

Jesus' Last Days Before the Cross

Mark 11-13

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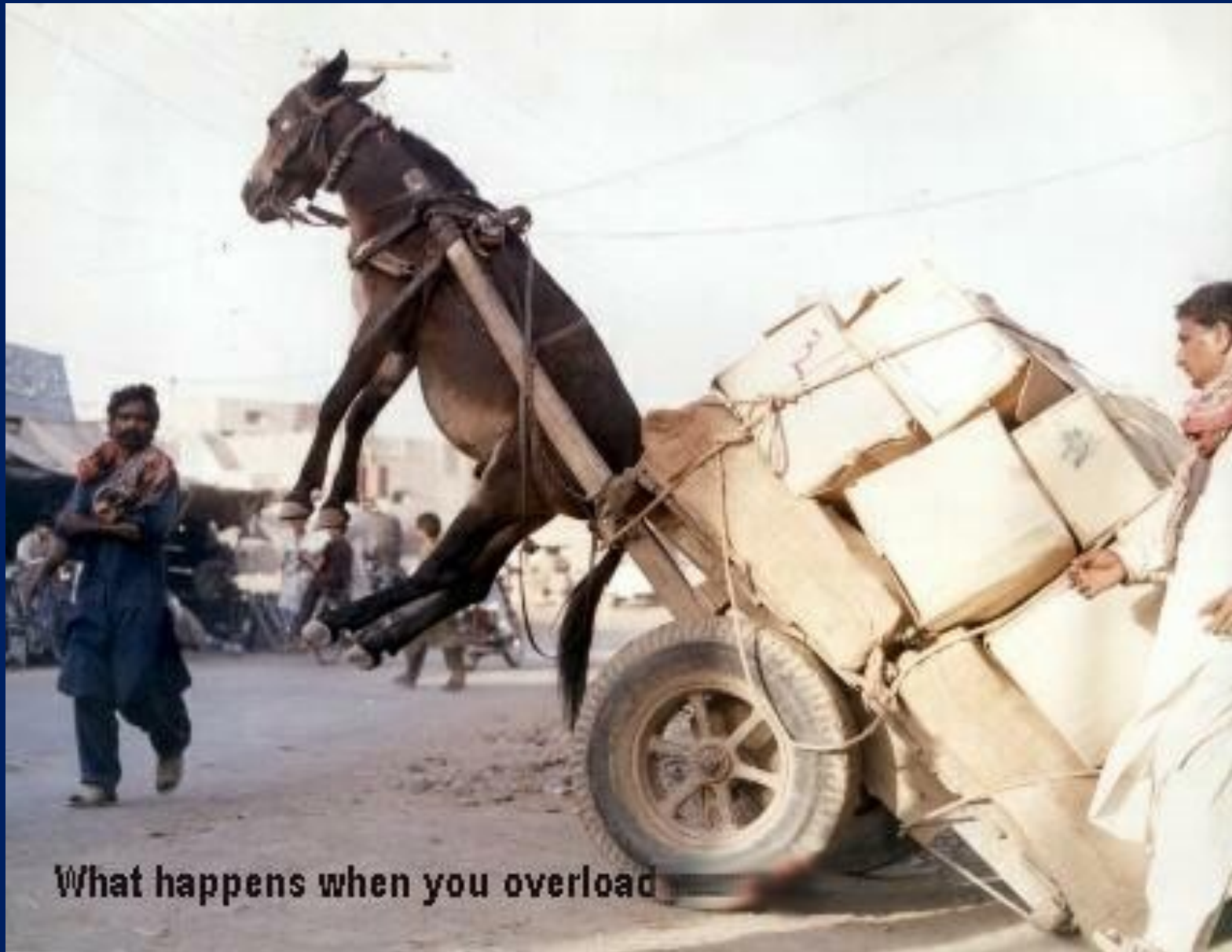
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11:2 "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here."



What happens when you overload

We see some important things about the Lord Jesus:

- His omniscience

- His poverty:

 - A borrowed donkey here, elsewhere:

 - A borrowed boat.

