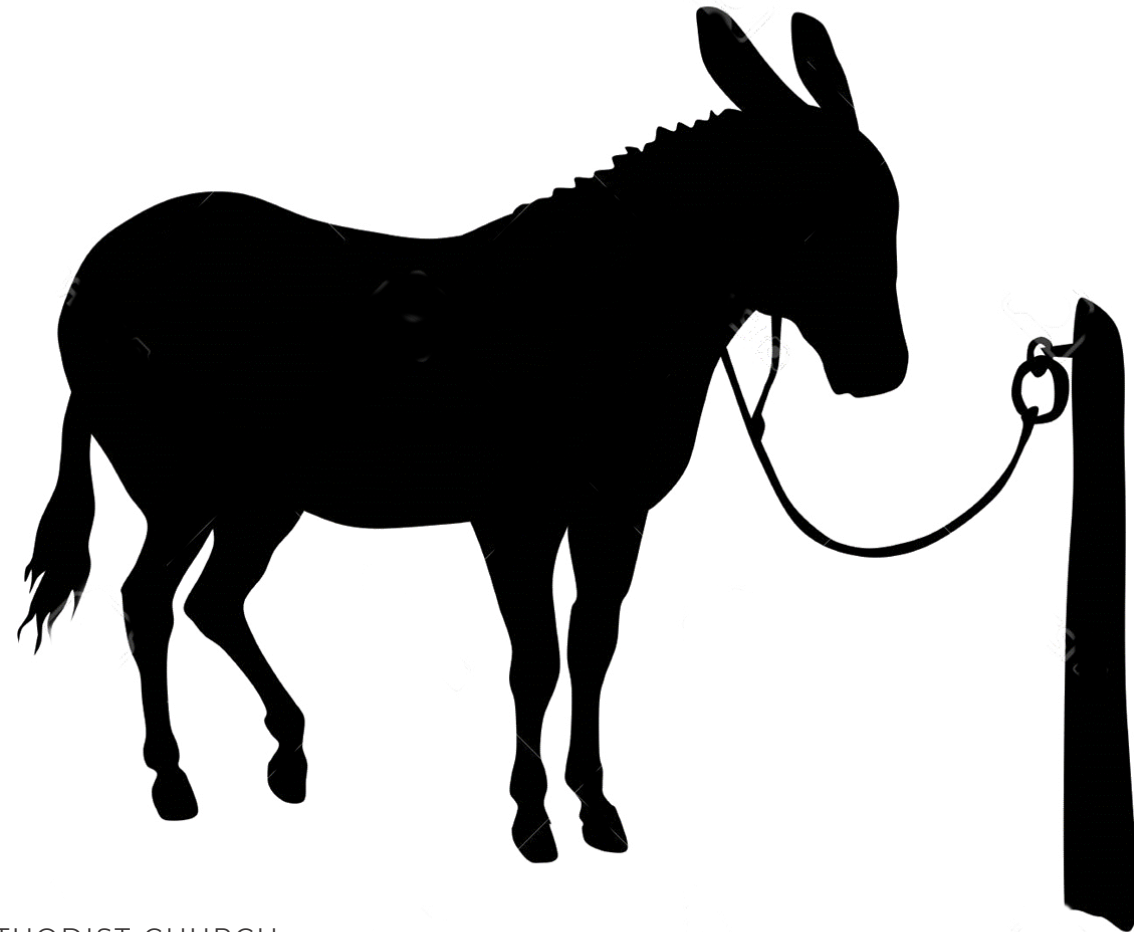
- **TREASUREs**

- **OBEDIENCE**

- **SUBMISSION**

The Donkey

- Tied to a post remained just a donkey
- Untied and given to the LORD brought forth ...
 - ↪ Fulfillment ...
 - ↪ Celebration ...
 - ↪ Hope
 - ↪ Certainty



