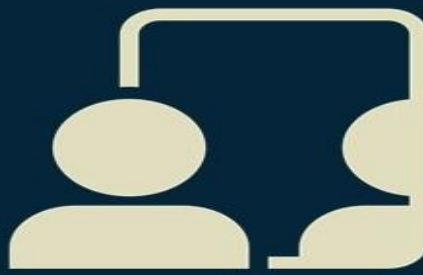


THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

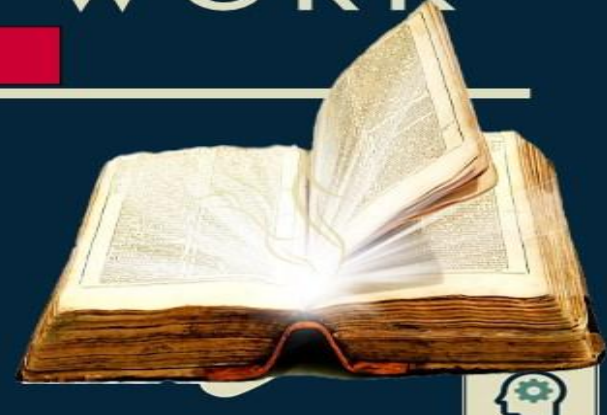
- Not a new principle; found in the Sermon on the Mount
- A core requirement for discipleship is to deny oneself
- This means to put our will in submission to God's
- Luke 14:27
- There ARE requirements to be a disciple in any meaningful way
- The Lord must accept us as disciples or we're not
- Matthew 7:21 - 23





