

A PROPHETIC UTTERANCE

He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had **no beauty or majesty** to attract us to him, **nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.**

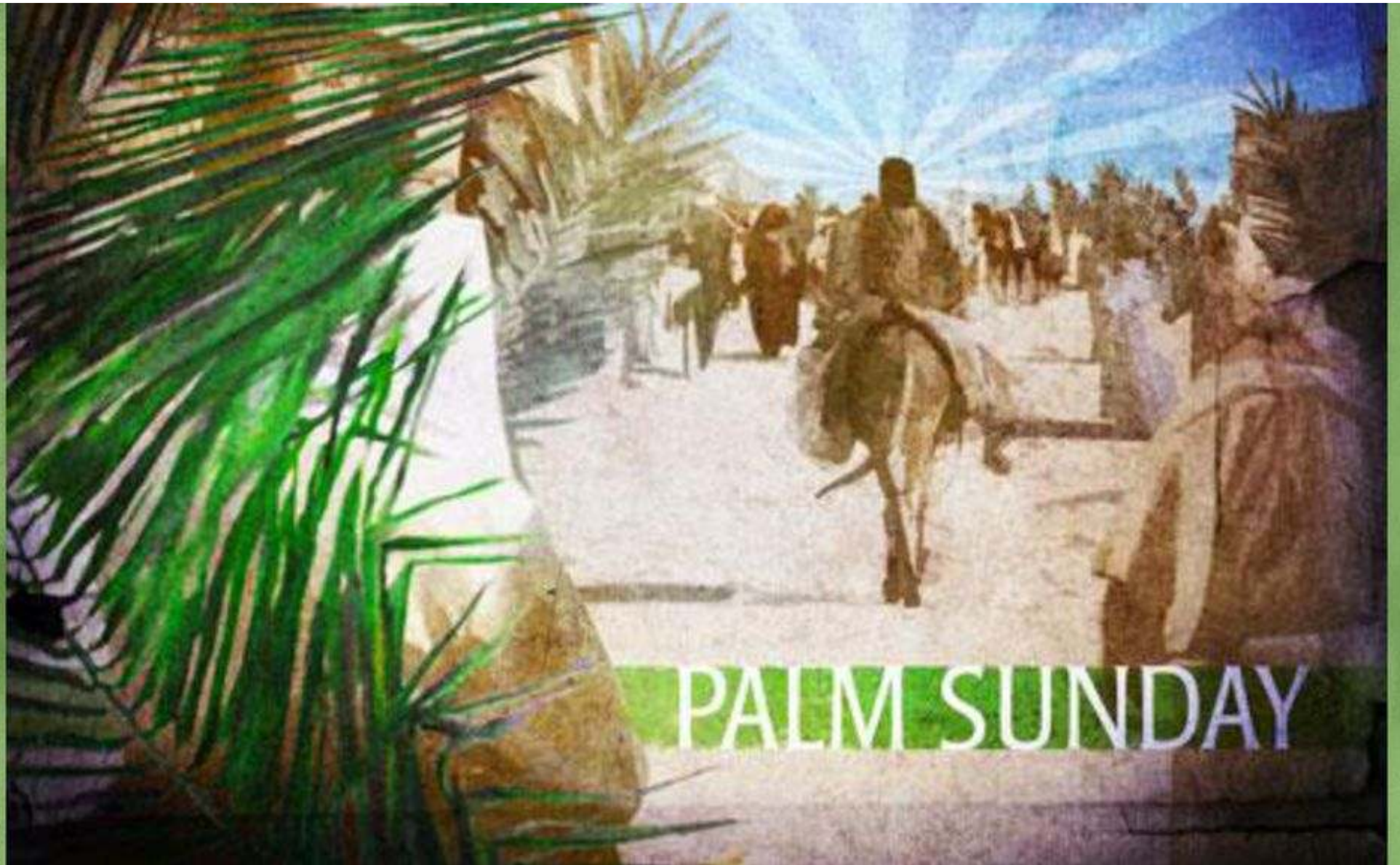
Isaiah 53:2

From a physical standpoint he would have been plain or common

While he was ordinary in appearance, he was not an ordinary person



I SAW JESUS



PALM SUNDAY

IT'S A POWERFUL PICTURE

Prophecy is being fulfilled

**People are chanting the name
of Jesus**

They are singing his praise

**They are calling on him to be
their king**



BUT IT DID NOT LAST

A week later we arrive at another powerful image

Again, prophecy is being fulfilled

They are still chanting the name of Jesus

They are asking for the release of Barabbas.



A VISION OF POWER

In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

v. 16

Seven Stars in his right hand

A Sword from his mouth

His face shining like the sun

JESUS
THE POWERFUL
ONE

JESUS THE POWERFUL ONE

The Seven Stars in His Right Hand

The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The **seven stars are the angels of the seven churches**, and **the seven lampstands are the seven churches**.

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JESUS THE POWERFUL ONE

The Seven Stars in His Right Hand

Angel means messenger

Angel is also what we call those beings in heaven

These stars either represent a "guardian angel" over each church or they represent the one tasked to deliver the message to each church.

Since the lampstands represent a physical presence, I personally go with the stars doing the same

JESUS THE POWERFUL ONE

The “Messengers” to the Church

So, Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13

JESUS THE POWERFUL ONE

The “Messengers” to the Church

They are in the hand Jesus

Specifically, they are in his right hand with is the hand of authority

Whoever steps into one of these roles should not do so lightly

JESUS THE POWERFUL ONE

The “Messengers” to the Church

You should always remember you do so under the guidance and authority of Jesus

This is his story not ours

This is his church not ours

This is his message

He walks amongst the lampstands and holds the messengers (They belong to Him)

JESUS THE POWERFUL ONE

The Sword from His Mouth

We need to remember Jesus is not holding the sword

That's because Jesus is the source of the message

Jesus is THE WORD of God (John 1)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

JESUS THE POWERFUL ONE

The Sword from His Mouth

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints, and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

JESUS THE POWERFUL ONE

The Sword from His Mouth

It's a powerful message

It penetrates to the point of dividing soul and spirit

It gets to the joints and marrow (Cut to and into the bone)

It will judge thoughts and attitude of the heart

This sword will leave no part of you unprobed

It will search every corner of your life

JESUS THE POWERFUL ONE

A Message that will bring Conflict

“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn “a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

Matthew 10:34-36

JESUS THE POWERFUL ONE

A Message that will bring Conflict

Like it or not eventually this message of Jesus is going to not just impact you but the relationships around you

Following Christ is never going to be an easy does it path

You may even have a moment in your life where your most trusted relationships are challenge

And you may have a moment when a bitter enemy will need to forgiven



THAT'S THE MESSAGE!
but remember whose message it is?

JESUS THE POWERFUL ONE

Facing Shinning Like the Sun

But, he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”

Exodus 33:20

The sun is the brightest and most power object in our solar system

When John attempted to stare at the image before him it said he fell like a dead man

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

JESUS THE POWERFUL ONE

The Light of Eternity

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.

Revelation 22:22-24

WHEN YOU SEE JESUS

**You see
The Power
to Save**

