

Tell Your Story!

“Journey to Jerusalem”

Text: Matthew 20:18 *Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, ¹⁹ And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again.*

Introduction: Annually Jews from regions afar off would come up to Jerusalem to purify themselves for the Passover Feast by way of Jericho. **Their testimonies of Jesus raising the dead, healing, delivering and feeding 5000 would constantly fill the air. But, the disciples knew that Jesus was walking to His death.**

The journey from Jericho to Jerusalem is an arduous trip of 18 miles (29 km.). From an elevation of 800 feet (250 m.) below sea level to the summit of the Mount of Olives at 3,000 feet (940 m.) above sea level, Jesus and the other pilgrims would have climbed nearly 4,000 feet (1,250 m.) in the day's journey.

Your testimony inspires radical faith!

Mark 10:46 *And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. ⁴⁸ And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. ⁴⁹ And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. ⁵⁰ And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. ⁵² And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.*

Knowledge of the time inspires sacrifice!

John 12:1 *Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. ² There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. ³ Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.*

Mark 14:3 *And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head. ⁴ And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? ⁵ For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her. ⁶ And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. ⁷ For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. ⁸ She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. ⁹ Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her. ¹⁰ And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray him unto them. ¹¹ And when they heard it, they were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.*

Testimonies:

Worship God through your first-fruits, tithes, and offering to Blessings (Food ministry)

Mina is 3 months wages - Luke 19:1 *And when Yeshua entered and passed through Jericho,---11 And as they heard these things, he added to speak a parable because he was nearing Jerusalem, and they were expecting in that same hour that the Kingdom of God was going to be revealed. 12 And he said, "A certain man, a son of great descent, went to a distant region to receive a Kingdom and to return." 13 And he called his ten servants and he gave them ten minas and he said to them, "Invest in trading until I come." 14 But the citizens of the city hated him and they sent envoys after him and they were saying, "We do not want this man to reign over us." 15 And when he had received the Kingdom and returned, he said to summon to him his servants to whom he had given money that he may know what everyone of them had traded. 16 The first came and he said, "My Lord, your mina has gained ten minas." 17 He said to him, "Excellent, good servant! Because you are found faithful with a little, you shall be a ruler over ten fortress cities." 18 The second came and he said, "My Lord, your mina has gained five minas." 19 He said also to this one, "You also shall be ruler over five fortress cities." 20 Another came and he said, "My lord, behold, that mina, which I had is now laid in fine linen." 21 "For I was afraid of you, for you are a hard man, for you take up that which you have not laid down and you reap the thing which you have not sown." 22 He said to him, "I will judge you from your own mouth, you evil servant, for you had known me that I am a hard man, and I take up the thing that I have not laid down, and I reap the thing that I have not sown. 23 Why did you not put my money upon the exchange and I would have come to seek it with its interest?" 24 And he said to those who stood before him, "Take from him the mina and give to him who has ten minas with him." 25 And they were saying to him, "Our Lord, he has ten minas." 26 He said to them, "I tell you that everyone who has it, it shall be given him, and from him who does not have it, even that which he has shall be taken from him." 27 "However, those my enemies, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them and kill them in front of me." - Peshitta Holy Bible translation from the Aramaic Language*