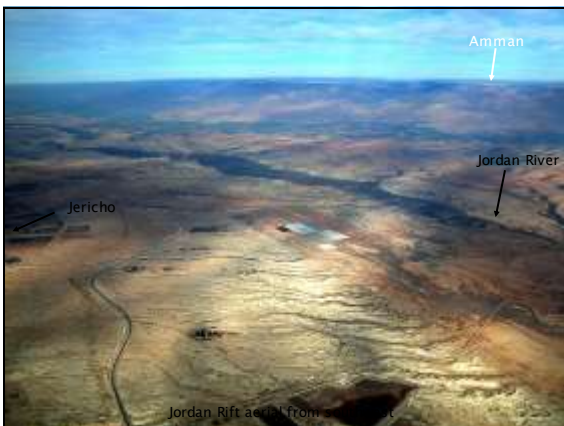
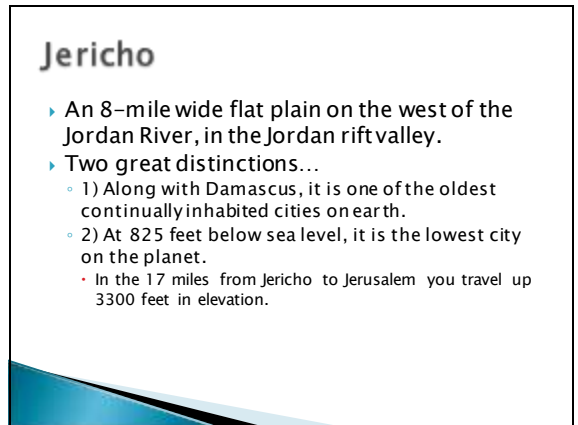
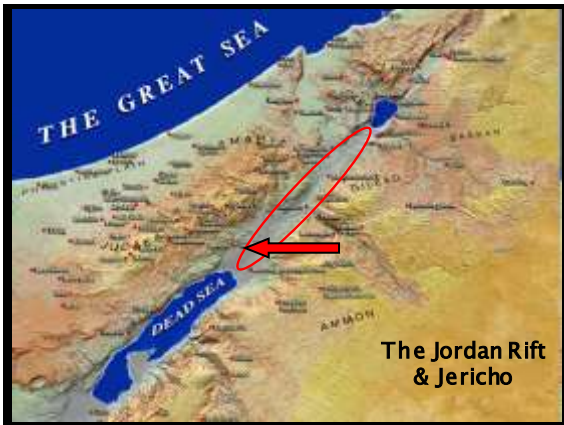
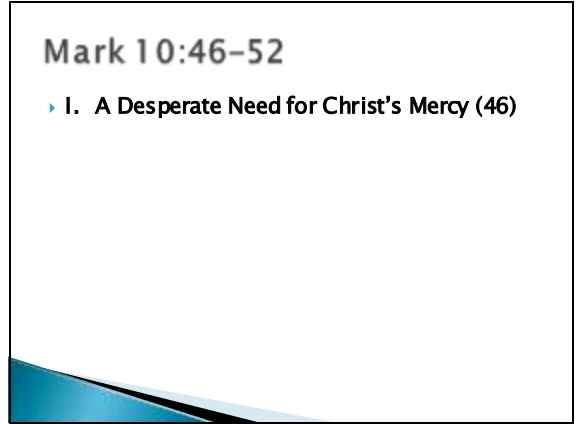


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Jericho looking east with tell in foreground



Sycamore tree in Jericho



Pools of Herod's palace in Jericho
-Kypros is visible in background-



Jericho pool with steps



Herod's palace at Jericho

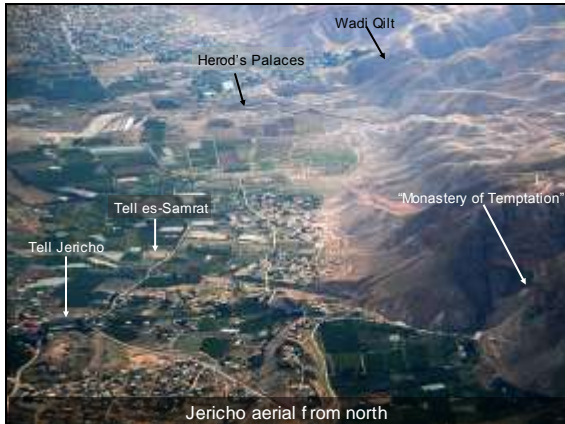
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▶ I. A Desperate Need for Christ's Mercy (46)

- Cf. Matt. 20:29 – as they were going out from Jericho.
- Luke 18:35 – as He was approaching Jericho.

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The Caravan

- ▶ Jesus and the 12
- ▶ Other disciples from Galilee
 - Cf. 10:32 – those who were fearful.
 - Cf. 15:40-41
- ▶ Pilgrims traveling to Jerusalem for Passover
- ▶ The curious from the old city of Jericho

The Blind

- ▶ OT
 - Lev. 19:14 – 'You shall not curse a deaf man, nor place a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall revere your God; I am the LORD.
 - Deut. 27:18 – 'Cursed is he who misleads a blind person on the road.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'
- ▶ Jesus
 - E.g., Luke 7:21 – At that very time He cured many people of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits; and He gave sight to many who were blind.

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- ▶ I. A Desperate Need for Christ's Mercy (46)
- ▶ II. A Desperate Cry for Christ's Mercy (47-48)
 - Luke 18:36-37 – Now hearing a crowd going by, he *began* to inquire what this was. They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.

"Son of David" – Messianic!

- ▶ The scribes and the Pharisees were angry when Jesus allowed the children at the Triumphal Entry to refer to Him as "the Son of David" (Matt. 21:15-16).
- ▶ In 2 Sam. 7:8-16, God had promised David that one of his sons, one of his descendants, would sit on his throne forever.
 - The Jews understood that was a reference to the coming Messiah.
- ▶ Matt. 12:22-24*
- ▶ Mark 12:35-37

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- ▶ I. A Desperate Need for Christ's Mercy (46)
- ▶ II. A Desperate Cry for Christ's Mercy (47-48)
- ▶ III. A Personal Experience of Christ's Mercy (49-52a)
 - Cf. Luke 18:40 – And Jesus stopped and commanded that he be brought to Him.
- ▶ IV. A Delight in Christ's Mercy (52b)
 - Luke 18:43: Immediately he regained his sight and *began* following Him, glorifying God; and when all the people saw it, they gave praise to God.

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How to Come to Jesus...

- ▶ 1) Recognize your true spiritually blind, helpless and hopeless condition.
- ▶ 2) Acknowledge that Jesus of Nazareth is all that He claimed to be and that He is your only source of help.
- ▶ 3) Place your complete trust and confidence in Jesus alone.
 - a) Christ's willingness to help him.
 - b) Christ's ability to help him.
- ▶ 4) Cry out and keep on crying out to God to show you mercy.
- ▶ 5) Expect opposition to your seeking Jesus.

How to Come to Jesus...

- ▶ 6) True salvation initiates a lifetime of following Jesus and seeking to bring glory to God.
 - James Edwards: "faith that does not lead to discipleship is not saving faith. Whoever asks of Jesus must be willing to follow Jesus even on the uphill road to the cross."
- ▶ 7) Jesus welcomes all who truly come to Him, even if others don't think He will care.