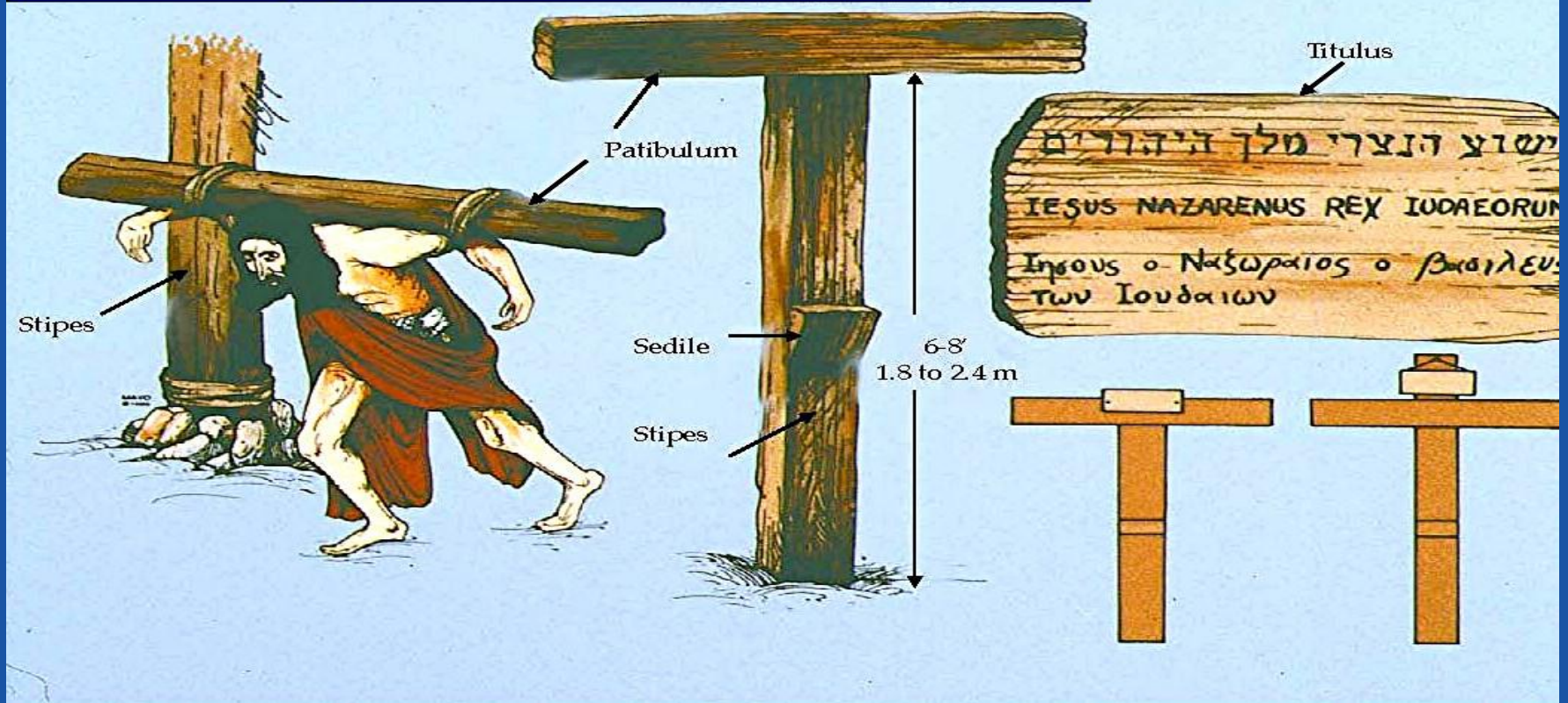
CHANGE TAKES WORK

REPENTANCE



- The fruit we bear is the proof of our faith
- We must do more than walk an aisle, pray the Sinner's Prayer, or hold some semblance of a belief in our heart
- Change does not come from idle waiting for God to do it for us

“...carry your own stauros...”



- Later Christianity translated **stauros** as “cross”
- This type of execution in the Holy Land was used only on Jews, and not on gentile Roman citizens
- This emotionally charged illustration was used to emphasize the supreme devotion required to Yeshua



THE PARADOX

- Oldest known Believers' symbol
- Our ego must be displaced as the center of our personal universe
- The divine viewpoint is counter-intuitive to humans
- ***P'shat*** = being willing to even die for Yeshua brings us a more meaningful life on earth
- ***Remez*** = dying to ourselves brings us a reward of a pleasant eternal life

NO MIDDLE GROUND



- No such thing as a “carnal” Christian; it’s an oxymoron
- There is nothing in this present world worth the price of eternal life
- Jesus was probably thinking of Psalm 49
- Our wealth cannot be used as payment for eternal life

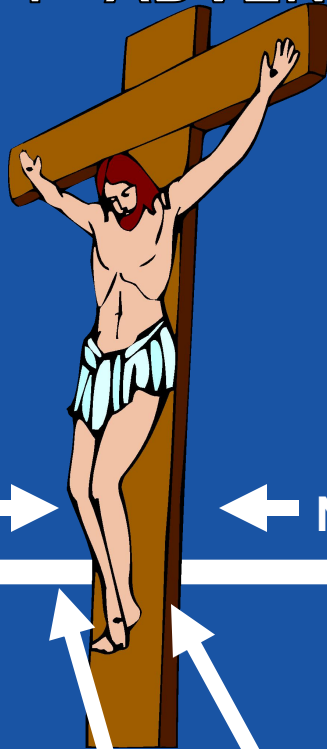


**THE SON OF
MAN
AND THE
ANCIENT OF DAYS,
DANIEL 7:13-14**

- Yeshua uses “Son of Man” in 3 different ways
- In vs. 27 He uses it as the End Times divine Judge
- The Bible repeatedly tells us that we won’t be judged on what we believe but rather on what we do
- Psalm 62:11 – 13
- 2 Corinthians 5:8 - 10

