



# GALILEANS VS. JUDEANS

- The Triumphal Entry is a fulfillment of Ezek. 9:9
- On the road to the city are Christ's admirers
- Inside the city are the residents who are annoyed by Him
- No one sees Him as Messiah
- He is viewed as having the spirit of Solomon... yet greater

# YESHUA: “NEW TESTAMENT” PROPHET



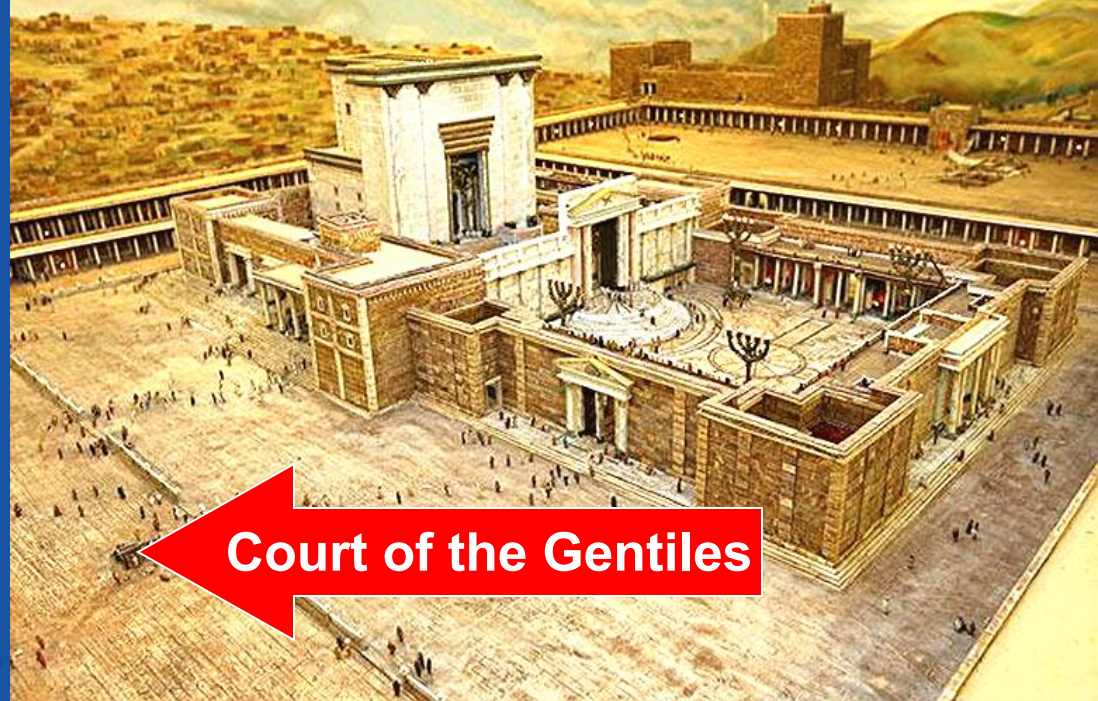
- Mark 11:15 – 18 has a parallel account
- In Mark, Yeshua takes no action in the Temple on His 1<sup>st</sup> day in the city
- In 1<sup>st</sup> century, Malachi was seen as the last of a class of biblical Prophets
- “Prophet” now meant a seer, or a gifted Teacher of God’s Word

# WHY?



- Yeshua enters a Temple outer court, goes into a rage, and upsets tables and overturns benches
- Merchants and money changers served a useful purpose to supply sacrificial animals to the Jewish pilgrims
- The problem was not the Temple; it was the corruption
- Psalms of Solomon 17:30      Zechariah 14:21
- Yeshua's actions were acted-out fulfillments of the ancient messianic prophecies

- Jesus did NOT cleanse the Temple
- It was a personal protest/divine symbol
- Isaiah 56:7
- Yeshua performs more miracle healings
- Leviticus 21:17 – 21
- Scripture prohibits only blind and lame PRIESTS
- Dead Sea Scrolls also speak of this prohibition 1QSa 2

