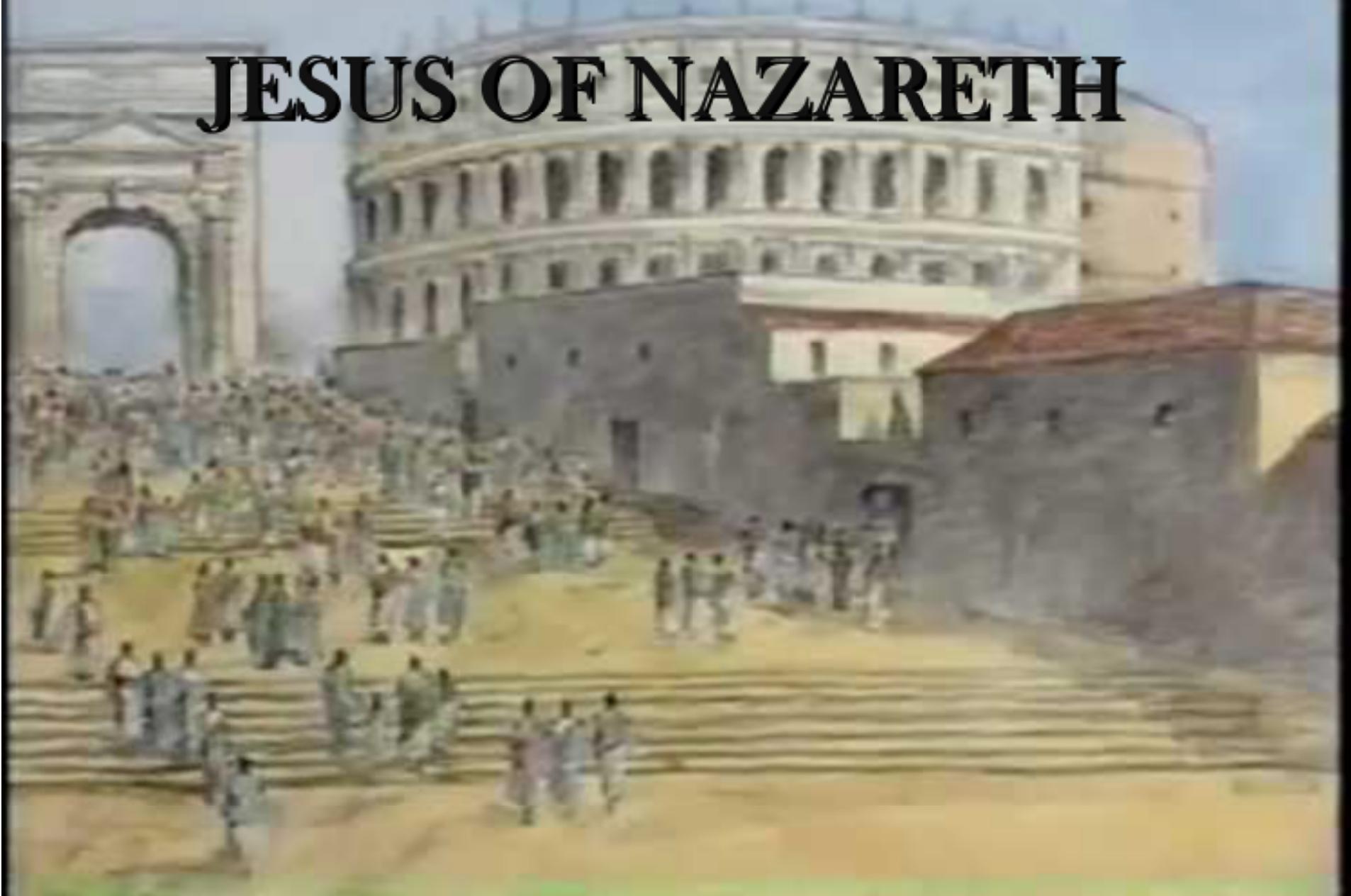


THE FORMATIVE YEARS OF JESUS OF NAZARETH



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Mark 6: 3

*And they said, “Is this not **Joseph’s son?**”*

Luke 4: 22

*Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth ... And **Jesus increased** in wisdom and statute, and in favor with God and man.*

