What makes a great entrance?

Selected scriptures
March 24, 2024

Gen. 22:1-19

Wayne Braudrick Life Change: We enter each day by God's protocol.

Great Entrances Often Establish Protocols...

Jesus Enters Jerusalem Mark 11:1-11

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Obedient trust

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Renunciation

Salvation

Jesus' Entrance Reconsidered:

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The Son is the miraculous promise

He will carry the wood as sacrifice

He will talk to the Father about the coming sacrifice

The salvation of God is extended to all

Our Entrances...

Everything is safe which we commit to Him, and nothing is really safe which is not so committed. - A. W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God



Upcoming Events







Gen. 22:1-19













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For her wedding, Victoria chose to wear a white satin and lace dress, which was seen as unusual at the time. It was more

common for brides to wear gowns of rich colours which could be used again for other occasions. – Royal Museums, Greenwich



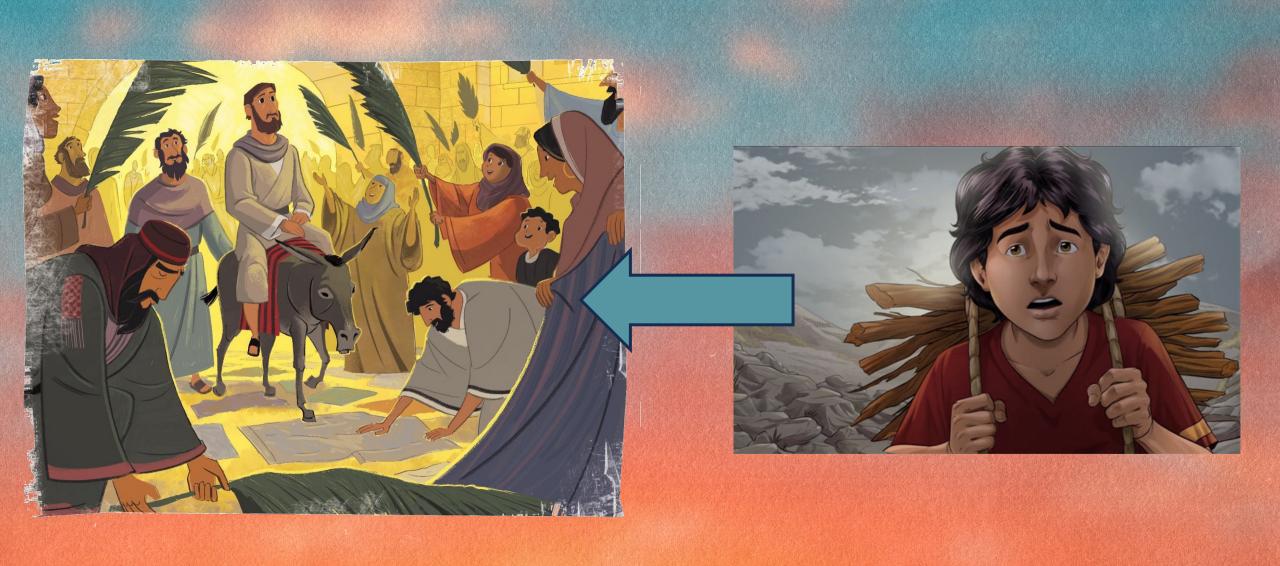






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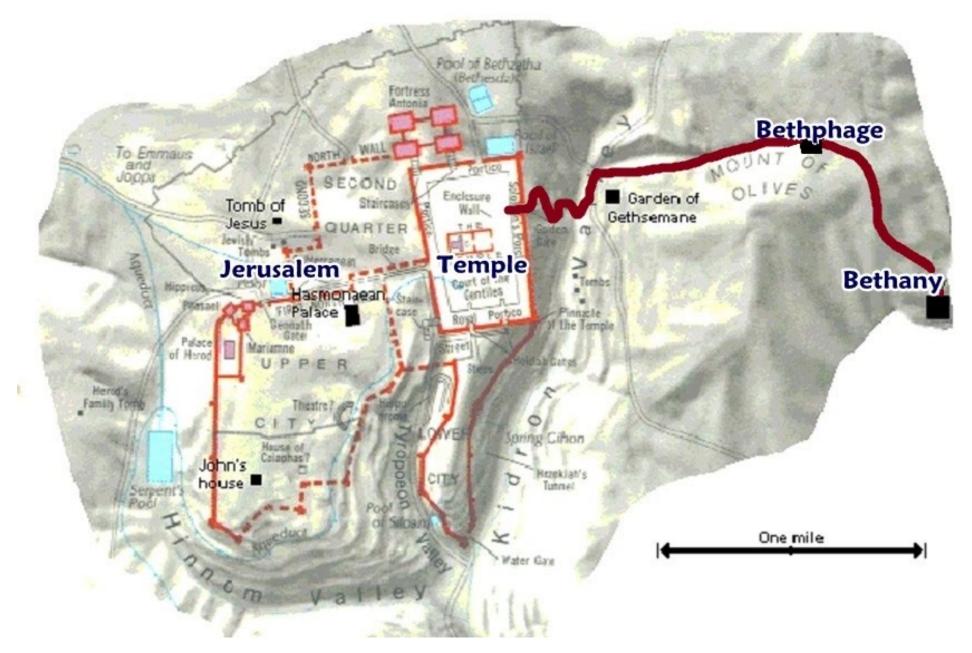
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⁸ Many people spread their clothes on the road, and others spread leafy branches cut from the fields. 9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! [Psalm 118] ¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heaven! ¹¹ He went into Jerusalem and into the temple. After looking around at everything, since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve. Mark 11 CSB



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- Matthew shows how Jesus is the Messiah King and His rejection by the state brings judgments predicted in Psalms and Jeremiah.
- Luke points out Jesus' compassion and heartbreak at His rejection and the consequences. He also shows how Christ fulfills Habakkuk 2.