1st ADVENT

2nd ADVENT



← OT TIMES →

← NT & MODERN TIMES →

END TIMES

CREATION

DANIEL IN
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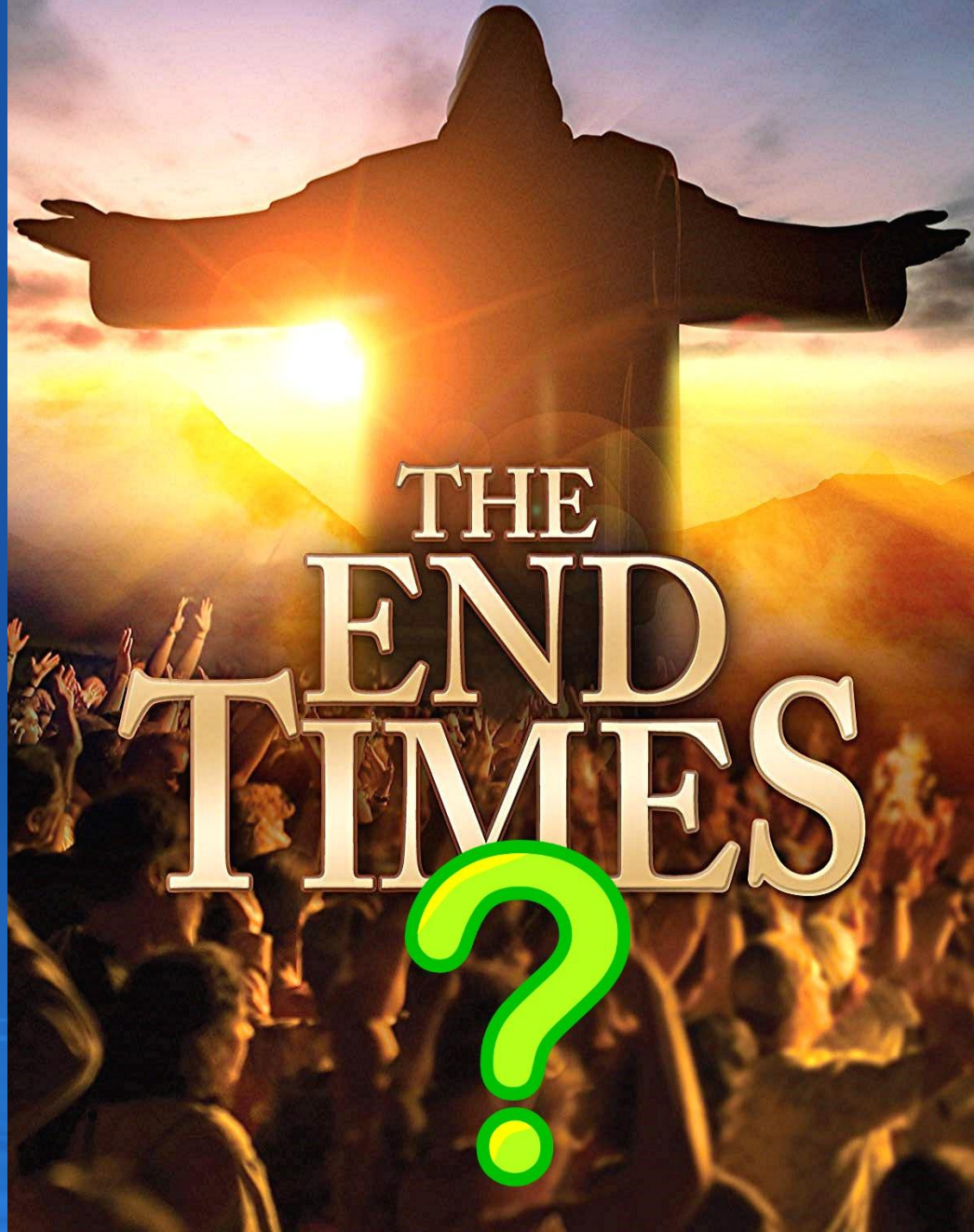
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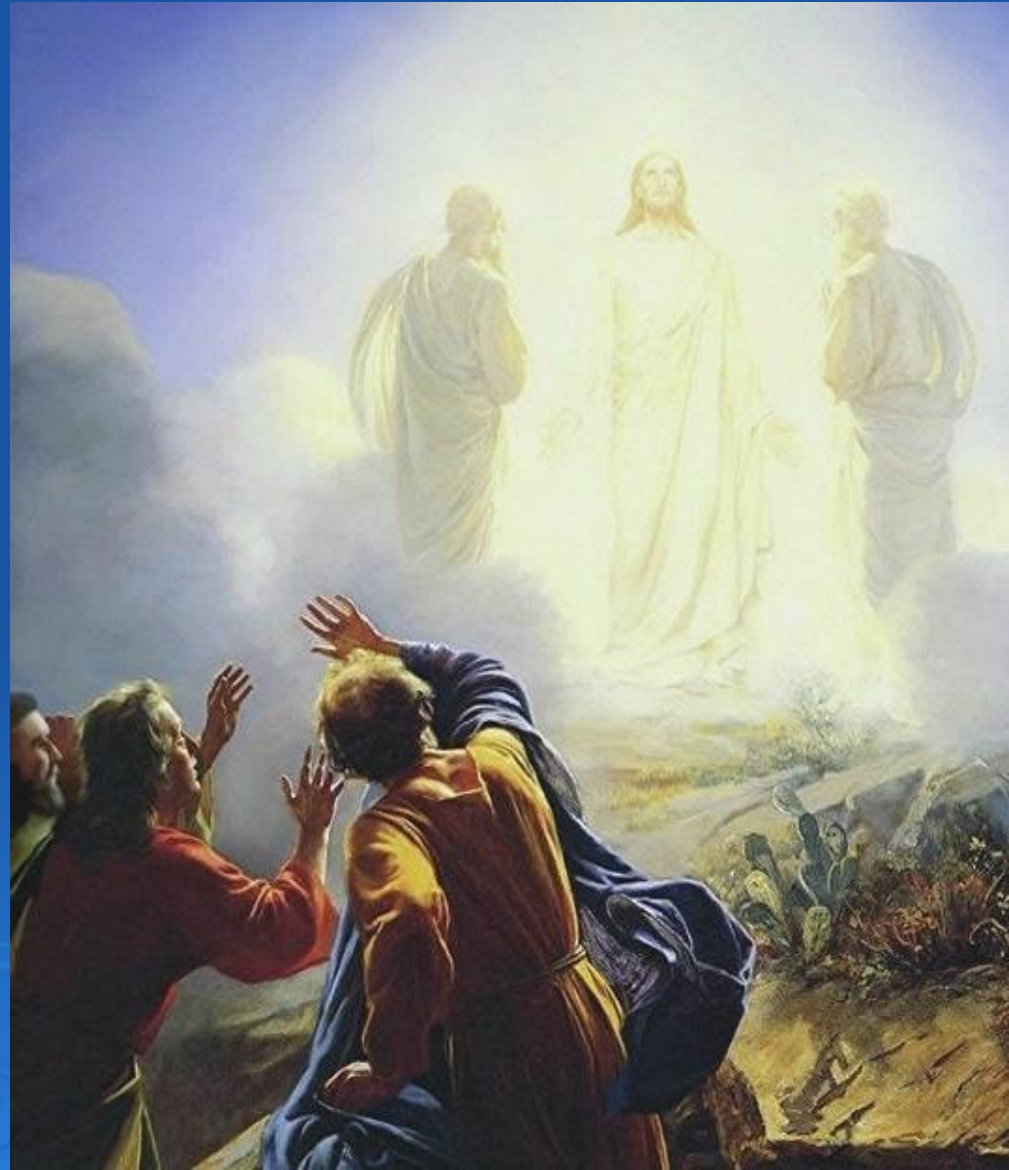
What did Yeshua know about....



