

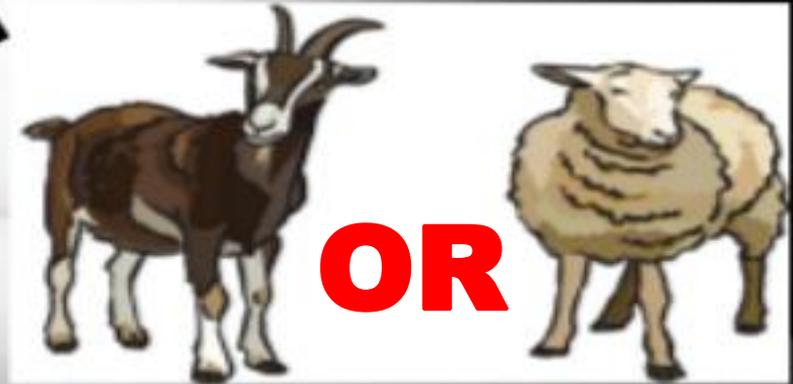
.... a Bad Tree Cannot Bear Good Fruit...

- Jesus



- Judgment Day involves God sending billions of people to their eternal destruction
- Our eternal safety is judged both by our salvation in Yeshua and by doing the will of the Father
- A person's claim of being a "good fruit tree" must be validated by bearing good fruit
- Good or bad or no fruit exposes our inward state

# NO SHADES OF GREY



- In the West, at trial, we expect a judicial process of nuances, exceptions to the rule, suspended sentences
- Jesus speaks about the visible, tangible characteristics of the sheep
- The list of their characteristics are built upon the Middle Eastern standard of hospitality



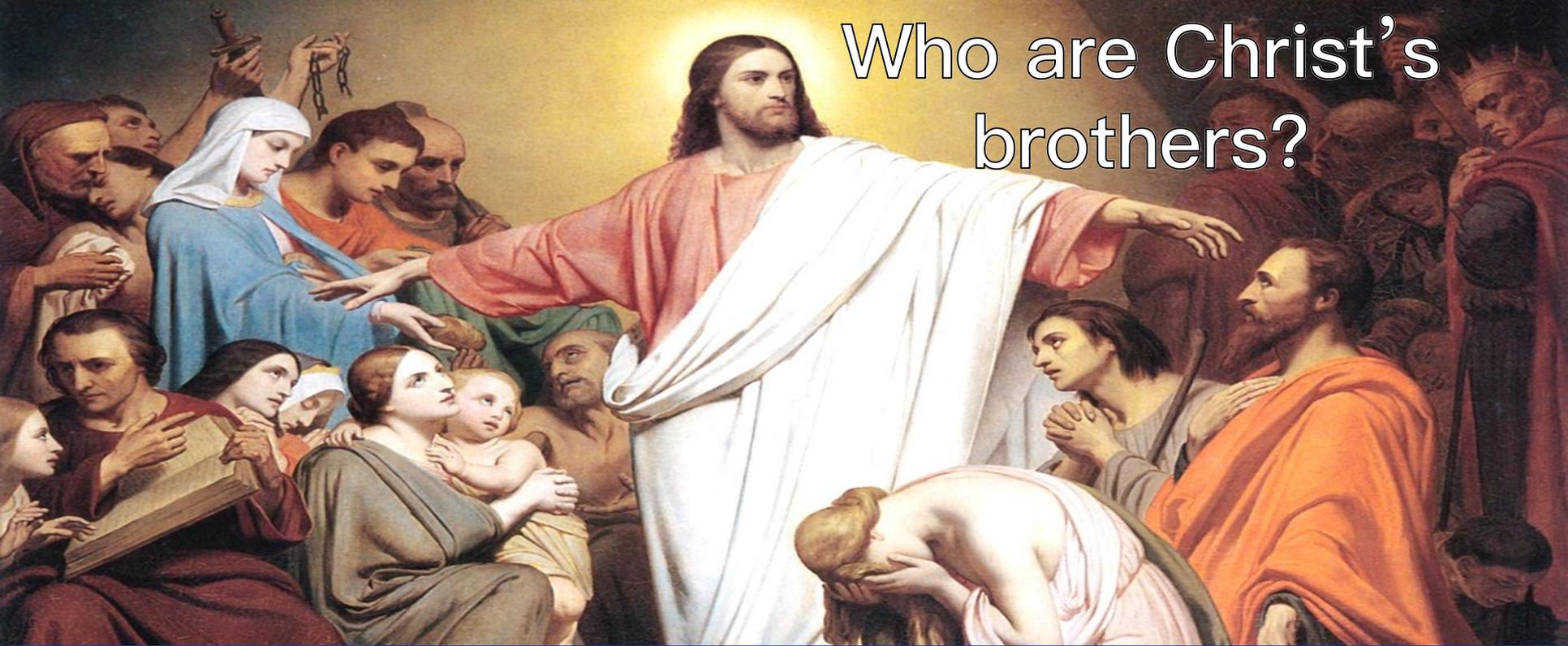
- Hospitality was a social obligation, not an issue of legality
- Yeshua expected His followers to continue to offer hospitality
- He adds to the list visiting the sick and those in jail
- Yeshua sets Himself into the role of the needy and creates a straw man to respond to His instructions



# KING AND BROTHER

- “King” would have resonated with the disciples as literal
- Yeshua redefines the office of King as one who identifies with the common man and the downtrodden
- What did Christ mean by “brother”?
- The context is sheep at Judgment Day

# Who are Christ's brothers?



- ***P'shat*** = His literal Jewish countrymen, including the poor and afflicted
- ***Remez*** = Jews who trust Christ, plus all gentiles who trust Him
- ***Sod*** = mysterious. Before Moses, from the Beginning, there was a Natural Law built into humans and all the Cosmos. Those who obeyed it considered righteous