- John displays how Jesus is fulfilling a Zechariah prophecy only in part. He is the prince entering Jerusalem but not yet king ruling there.
- Mark ties in how Jesus is the heir of Abraham, the ultimate Isaac.

- ¹ After these things [the birth & growth of Isaac, the miraculously promised son and Abraham's interaction with Abimelech] God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!"
- "Here I am," he answered.
- ² "Take your son," he said, "your only son Isaac, whom you love, go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."
- ³ So Abraham got up early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took with him two of his young men and his son Isaac. He split wood for a burnt offering and set out to go to the place God had told him about.

 ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance.

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⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go over there to worship; then we'll come back to you."
⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac. In his hand he took the fire and the knife, and the two of them walked on together.

⁷Then Isaac spoke to his father Abraham and said, "My father." And he replied, "Here I am, my son." Isaac said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

⁸ Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." Then the two of them walked on together.

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⁹When they arrived at the place that God had told him about, Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood. He bound his son Isaac and placed him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son.

¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"

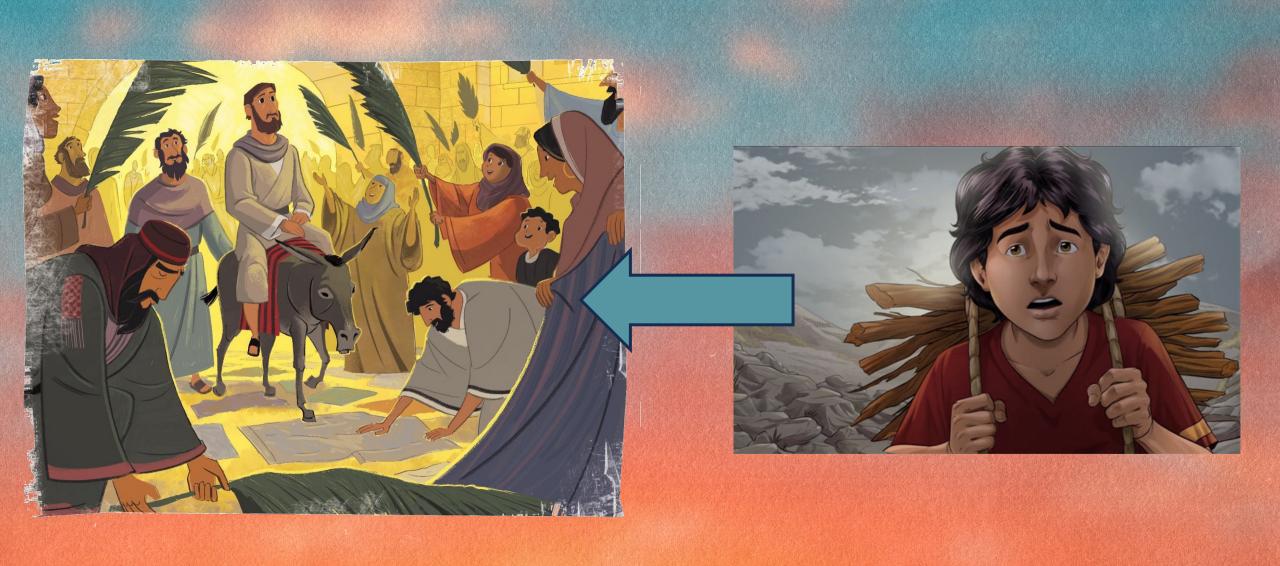
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¹² Then he said, "Do not lay a hand on the boy or do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your only son from me." ¹³ Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught in the thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

