

WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT WE ARE NOT TO LOVE THE WORLD?

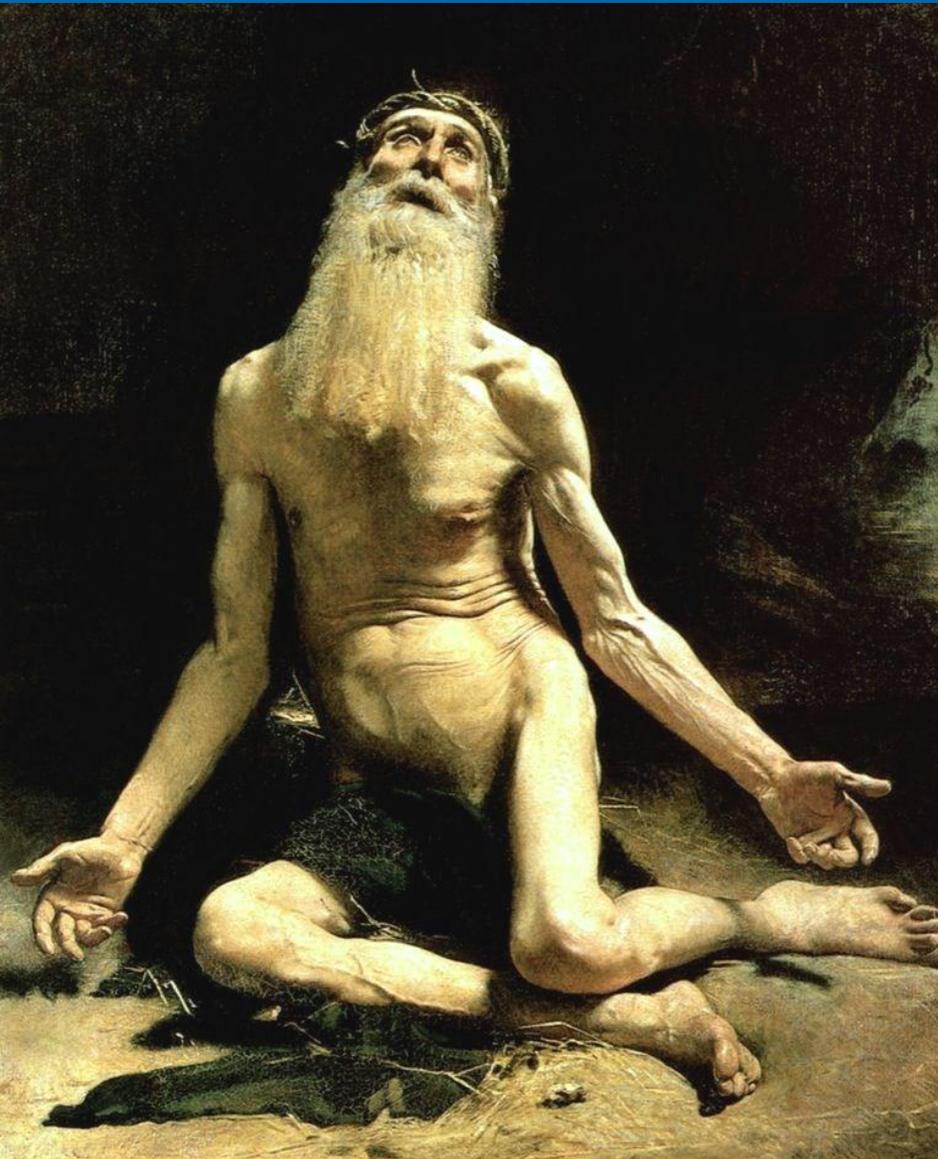


- Matthew 10:26 – 31 deals with fear, death, and evil
- Christ says that all of His followers are subject to tribulations just as He was
- If we are friends of this world more than to Him, or belong to this world more than to Him, we cannot be His disciple Matthew 7:21 – 23
- We can't be a light to the world if we hide from it