 - A borrowed upper room in Jerusalem.

 - A borrowed tomb.

- His authority

- Lesson for us: His commandment is His enablement.



vs 9,10 “Hosana! 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 were quoting from Psa 118:26.

Hosana means “save now!”

Christ riding into Jerusalem on a donkey was an amazing fulfillment of the prophecy in Zech. 9:9 about the coming of Messiah to Jerusalem:

Zech. 9:9 “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, Humble, and mounted on a donkey, Even on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” (written about 518 B.C.)

Is there a “colt” in your life that God wants to use?

- A spiritual gift.
- A talent.
- A possession.
- A time commitment.

Cursing the Fig Tree 11:12-14



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"May no one ever eat fruit
from you again!" 11:14

Cleansing the Temple 11:15-19



“Is it not written,
‘My house shall be
called a house of
prayer for all the
nations.’ But you
have made it a
robbers den.”
(11:17)

Teaching concerning Belief 11:20-26



21 "Peter said to Him, 'Rabbi, behold, the fig tree which You cursed has withered.' 22 And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God. 23 "Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it shall be granted him."

Some conditions for answered prayer:

- 11:23 Don't doubt, believe
- 11:24 All things for which you pray will be given??

If asked in accordance with God's will. 1John 5:14: "And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."

- 11:25,26 Forgive, if you have anything against anyone

11:20-13:37 Teaching on Tuesday:

Christ's Authority questioned 11:27-33



The Parable of the Wicked Vine growers

12:1-12



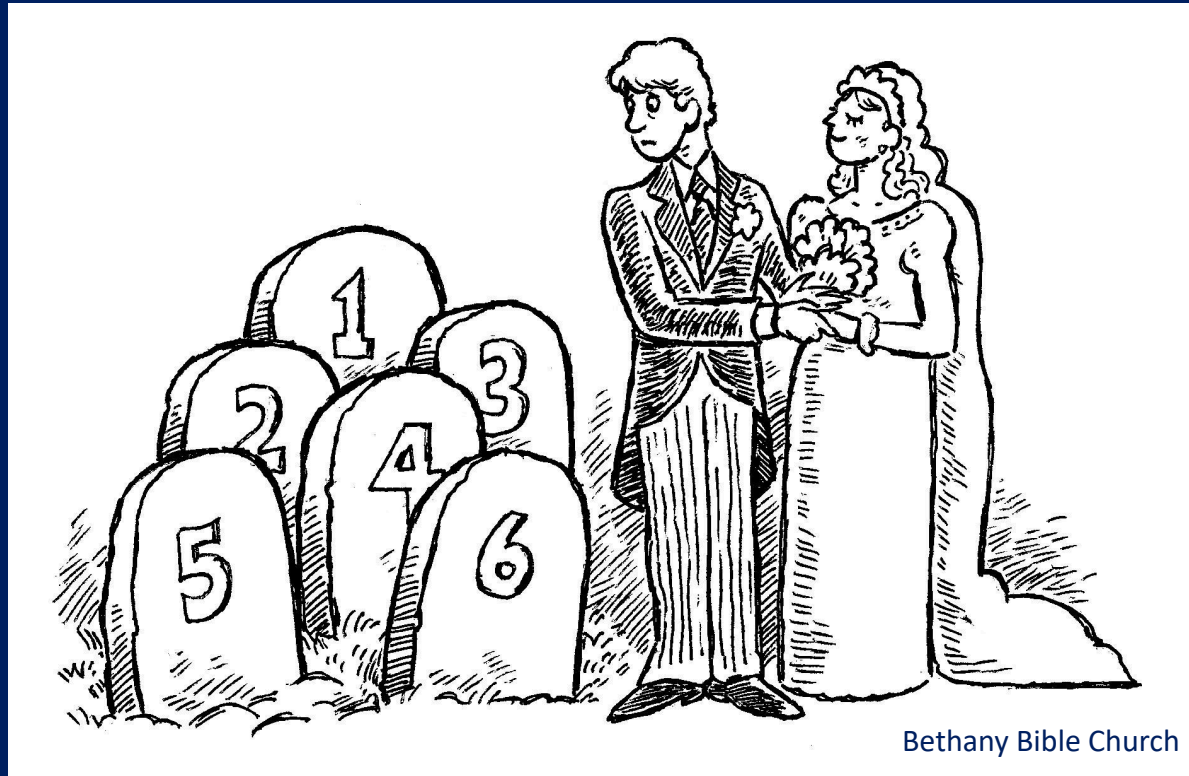
- The man (vs1) = God
- Vineyard = Israel (Isa 5:1-2; Ps 80:8-19)
- Vine-growers = Israel's religious leaders
- Wall, tower, vat = God's care over His vineyard
- Servants (vs2-5) = God's prophets
- Son (vs 6-8) = type of Christ