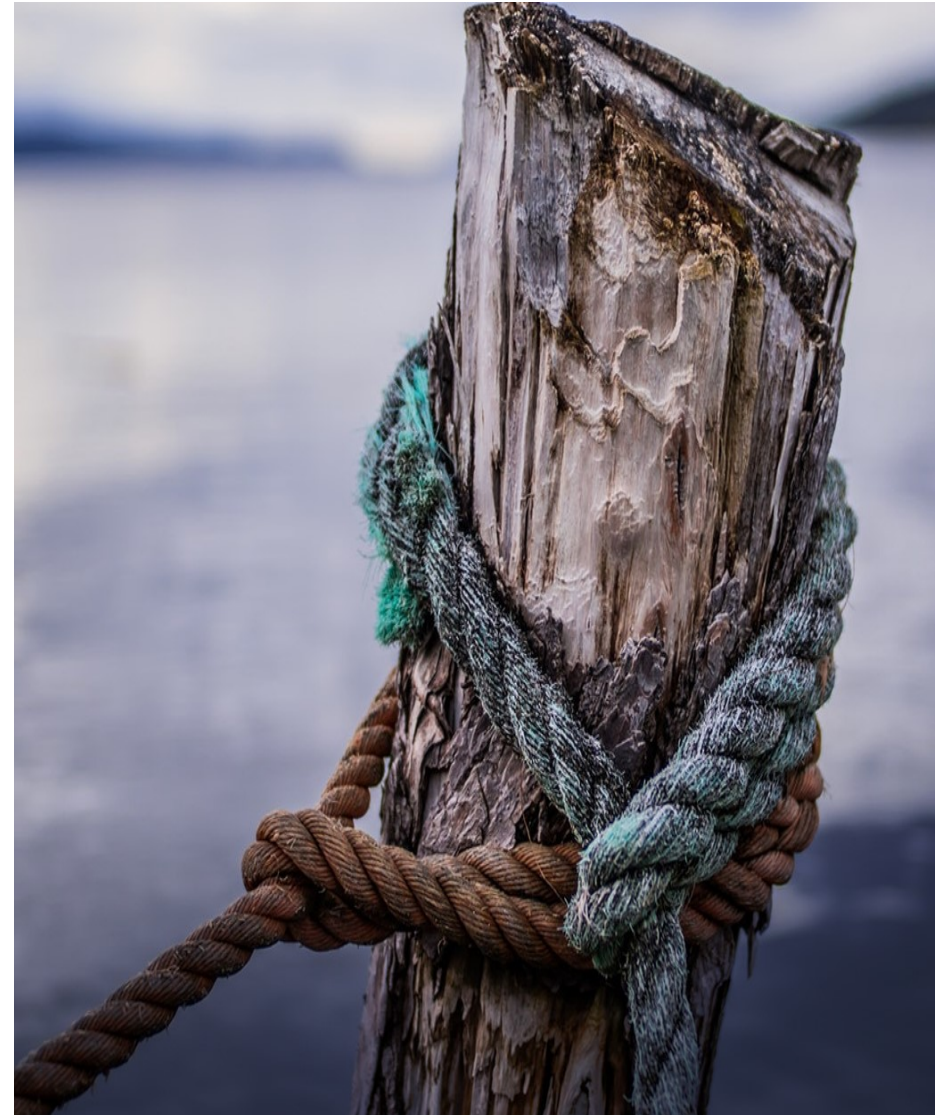
Question:

Is there anything in your life that you need to ...

- **UNTIE ?**
- **To UNTIE and give it to the LORD for Him to use ?**

or What are somethings TYING you down ?

Things that are hindering & preventing you from being used by the LORD ?



“I SURRENDER ALL”

“For some time, I had struggled between developing my talents in the field of art and going into full-time evangelistic work. At last the pivotal hour of my life came, and I surrendered all.

A new day was ushered into my life. I became an evangelist and discovered down deep in my soul a talent hitherto unknown to me. God had hidden a song in my heart, and touching a tender chord, He caused me to sing.”

