

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE...



- Farmer paid the same to workers who worked the least as much as to the workers who worked the most
- Moral of the Parable: The Kingdom of Heaven is a reversal of how things operate on earth
- Yeshua is on His final journey to Jerusalem
- Going to celebrate Passover, and to change the course of history

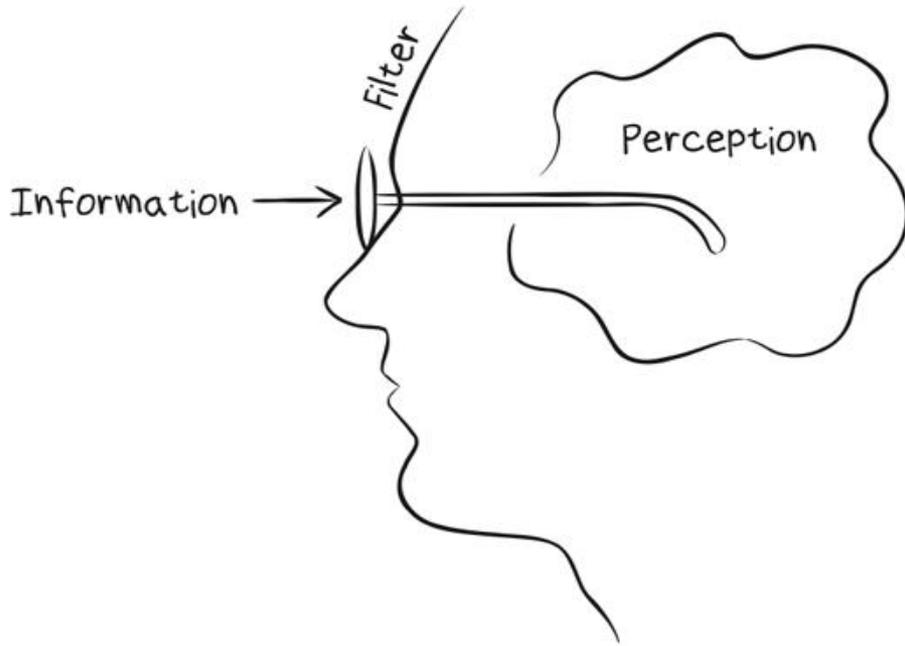


- Going up Jerusalem at 2500'
- Jericho 900' below sea level
- **Aliyah** = going up
- Mark 10:32 – 45 = Matthew 20:17 – 28
- There are some differences between Mark and Matthew

FROM JERICHO TO JERUSALEM

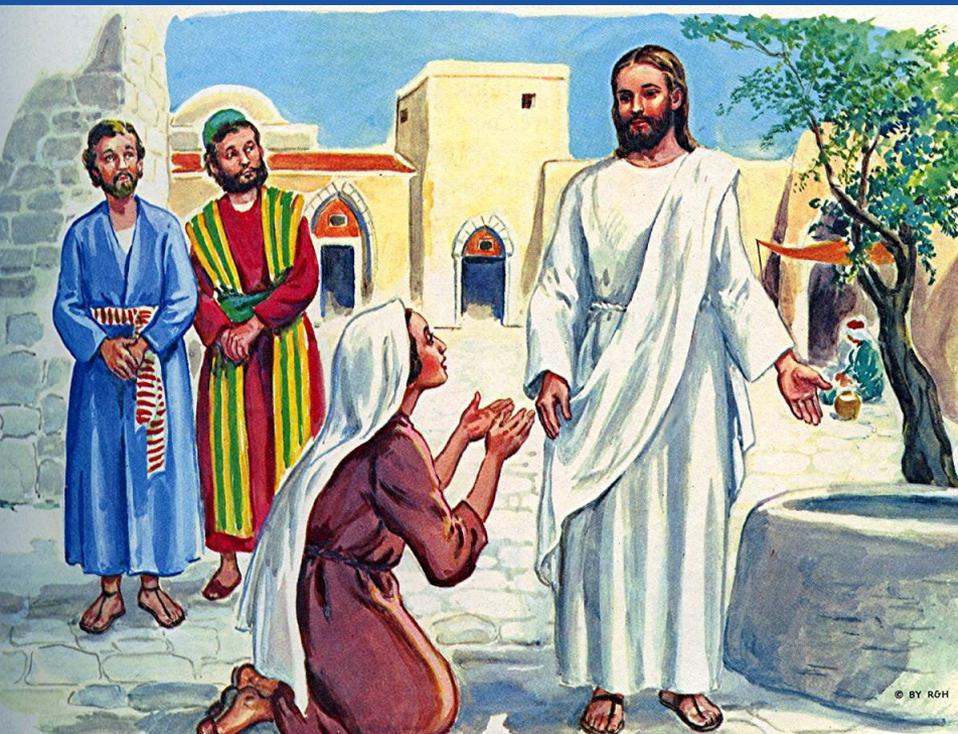


- Yeshua tells His 12 Disciples for a 3rd time of His impending betrayal and death
- “The Son of Man” Yeshua is again connecting Daniel’s Son of Man to Himself
- Disciples do not seem to acknowledge what Christ told them was going to happen to Him