¹⁴ And Abraham named that place The LORD Will Provide, so today it is said, "It will be provided on the LORD's mountain."

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¹⁹ Abraham went back to his young men, and they got up and went together to Beer-sheba. And Abraham settled in Beer-sheba.



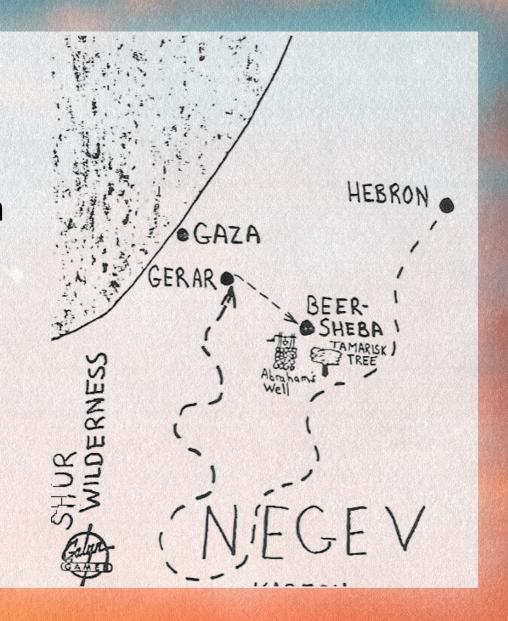
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¹ From there Abraham traveled to the region of the Negev and settled between Kadesh and Shur. While he was staying in Gerar, ² Abraham said about his wife Sarah, "She is my sister." So King Abimelech of Gerar had Sarah brought to him. ³ But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, "You are about to die because of the woman you have taken, for she is a married woman." 10 Abimelech also asked Abraham, "What made you do this?" 11 Abraham replied, "I thought, 'There is absolutely no fear of God in this place. They will kill me because of my wife."



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His statement, We will worship and then we will come back (Gen. 22:5), is amazing. All Abraham knew was that (a) God planned the future around Isaac, and (b) God wanted him to



sacrifice Isaac. He could not reconcile the two, but he would obey anyway. That is faith!

- Allen P. Ross, Genesis

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Apparently, he doesn't trust you, yet.
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This, says the writer to the Hebrews, was the solution his aching heart found sometime in the dark night, and he rose "early in the morning" to carry out the plan. It is beautiful to see that, while he erred as to God's method, he had correctly sensed the secret of His great heart. And the solution accords well with the New Testament Scripture, "Whosoever will lose for my sake shall find." - A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God



Sacrifice of Isaac Joel ben Simeon 1460s

I have said that Abraham possessed nothing. Yet was not this poor man rich? Everything he had owned before was his still to enjoy: sheep, camels, herds, and goods of every sort. He had also his wife and his friends, and best of all he had his son Isaac safe by his side. He had everything, but he possessed nothing. There is the spiritual secret. There is the sweet theology of the heart which can be learned only in the school of renunciation. - A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God