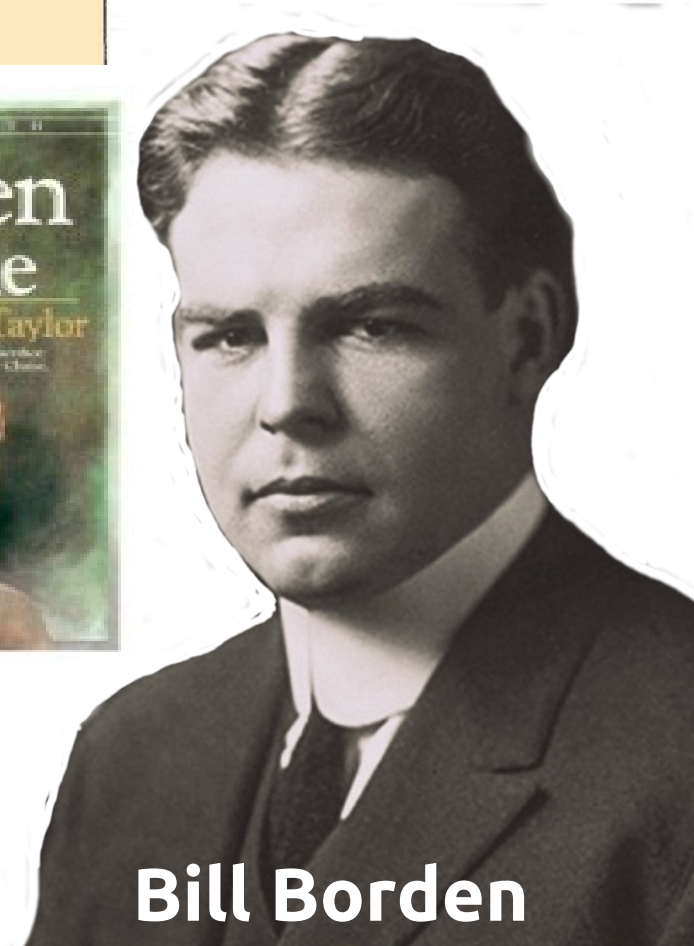
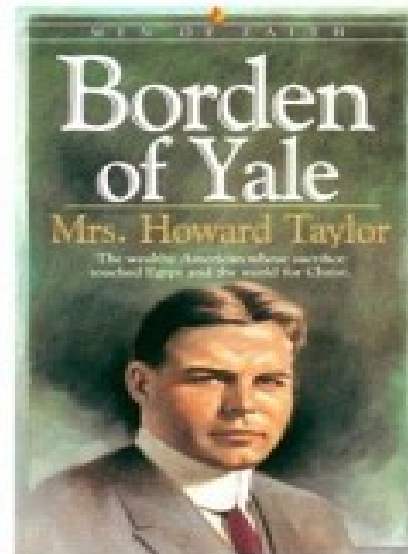


**Judson W. Van
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- *July 2, 1905, 17yrs old Bill Borden*
- *@ London Christian gathering*
- *Closing song: soloist sang 'I Surrender All'*
- *Bill stood and sang the chorus: "I surrender all; I surrender all. All to Thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all."*
- *He gave his life to Jesus fully & completely*
- *Sold all he had*
- *Prepared to be a missionary among the Muslims of China. he died of spinal meningitis in Egypt en route to China at age twenty-five...*
- *His life slogan was:*
"No Reserve. No Retreat. No Regrets."