Luke 2: 51, 52

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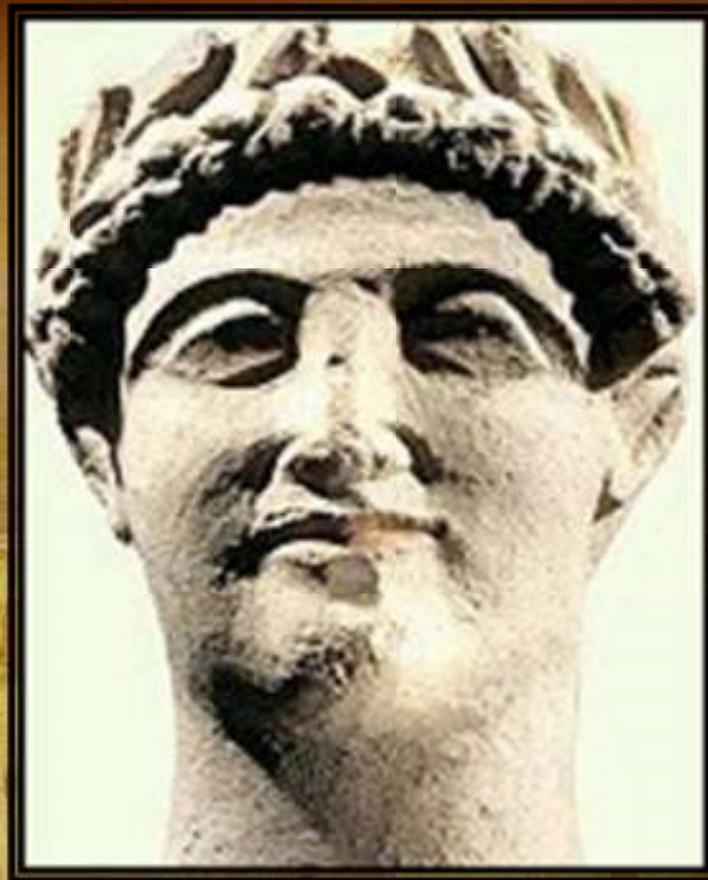
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*“Blessed are you
poor, for yours is
the kingdom of God.
Blessed are you who
hunger now, for you
shall be filled.
Blessed are you who
weep now, for you
shall laugh.”*

Luke 6: 20, 21





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“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers ... and saw others standing idle in the marketplace ... ‘No one hired us.’”

Matthew 20: 1 - 7



Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Matthew 6: 16

**Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets. ...
Matthew 6: 2**

“For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

*“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. **Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows’ houses,** and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation.”*

Matthew 23: 4, 13 - 14

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days. Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter.