There can be no doubt that possessive clinging to things is one of the most harmful habits in the life. Because it is so natural it is rarely recognized for the evil that it is; but its outworkings are tragic. We are often hindered from giving up our treasures to the Lord out of fear for their safety; this is especially true when those treasures are loved relatives and friends. But we need have no such fears. Our Lord came not to destroy but to save. Everything is safe which we commit to Him, and nothing is really safe which is not so committed. – A.W. Tozer, The Pursuit of God

If we would indeed know God in growing intimacy we must go this way of renunciation. And if we are set upon the pursuit of God He will sooner or later bring us to this test. Abraham's testing was, at the time, not known to him as such, yet if he had taken some course other than the one he did, the whole history of the Old Testament would have been different. God would have found His man, no doubt, but the loss to Abraham would have been tragic beyond the telling. So we will be brought one by one to the testing place, and we may never know when we are there...but our whole future will be conditioned by the choice we make.

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But we never can prove the delights of His love Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows, for the joy He bestows, Are for them who will trust and obey.

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False humility and morbid introspection are, in fact, the opposite of brokenness, as they reveal a preoccupation with self, rather than God. – Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth, *Surrender*

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. ²⁵ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it."

Matthew 16 NLT

¹⁸ "And all the nations of the earth will be blessed by your offspring because you have obeyed my command."

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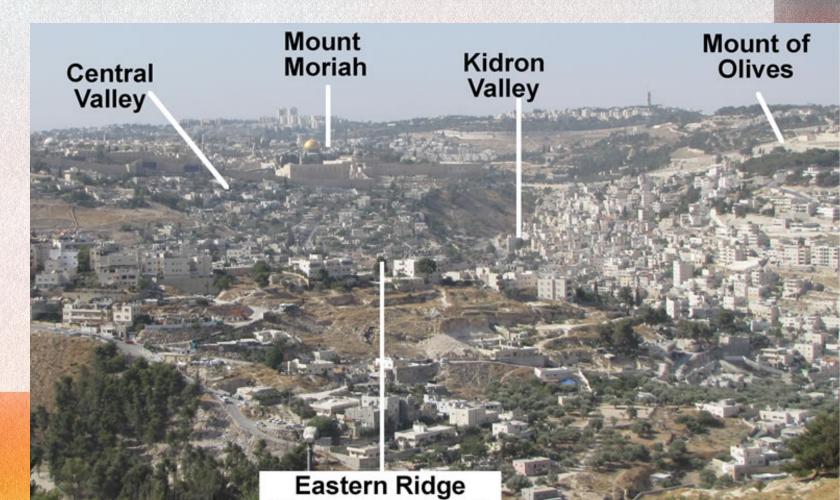
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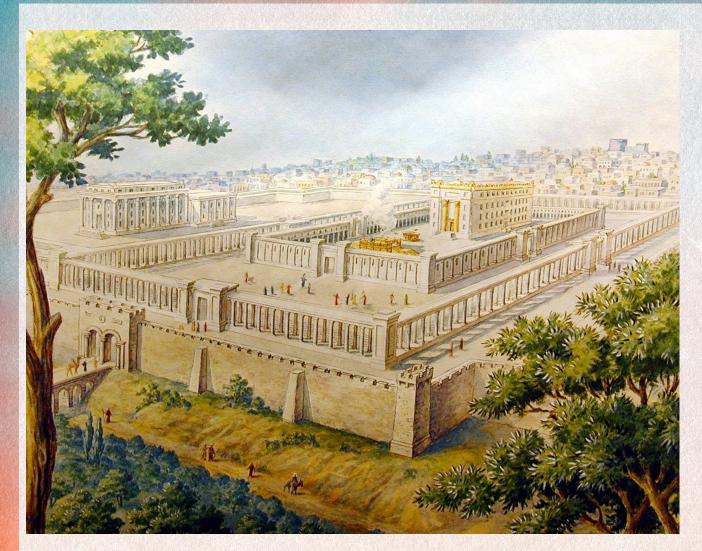
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Mount Moriah