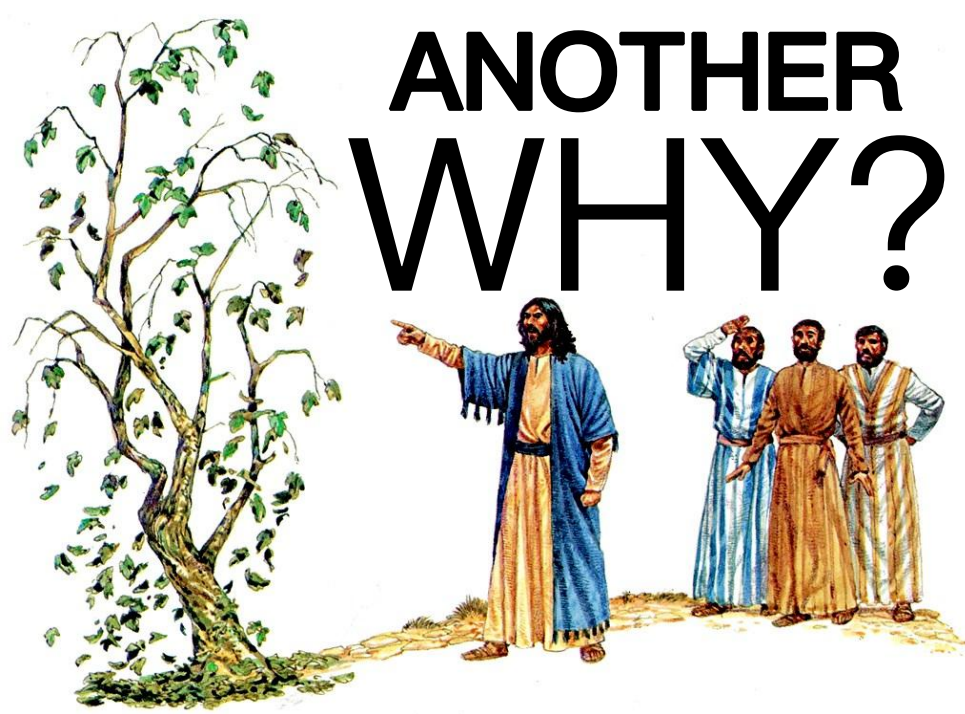


# THE RELIGIOUS AUTHORITIES OBJECT

- Gentiles did not come at Passover to be healed!
- 2 spheres of religious authority: The Temple and the Synagogue
- Children began learning the Hallel at a young age
- Psalm 8:3
- The religious authorities knew “enemy and avenger” referred to them

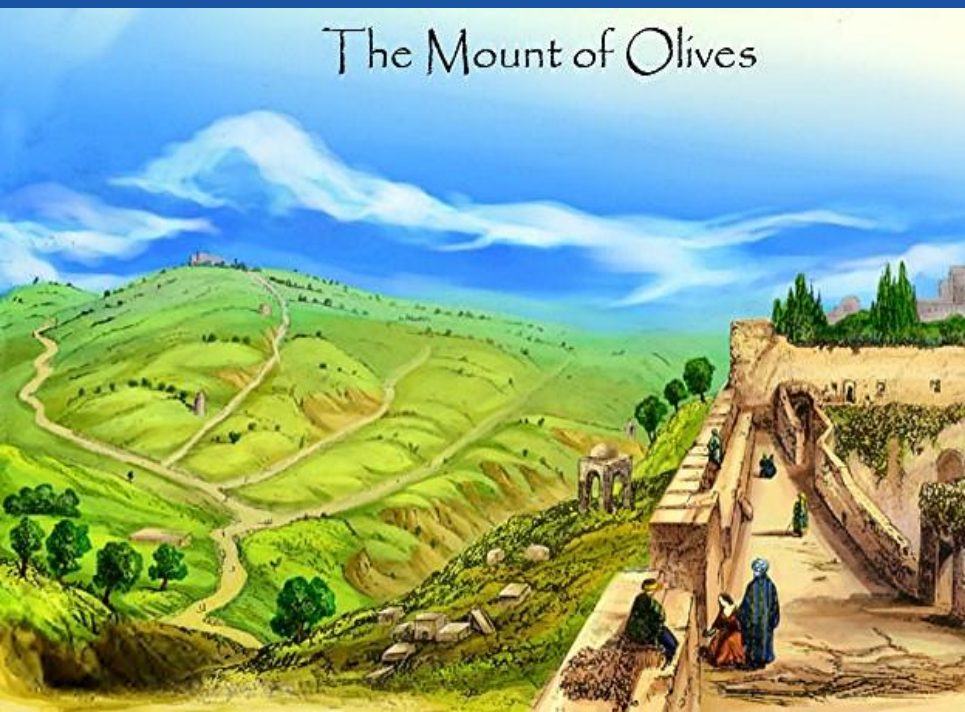


# ANOTHER WHY?



- Yeshua is on the road back to the city from Bethany
- It was too early for figs
- Disciples ask how the fig tree died
- Yeshua tells them HOW they can do it, too!
- 1) Yeshua does not say to “trust in Him”... It’s always trust in the Father
- 2) The mountain is the Mount of Olives
- 3) Israel is symbolized by either the Olive tree or a vineyard
- 4) Israel is not biblically equated with Jerusalem

The Mount of Olives





- Yeshua received a cold welcome in Jerusalem, religious leaders gunning for Him, Romans suspicious, Temple, Inc.
- Barren Fig tree = fruitless Jerusalem
- Jerusalem and the Temple would “wither” in 40 years
- Joel 1:1 – 7
- “Hear this you leaders” = Jerusalem
- “Listen ALL who live in the Land” = Israel in general



- Zechariah 14:1 – 11
- The formerly decimated Jerusalem and its residents will be restored
- Why? The curse is lifted
- If we sincerely pray it, are we sure to get it?
- Experience shows we don't always, and neither did Jesus
- Matt. 26:39
- The Father's will is more important than our wants and needs

Is  
"Name It  
and Claim It"  
Theology  
Biblical?







- Yeshua is teaching in Solomon's Portico
- Temple and Synagogue authorities demand to know by what authority He teaches
- They want to know Christ's credentials
- Jesus invokes the baptism of John as His credential
- But.... First He wants the religious authorities to agree on the source of John the Immerser's credentials

# AN ISSUE OF CREDENTIALS

- Yeshua is saying He was “ordained” (credentialed) by John
- But.... were John’s credentials up to snuff?
- Accreditation means that a degree or ordination has recognized authority
- Religious leaders have been had! No good answer
- There was tension between John the Baptist and Yeshua, and between their disciples
- All the Lord wants when He calls is our “yes”; not our perfection