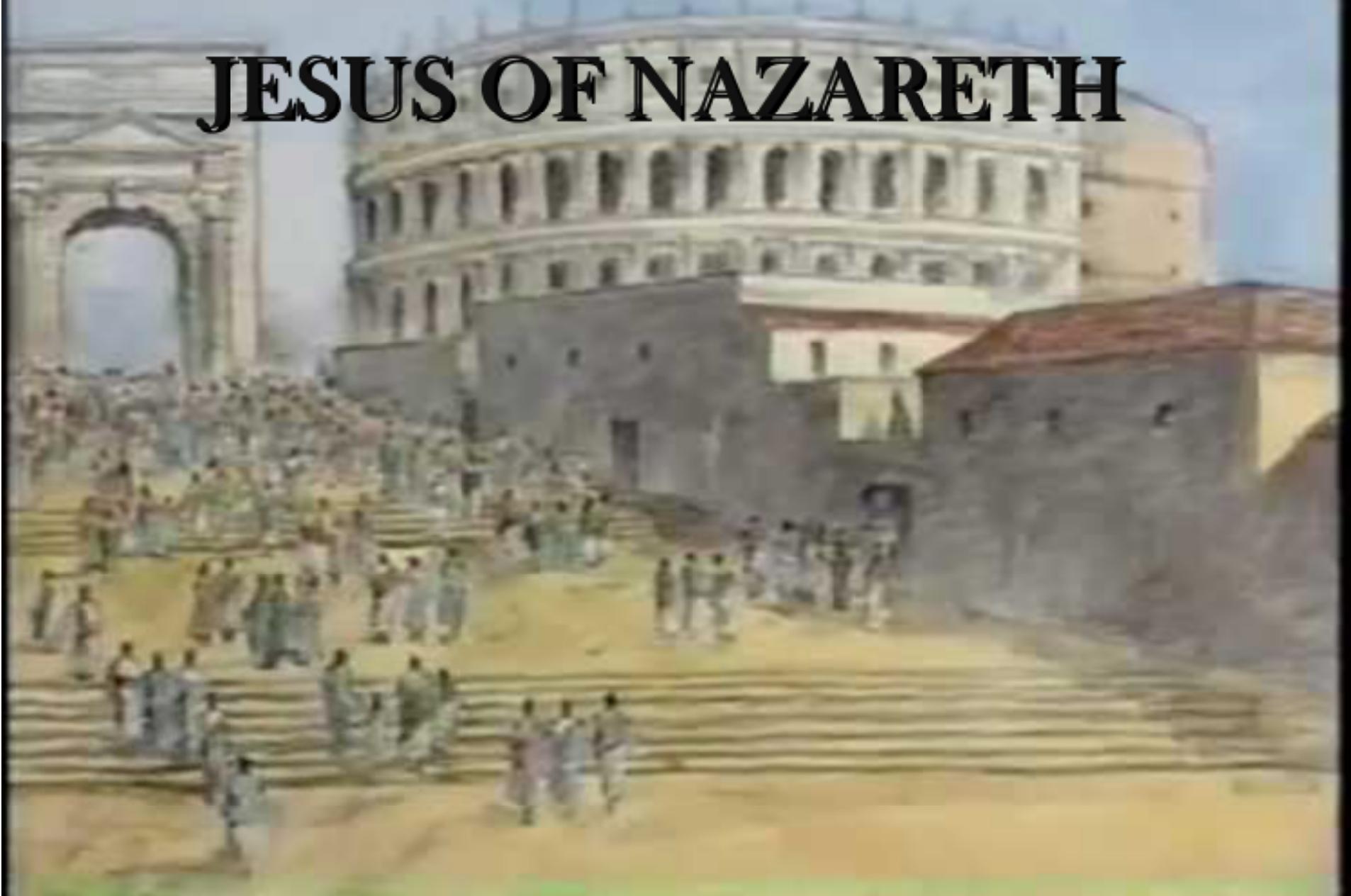
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***And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord,
And my spirit has rejoiced in God my
Savior.... He has shown strength with His
arm; He has scattered the proud in the
imagination of their hearts. He has put
down the mighty from their thrones,
And exalted the lowly. He has filled the
hungry with good things, And the rich He
has sent away empty."*** **Luke 1: 46 - 53**

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“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Luke 4: 16 - 21

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Luke 4: 16 - 21

Now about the middle of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple and taught.

And the Jews marveled, saying

“HOW DOES THIS MAN KNOW LETTERS?!?!?”

John 7: 14, 5

James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad: Greetings.

James 1: 1

*Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, ... Beloved, while I was very diligent **to write to you** concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary **to write to you** exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith...*

Jude 1 - 3

*“You have **heard** that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’...*

*“You have **heard** that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’...*

Matthew 5: 21, 27

*But He said to them, “Have you not **read** what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him.*

Matthew 12: 3

*Or have you not **read** in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?*

Matthew 12: 5

*Have you not **read** that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’*

Matthew 19: 4

*Have you never **read**, ‘Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise’? Matthew 21: 16*

*Jesus said to them, “Have you never **read** in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.’” Matthew 21: 43*

*But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not **read** what was spoken to you by God, saying ... Matthew 22: 31*

He answered and said to them, “Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? For God commanded, saying, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’ But you say, ‘Whoever says to his father or mother, “Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God”— then he need not honor his father or mother.’ Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. ... Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying ... in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