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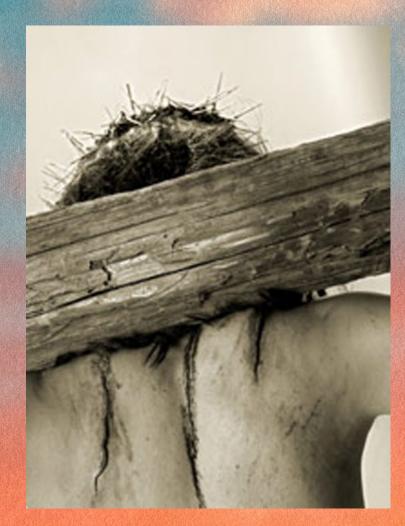


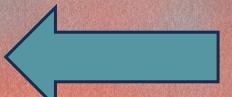
11 Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger. Luke 2 CSB

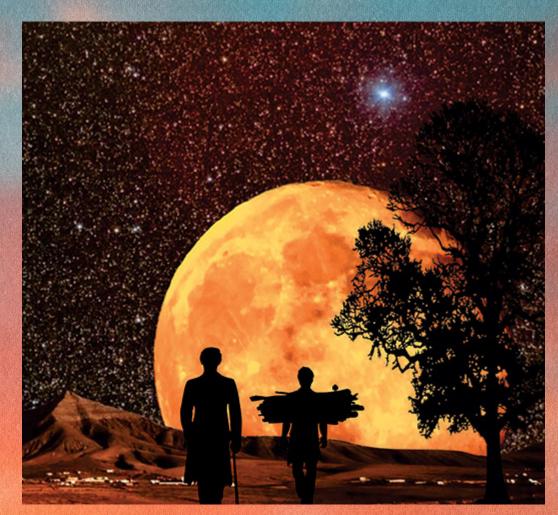


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Let him carry the *patibulum* through the city, let him thereafter be fastened to the cross. – Plautus, 'Charcoal Play,' fragment 2 (ca. 150 B.C.)



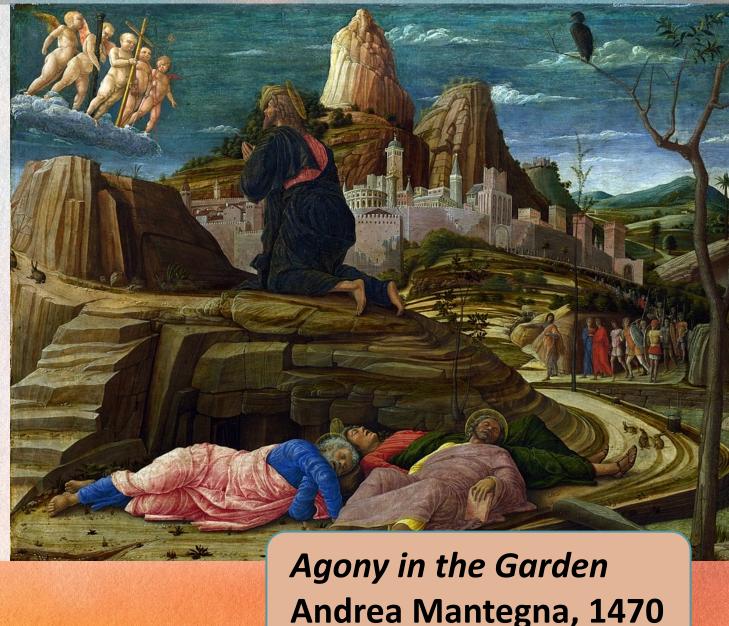




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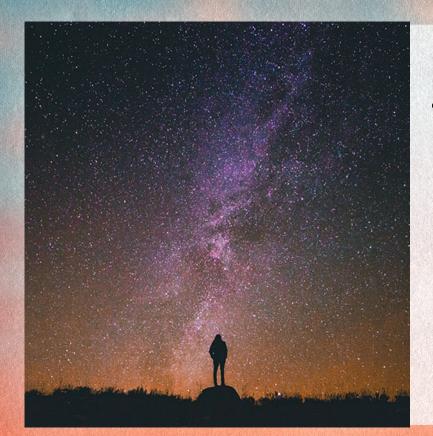