# THE GOATS

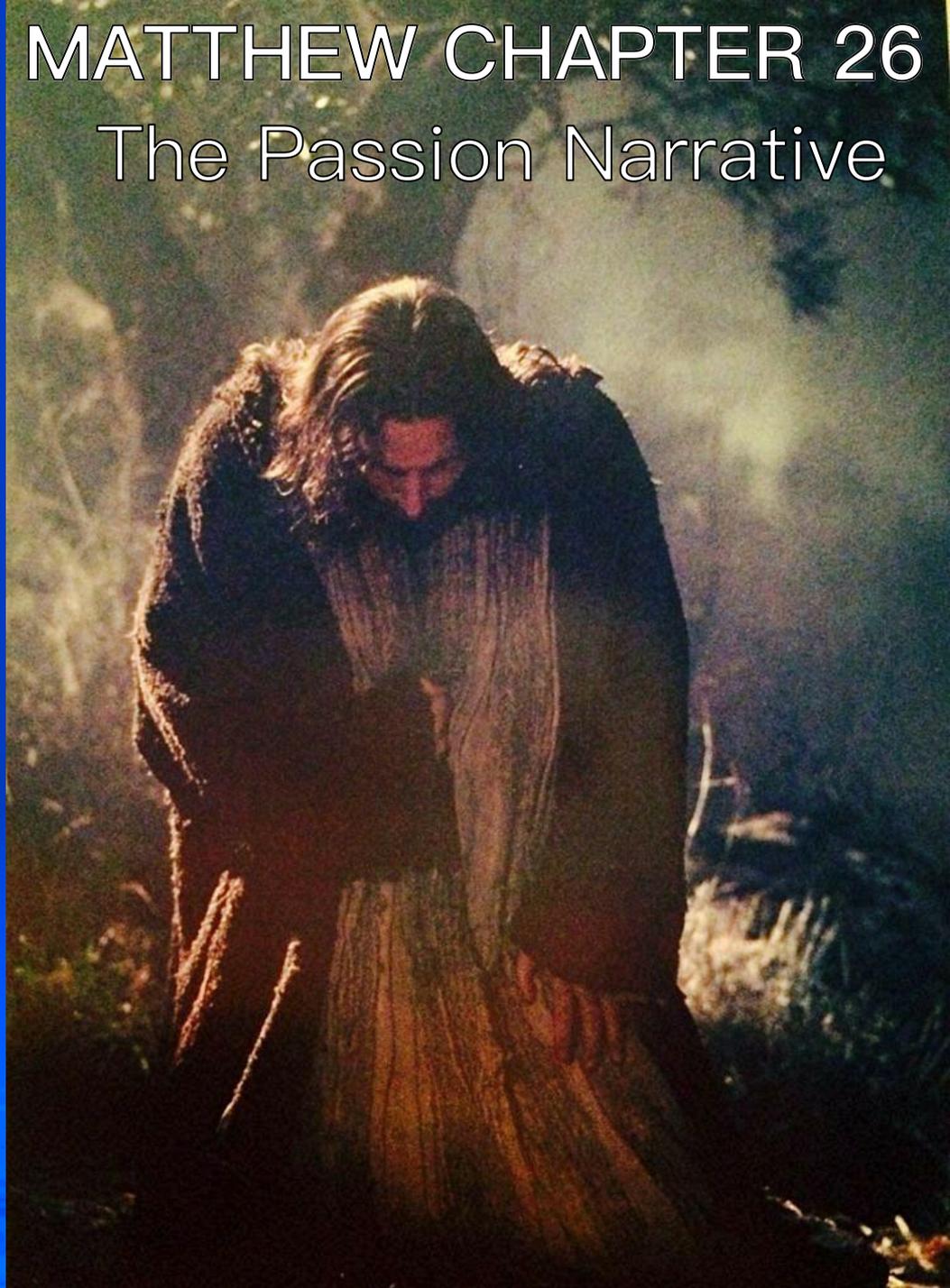
- Vss. 41 – 46 reverse the hospitality situation
- By not caring for the poor, the wicked are not caring for Christ
- This amounts to rejection
- We cannot claim to be saved, but at the same time turn our backs on the needy
- Salvation will always be linked with good works



# MATTHEW CHAPTER 26

## The Passion Narrative

- Christ reveals He's going to be crucified almost immediately
- ***“As you know, Pesach is 2 days away...”***
- Mark 14:1 ***“... 2 days before Pesach (the festival of Matzah)” ...”***
- Luke 22:1 ***“...Matzah known as Passover was approaching...”***
- John 13:1 ***“...it was just before... Pesach”***



# NISAN

In Leviticus

**14**  
PESACH

**15**

**16**

**21**

**FEAST OF MATZAH**

7<sup>TH</sup> Day Shabbat falls somewhere in here

FIRST-  
FRUITS

The day after the Shabbat



# NISAN

Also called PREPARATION DAY

**14**  
PESACH

**21**  
Great  
Sabbath

**15**

MATZAH

**16**

Also a Great Sabbath

- Various Jewish groups followed different holiday Traditions; Judeans did differently than the Galileans
- John 19:31 John says Yeshua died on PREPARATION DAY (the day before *Matzah*)
- The first and last days of the 7 days of *Matzah* were special Sabbaths called Great Sabbaths

# What was The LAST SUPPER?



- The lambs were killed on Passover Day
- If Jesus was also killed on Passover Day, the Last Supper could not have been the Passover Seder
- He also couldn't have been killed on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of *Matzah*, because it was a Great Sabbath