**YOUNG MILLIONAIRE
RENOUNCES WORLD
TO BE MISSIONARY**

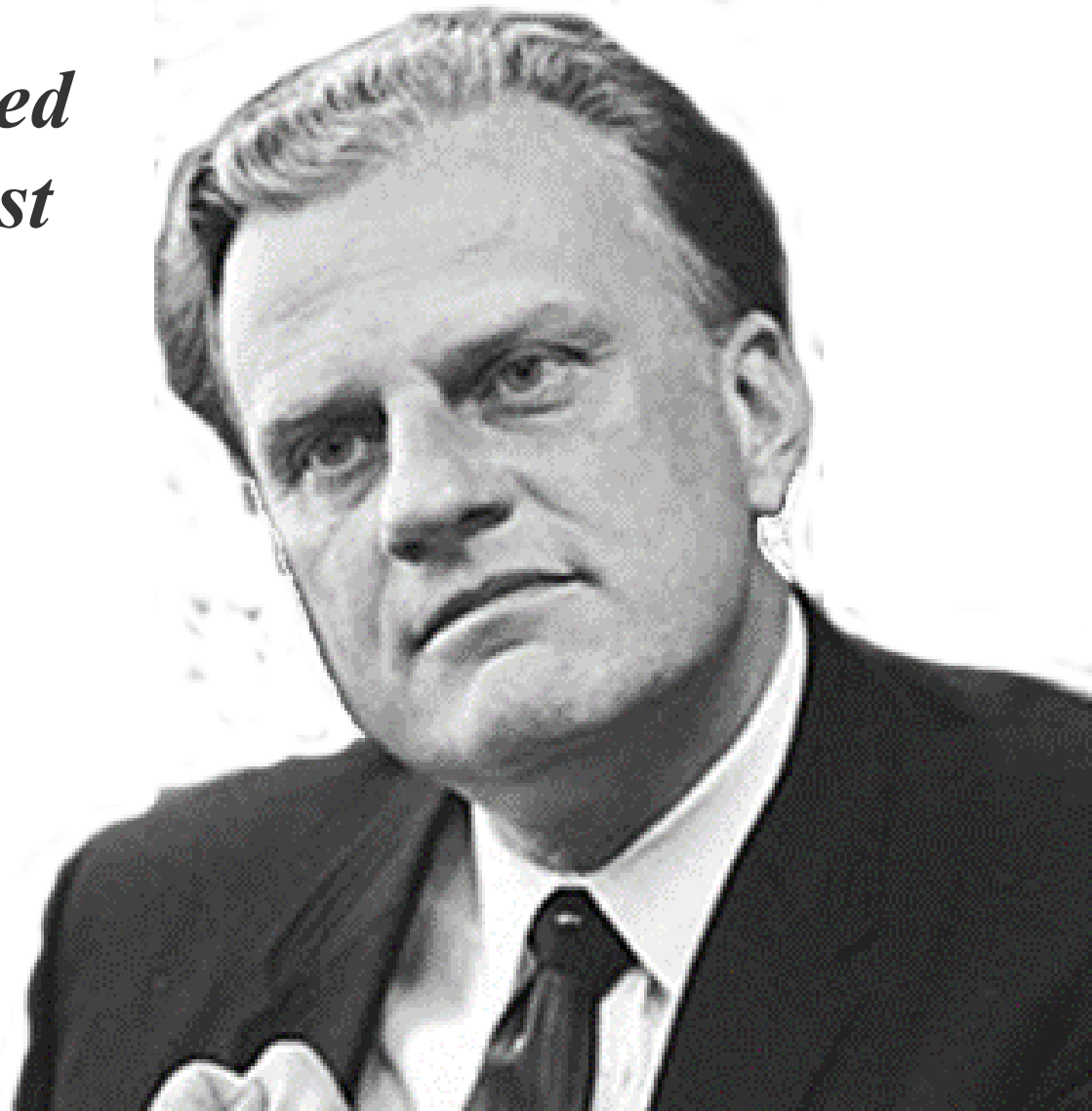
William Whiting Borden Makes
Darkest China Scene of
His Life Work.



Bill Borden

Billy Graham:

“One of the evangelists who influenced my early preaching was also a hymnist who wrote "I Surrender All"”



I SURRENDER ALL

***All to Jesus I surrender;
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.***

Refrain:

***I surrender all,
I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.***



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I SURRENDER ALL

2. All to Jesus I surrender;
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

3. All to Jesus I surrender;
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.

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Fill me with Thy love and power;
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