The Tax Trap 12:13-17



Vs 16,17 “He said to them, ‘Whose likeness and inscription is this?’ And they said, ‘Caesar’s.’ And Jesus said to them, ‘Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.’ And they were amazed at Him.”

One Bride, 7 Dead Brothers & the Resurrection 12:18-27



Vs 23-25 “In the resurrection when they rise again which one’s wife will she be? Jesus said... you are mistaken, that you do not understand the Scriptures or the power of God. For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.”

*Jesus affirmed the truths of the resurrection and that God is not the God of the dead but of the living!

The Greatest Commandments 12:28-34

"Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord, and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

"The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these."

Christ's Lordship 12:35-37

Christ is the Son or descendant of David, but David called Him Lord. So David's son is also David's Lord!

We need to recognize Him as our Lord as well.

The Scribe's Pride 12:38-40



Jesus warned against the pride of the scribes, who liked walking around in long robes, respectful greetings, chief seats in the synagogue, places of honor at banquets. Basically doing things for religious show.

Giving 12:41-44



Jesus used the example of a poor widow who gave 2 small copper coins to the temple treasury. He said she put in more than all the others who gave out of their surplus, but she gave all that she had.

Future Events, The Olivet Discourse 13:1-37

Prediction of Temple's destruction (vs. 1-2)



“Jesus said to him, ‘Not one stone will be left upon another...’”

13:4 “Tell us, when will these things be...”

There are different views of future events each with its pros & cons.

We believe in a Pre-Tribulation Rapture based on multiple Scriptures:

Dan. 9:24-27, John 14:1–3; 1 Cor. 15:51–57, 1Thes 4:16,17; 5:2-4,9, Rev. 3:10

A great resource on future events is: *Things to Come* by Dwight Pentecost.

“...and what will be the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?” vs 3-13

Signs: Deception, false Christs, wars & rumors of wars, earthquakes, famines, persecution, betrayal by family, the Gospel preached to all nations, the Holy Spirit will speak through believers.