- Chris McCandless left everything behind, believing that relationships were secondary to experiencing the physical beauty and diversity of nature
- Just before his lonely death, he learned: ***“Happiness only has meaning when it’s shared with others”***
- For a Believer, the joy of salvation only has meaning when it is shared with others

THE PROBLEM OF EVIL



- Yeshua reminds His 12 that God values humans even over other creatures that He also values... so don't worry!
- The lesson: when it comes to the presence of evil in the world, God is a mystery and His ways aren't our ways
- True faith: We observe, trust, and don't demand answers to satisfy our preconceived perceptions
- Why would the Disciples think that a *Tzadik* holds their eternal future ?
- The Father is Yeshua's Father in a way different than for us

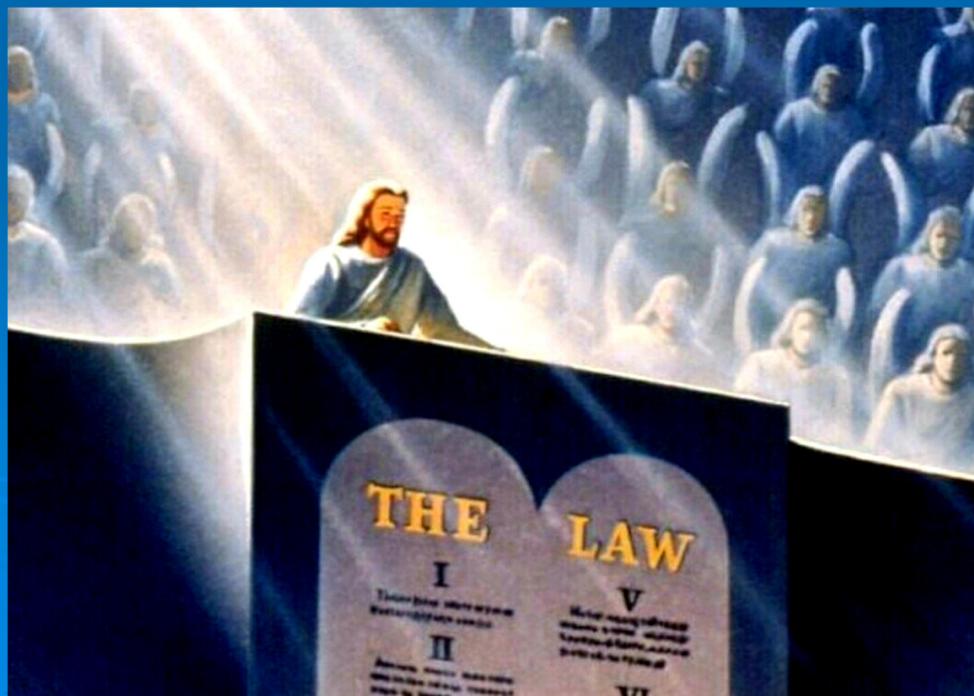
12 DISCIPLES STILL UNSURE

- We must acknowledge Christ publicly or He will not acknowledge us before The Father
- Daniel 7:9 – 14 The Son of Man
- Yeshua is making it clear He IS Daniel's Son of Man
- ***Ameomai*** = deny, reject, say no to something offered



TWO STAGES

- Stage 1: The time of Christ
- Yeshua has not yet proclaimed that He is the divine Messiah
- Yeshua expects the 12 Disciples' allegiance to Him as their Master
- Stage 2: The 2nd Latter Days and End Times.... the future
- The Final Judgment
- Revelation 1:10 - 13