- Perhaps Yeshua didn't know the timing or events surrounding His death
- He confesses that He doesn't know all the things His Father does
- Matthew 24:32 – 39
- The signal for Him to return will be an anticipated surprise
- Believers cannot be passive observers or spectators

MATTHEW CHAPTER 17

- The Transfiguration
- Happens 6 days after the end of chapter 16
- Yeshua brings 3 disciples with Him
- Consistent background theme: Jesus as the second Moses
- God operates by molding His teaching and miracles to the various cultures
- The Transfiguration occurred in a deeply Jewish cultural context
- Exodus 34:28 - 35





- Matthew's Transfiguration
- Mark's Transfiguration
- Mark 9:1 – 4
- Mark's attention is on Yeshua's glowing white clothes
- Matthew's attention is on Yeshua's glowing face
- Mark's Gospel is for gentile Romans
- Matthew's Gospel is for Believing Jews



HOW DID THEY KNOW?



- Moses and Elijah suddenly appear with Yeshua
- Moses gone for 1300 years, Elijah 800 years
- The 3 Disciples now knew Yeshua was the Messiah
- Elijah predicted to come back when the Messiah appeared
- Dead Sea Scrolls reveal that the Essenes thought Moses would reappear
- Many Bible scholars say Moses & Jesus appeared together to indicate Jesus replaced him ???