Matthew 15: 3 - 9

They found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2: 46



*... that I may
know Him ...*
Philippians 3: 11

*“See, we have left all
and followed You.
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Matthew 19: 27



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Matthew 20: 1, 2



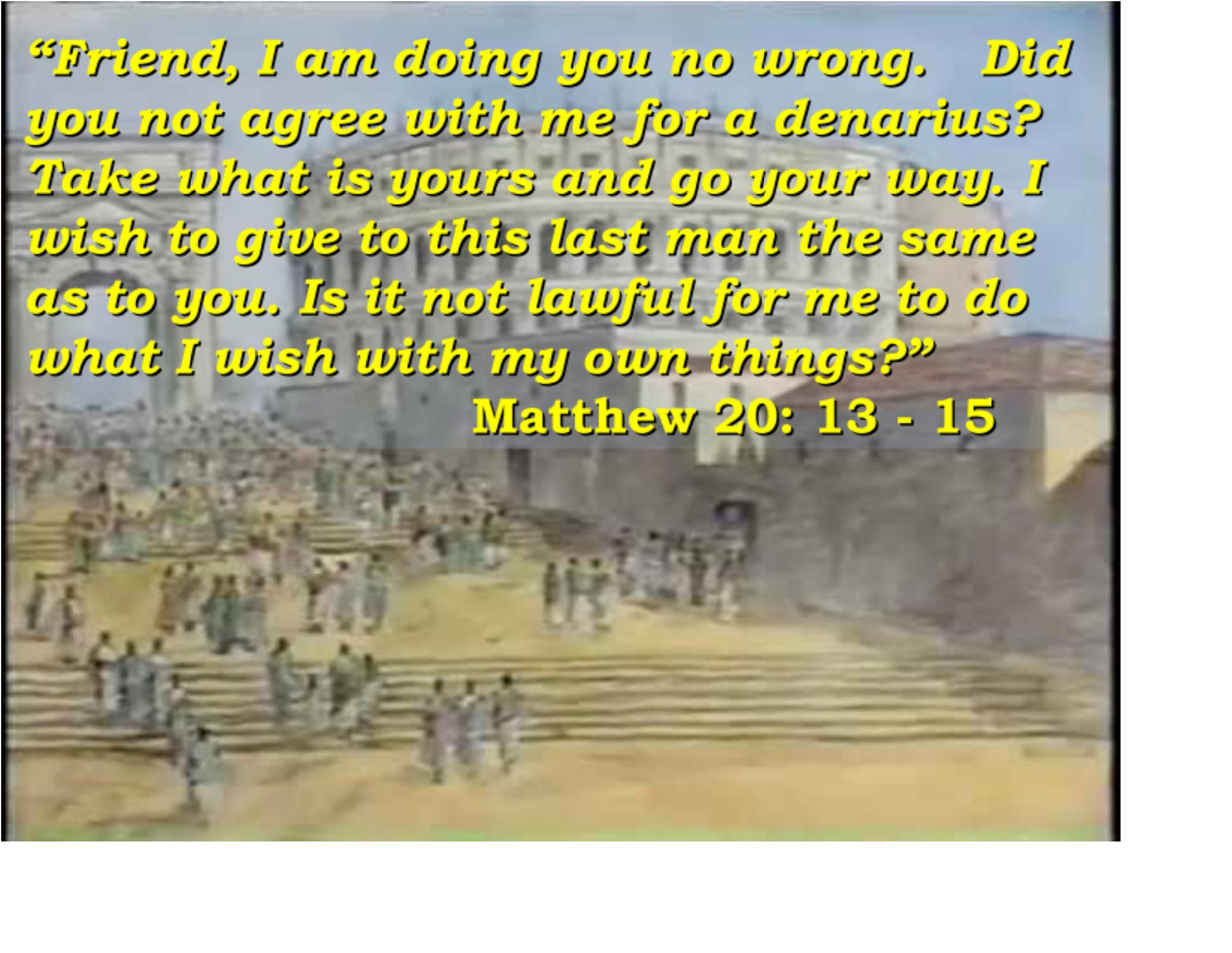
***And ... they complained against
the landowner.***

Matthew 20: 11



“Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things?”