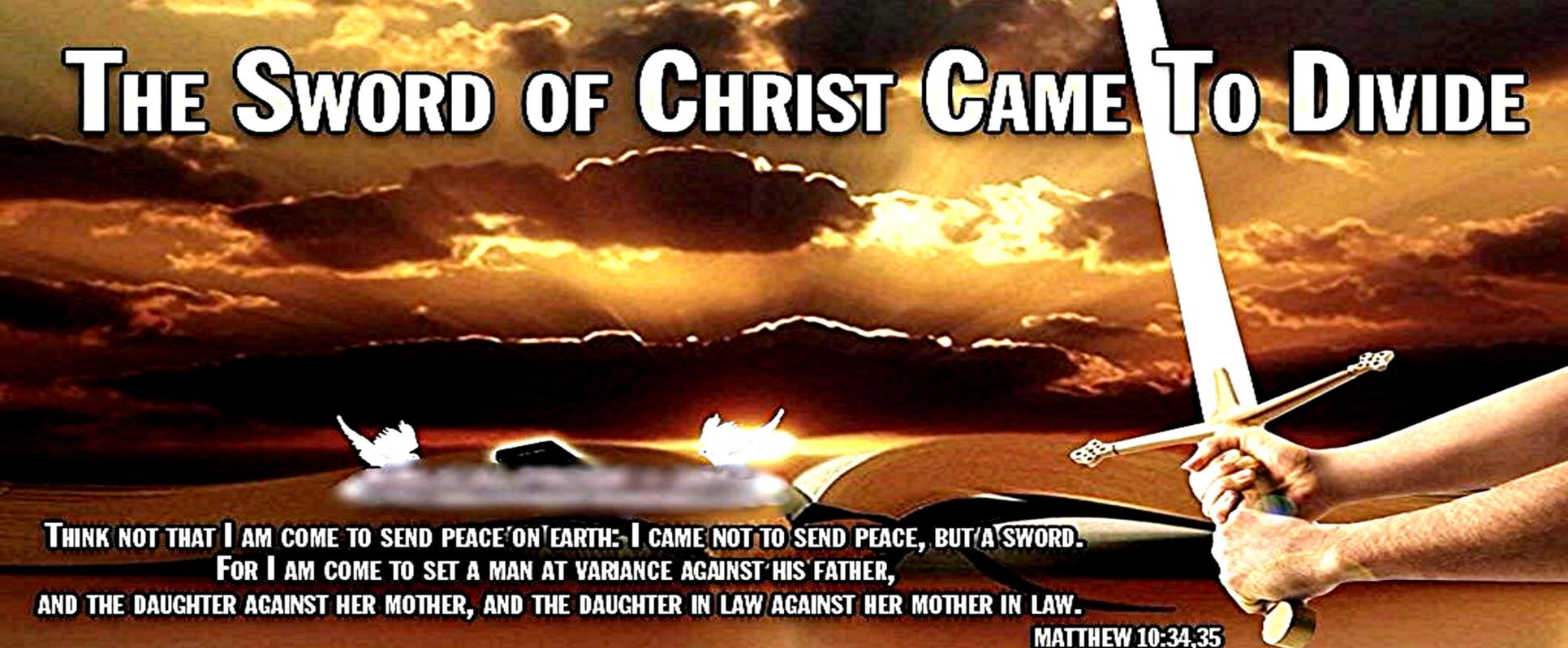




SON OF MAN, HARVEST, CLOUD, JUDGMENT DAY

- Revelation 14:14 – 16
- Matthew 9:37 -38 The Harvest
- Even with what little info they had, the 12 Disciples had faith in Christ
- We today know exactly who Yeshua is and what He does for those who trust in Him
- Vs. 34 The present age is not to be an age of peace; no utopian dream
- Peace comes only with the Millennial Kingdom
- Millennial Kingdom is the completion of the Kingdom of Heaven

THE SWORD OF CHRIST CAME TO DIVIDE



THINK NOT THAT I AM COME TO SEND PEACE ON EARTH: I AM COME NOT TO SEND PEACE, BUT A SWORD.
FOR I AM COME TO SET A MAN AT VARIANCE AGAINST HIS FATHER,
AND THE DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND THE DAUGHTER IN LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER IN LAW.