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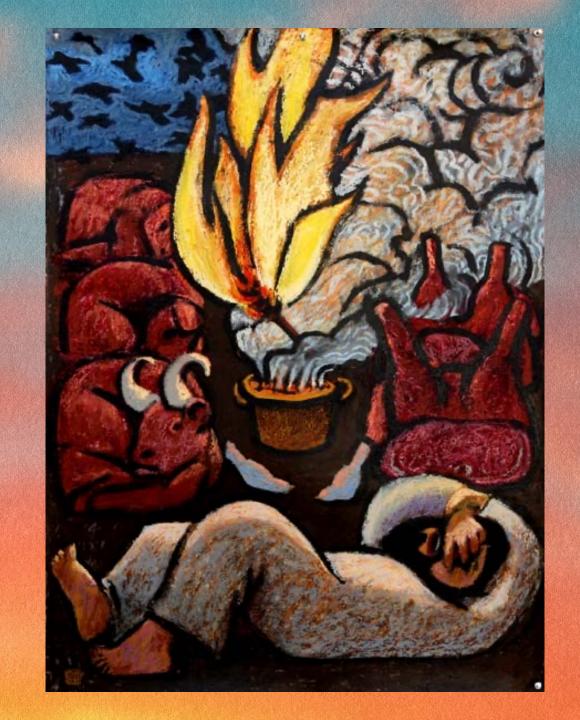
²² As they were eating, he took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." ²³ Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.

Mark 14 CSB



⁵ He took him outside and said, "Look at the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "Your offspring will be that numerous." ⁶ Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. Genesis 15 CSB

Abrahamic Covenant II
Wayne Forte
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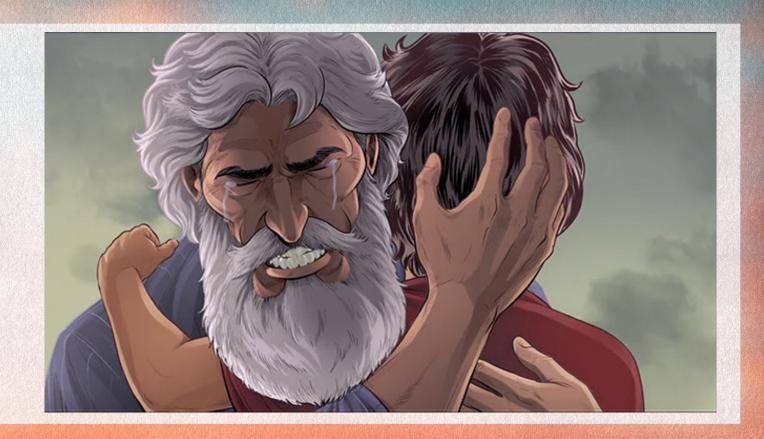
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³⁰ He [the Philippian jailer] escorted them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

³¹ They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."

Acts 16 CSB

Each trip up Moriah, trusting obedience, renunciation, and salvation change everything.



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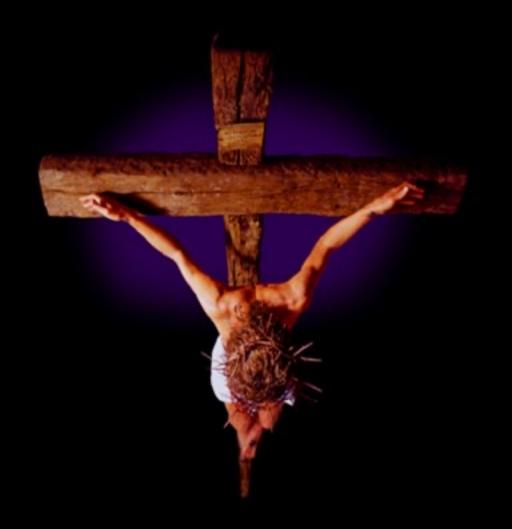
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"I want you to sign your name on the bottom line, hand it back to Me, and let Me fill in the details. Why? Because I am God; because I have bought you; because I am trustworthy; because you know how much I love you; because you live for My glory and not your own independent, self-promoting pleasure." The fact is, we will all be broken—sooner or later...If we resist the means God provides to lead us to brokenness, we do not avoid brokenness—we simply make it necessary for God to intensify and prolong the process - Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth, Surrender

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