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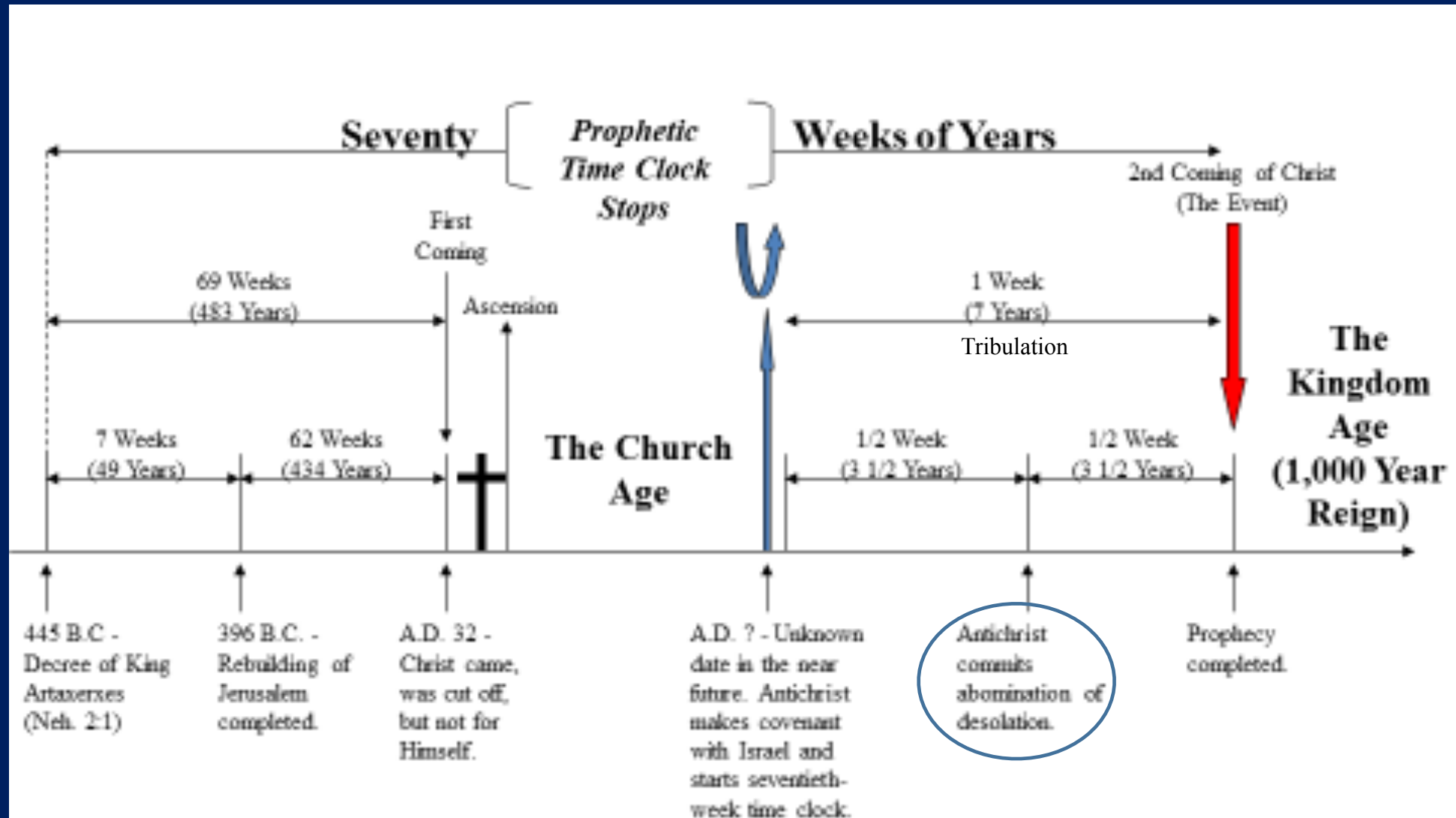


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“for false Christs and false prophets will arise”



“But When you see the Abomination of Desolation standing where it should not be...” vs 14 c.f. Daniel 9:27



“ But When you see the Abomination of Desolation standing where it should not be...” vs 14-23

14 Let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains...

15 And let him who is on the housetop not go down, or enter in, to get anything out of his house;

16 and let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak.”

19 “...For those days will be a time of tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation...”

Astronomical Signs accompany Christ's return vs 24-27:

- The sun will be darkened
- The moon will not give its light
- The stars will fall from heaven
- The powers that are in the heavens will be shaken
- They will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power & glory
- Angels will gather His elect from the four winds



Jesus did not want His disciples to get so caught up with prophecies about the future that they would forget about present responsibilities. So He tells them two parables:

- The first parable about a fig tree (13:28–31) emphasizes knowing that His coming is near.
vs 30 “Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.”
vs 32 “ But of that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.”
- The second parable about a house owner (13:34-37) emphasizes not knowing the time of His return and the need to be alert.

Conclusion:

1) Vs 5: **“See to it that no one misleads you”**

1 Thes. 5:21: “But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good. ”

2) Vs 33 **“Take heed, watch and pray”**

- “watch” is a call to stay awake and be alert to spiritual danger;
- “pray” emphasizes our dependence on God’s grace, help & strength in the battle, as we await His return.

3) Vs 37 **"And what I say to you I say to all, 'Be on the alert!'"**