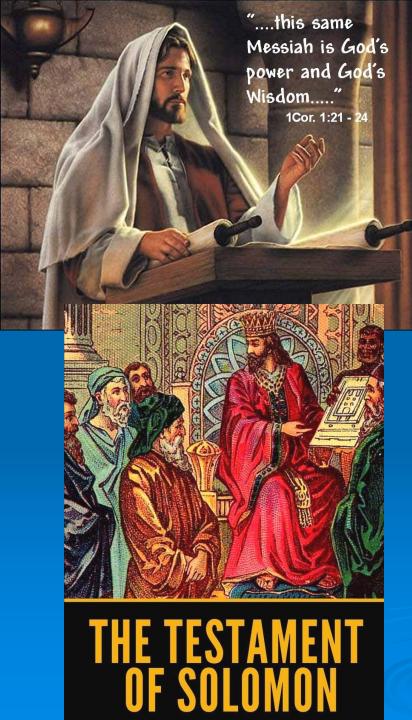


- Son of David is a technical name that we don't find, yet, in the other Gospels to this point of Yeshua's life
- Matthew 1:1 "...the genealogy of Yeshua the Messiah, SON OF DAVID..... Son of Abraham..."
- Abraham, father of the Hebrews
- David, father of the royal messianic line
- > 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:11 16



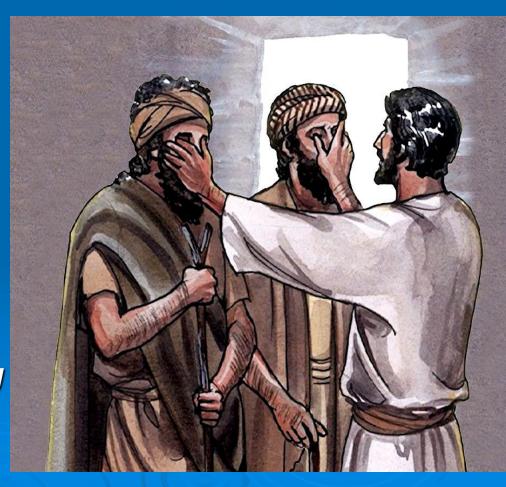
- Son of David = Ben-David
- > In the Old Testament **Ben-David** always is Solomon
- What did the 2 blind men have mentally pictured when they shouted out "Son of David"? Probably not the Messiah
- Yeshua gained a reputation as a fount of Wisdom
- Who was known for his wisdom? King Solomon!



- It was less Yeshua's miracles and more His Wisdom that led people to Him as The Messiah
- Apostle Paul was sensitive to Yeshua's characteristic of Wisdom 1Cor.1:21 – 24
- Loren Fisher: incantation bowls speak of Solomon as a great exorcist
- Testament of Solomon says Solomon was a healer
- Jesus reflected all these traditional attributes of Solomon
- It had not yet occurred to the Jews that Yeshua was Messiah

- Understanding the Solomon angle helps us to establish the proper context and background
- Probably Peter's house
- If their faith was not in Yeshua as Messiah, what was it in?
- Their faith was in the belief He had the power to heal them!
- Chrysostom: "... Teaching us to utterly resist the glory that comes from crowds...."

### NOT JUST FAITH; BUT <u>DEPTH</u> OF FAITH



- We ought to be uneasy when a Pastor performs healing to the adoration of the crowds
- This temptation has existed in all ages
- Yeshua emphatically told the healed men NOT to tell people about what He did
- Immediately they disobeyed
- Our passions and emotions do not trump Christ's commands
- Matthew 7:21 22

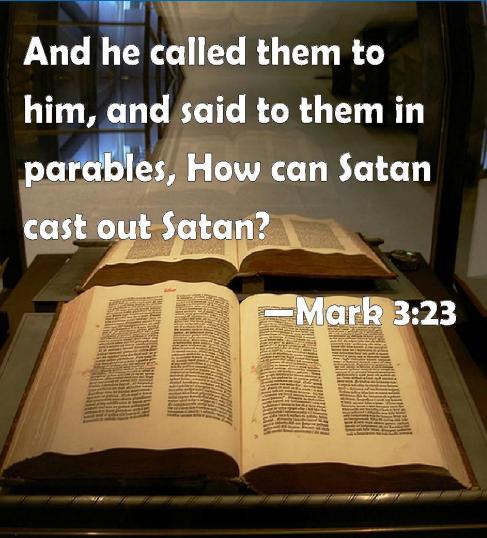
# SHOULD WE DO WHAT CHRIST AVOIDED?



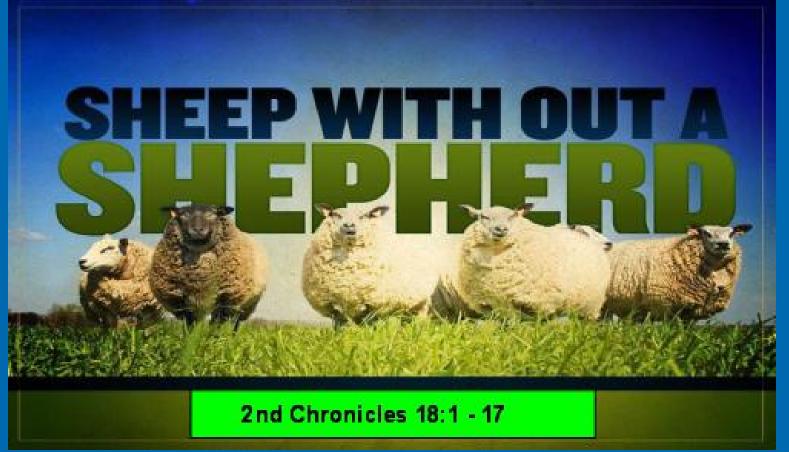


- Upon leaving Capernaum large crowds followed Him
- Another demon possessed man is healed
- These Pharisees are the rulers of the Synagogue
- The Pharisees tell the crowds that Christ is using evil to heal people

### YESHUA'S GOOD NEWS



- Mark 3 and Matthew 9 stories about the Pharisees' accusations are not about the same event
- Yeshua tours villages as He heals and teaches the "Good News"
- The Good News is <u>not</u> (yet) Salvation; it is that the Kingdom of Heaven has arrived
- Christ did 3 things on His tour:
- 1) He taught the Scriptures
- 2) He preached Good News
- 3) He healed



- Matthew 9:36 should be taken in the context of 2Chronicles 18:1 – 17
- King Ahav only wants to hear what he wants to hear
- The one true Israelite prophet Mikhayahu says that Israel will lose the battle and the soldiers will wander as sheep without a shepherd





## THE LEADERSHIP VACUUM

- Hadn't been a Jewish King in hundreds of years
- Priests were supposed to be the spiritual leaders
- High Priests were illegitimate in Christ's day
- Synagogue not biblically ordained; operated mainly on Traditions of the Elders
- Slowly the Hebrew religion became weak & powerless

- The problem of Church shopping begins with poor leadership
- > A shepherd is to:
- > 1) Care for the flock
- > 2) Ward off the wolves
- > 3) Put the flock first
- Bad leadership was the point of Christ's comment about the towns, and the story of 2Chronicles 18
- Yeshua had contempt for bad leadership, but compassion for the leaderless common people

#### LEADING LIKE A SHEPHERD