MATTHEW 10:34,35

- A sword is a symbol of division
- In the 1st century the head of the household decided on the entire family's religious observances
- But Yeshua says that now, each family member must choose or not choose Him individually
- The highest allegiance must always be to Him
- Micah 7:5 - 6

- Vss. 38, 39 use the cross as a symbol of self denial
- Crucifixion in the Holy Land was a daily event
- Romans were not crucified; only Jews
- The point of Christ's statement is less about martyrdom, and more about an alteration of our lives

THE BEGINNING OF LIFE
DENY YOURSELF



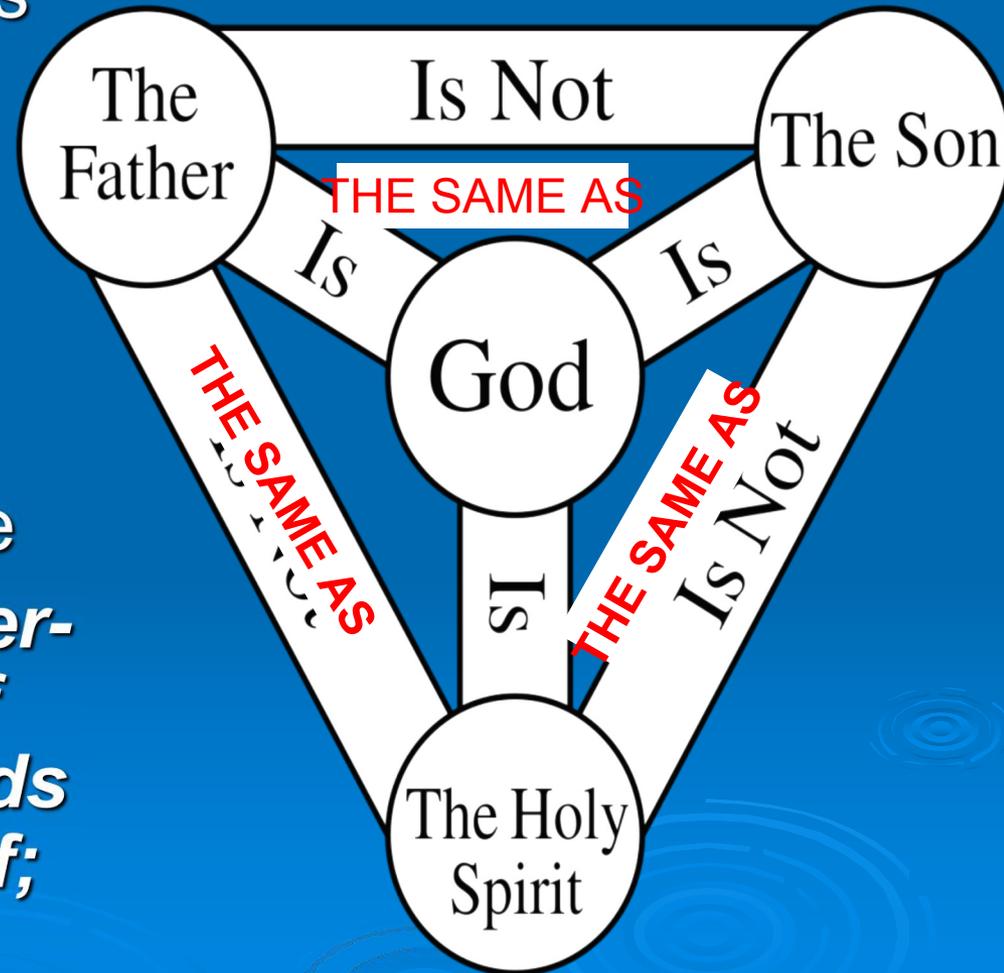


THE CONCEPT OF AGENCY

- Vss. 40 – 42 several examples of agency
- Those who offer the 12 hospitality are as if offering it to Jesus
- When Christ is received, it's like the Father is received
- When a Prophet or Tzadik is received, the person gets the same reward as they do
- **Principle:** A representative (agent) is to be treated as the one who sends him