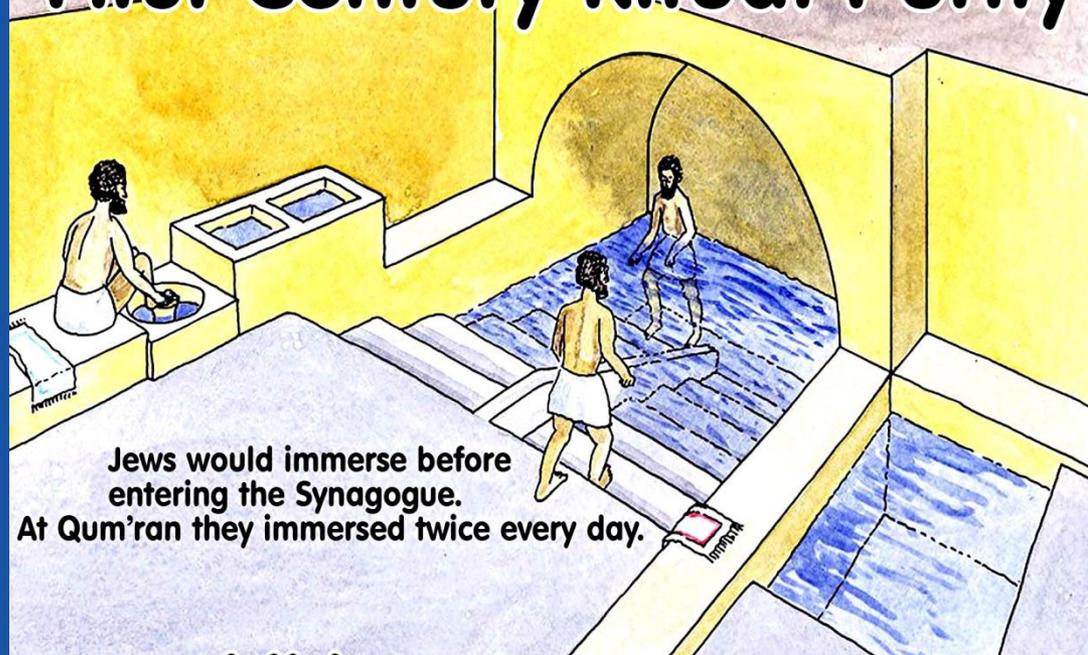


A MOTHER'S INTERVENTION

- We tend to filter things out that don't fit our preconceptions
- James' and John's mother asks Jesus for a favor
- She wants her sons to have the two highest ranks in the royal court when Christ becomes king of Israel



First Century Ritual Purity



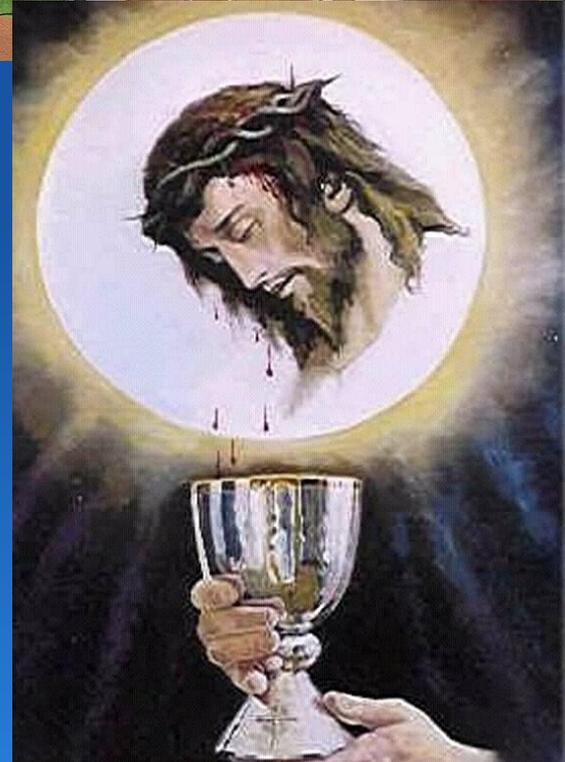
- “...and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized for...”
- Only after 800 A.D. do we find those words
- What does Jesus mean by drinking the cup?
- It is a cup of suffering and death, but His Disciples don't get it
- Jeremiah 25:15
- Ezekiel 23:32 – 33
- Isaiah 51:17

BAPTISM
Immersed *into* Christ



A CUP OF SUFFERING

- Disciples say they can drink from His cup
- Yeshua says it is not for Him to decide the places of honor in the Kingdom, that belongs to the Father
- To show the Disciples that it is wrong minded to concern themselves over status, He says not to be like gentile rulers
- A Kingdom leader must be a servant to others



WHAT IS SACRIFICE?



- Yeshua says to use Him as a role model
- *Lutron* = ransom
- Greek world: pay way out of bond servitude, pay to be released as prisoner of war
- Hebrew world: Temple tax, redemption of first born, property bought back from debt holder
- *Asham* sacrifice = Reparation offering

THE SUFFERING SERVANT

- Matthew doesn't answer every question we might ask about Yeshua's death and resurrection
- In our day, answers come mostly from our prayer reflection
- In Yeshua's day, such sacrifice was thought of as a requirement of the Law of Moses, personally performed
- Christ said a number of things about who He was and His purpose, in different contexts in the *P'shat* and the *Remez*
- Matthew expected his Jewish readers to put the pieces together

“Son of David, have pity on us!”

- The 2 blind men were beggars, not travelers
- Son of David not meant in a messianic way, but rather invoked Solomon
- *“Lord open our eyes!”* Meant literally because they didn't want to be blind any longer
- Little “L” lord = sir
- It seems that the healed men followed Yeshua to the Passover Festival in Jerusalem maybe going for the first time