Matthew 20: 13 - 15



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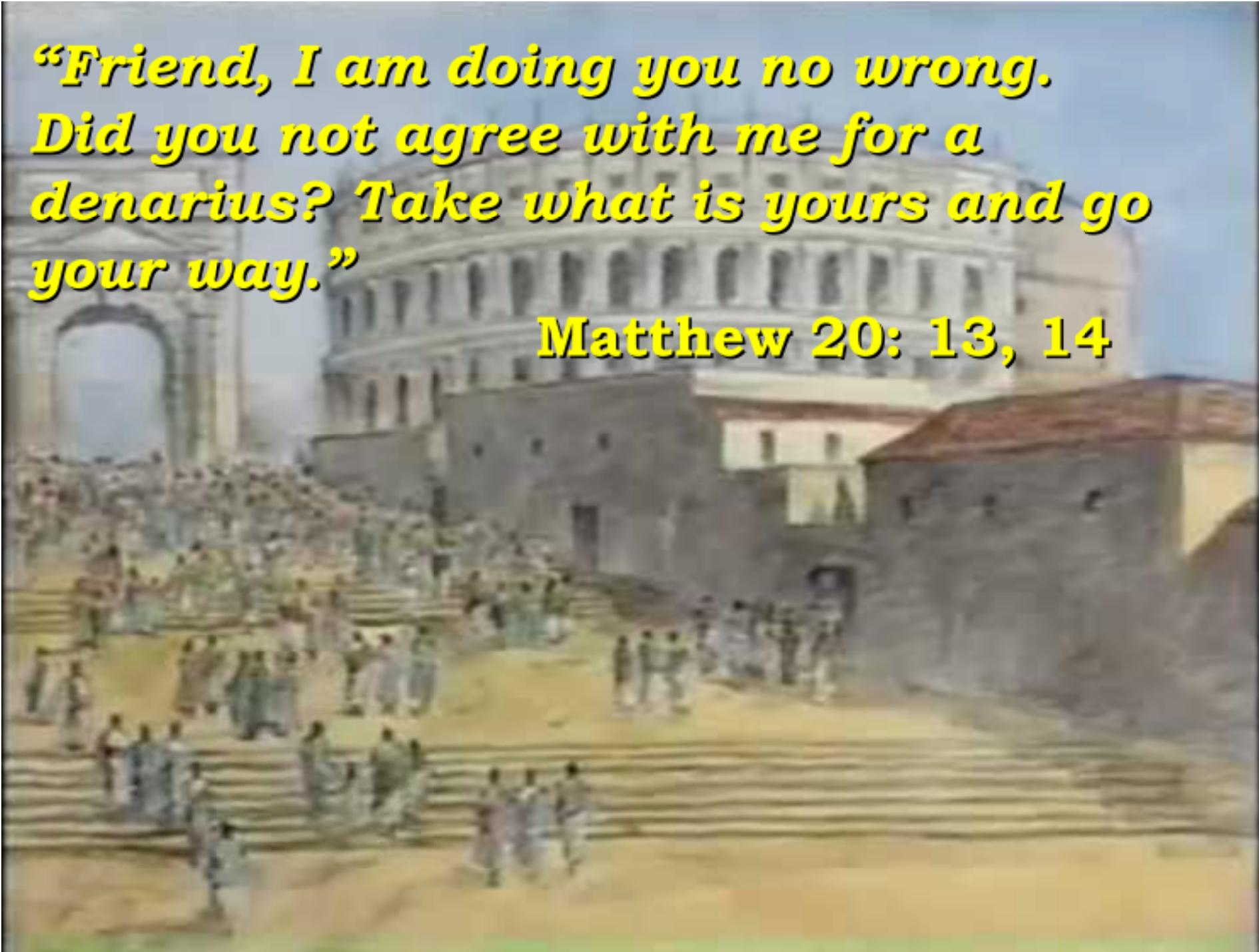
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