A NON-BIBLICAL FICTION

- An agent IS NOT the same as the one who sent him
- However an agent wields the same legal authority
- John 14:9 “...*whoever has seen Me has seen the Father....*”
- The context is agency
- *Shaliah* = agent, apostle
- ICC: “ .. *Behind the ever-changing preachers of the Gospel, there stands the Son of God himself; and behind him the Father*”

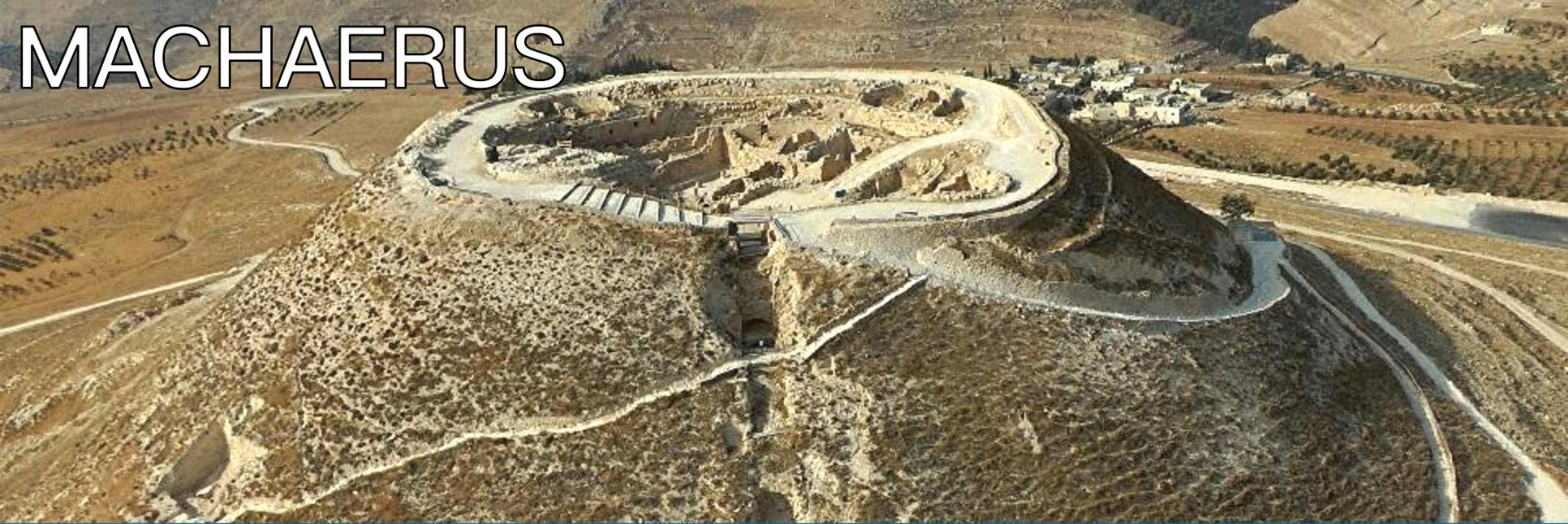




MATTHEW 11: JOHN THE BAPTIST RE-EMERGES

- 3 Questions:
- 1) Are you the One...?
- 2) What did you...go to see?
- 3) What can I compare this generation with..?
- Yeshua separated Himself from His disciples
- Chrysostom: “ *He... Separated Himself to give them room...* ”

MACHAERUS



- Yeshua, alone by choice, visited the hometowns of the 12
- Josephus says the Baptist was held by Herod Antipas
- Mark 6 and Matthew 14 say he was executed as an act of revenge for condemning Antipas's marriage to Herodias
- Josephus says Antipas was fearful of John because he saw his following as a threat to the throne..... this is more likely
- John, knowing he would die, was troubled and sent 2 of his disciples to find Christ and ask: "Are you the One?"