

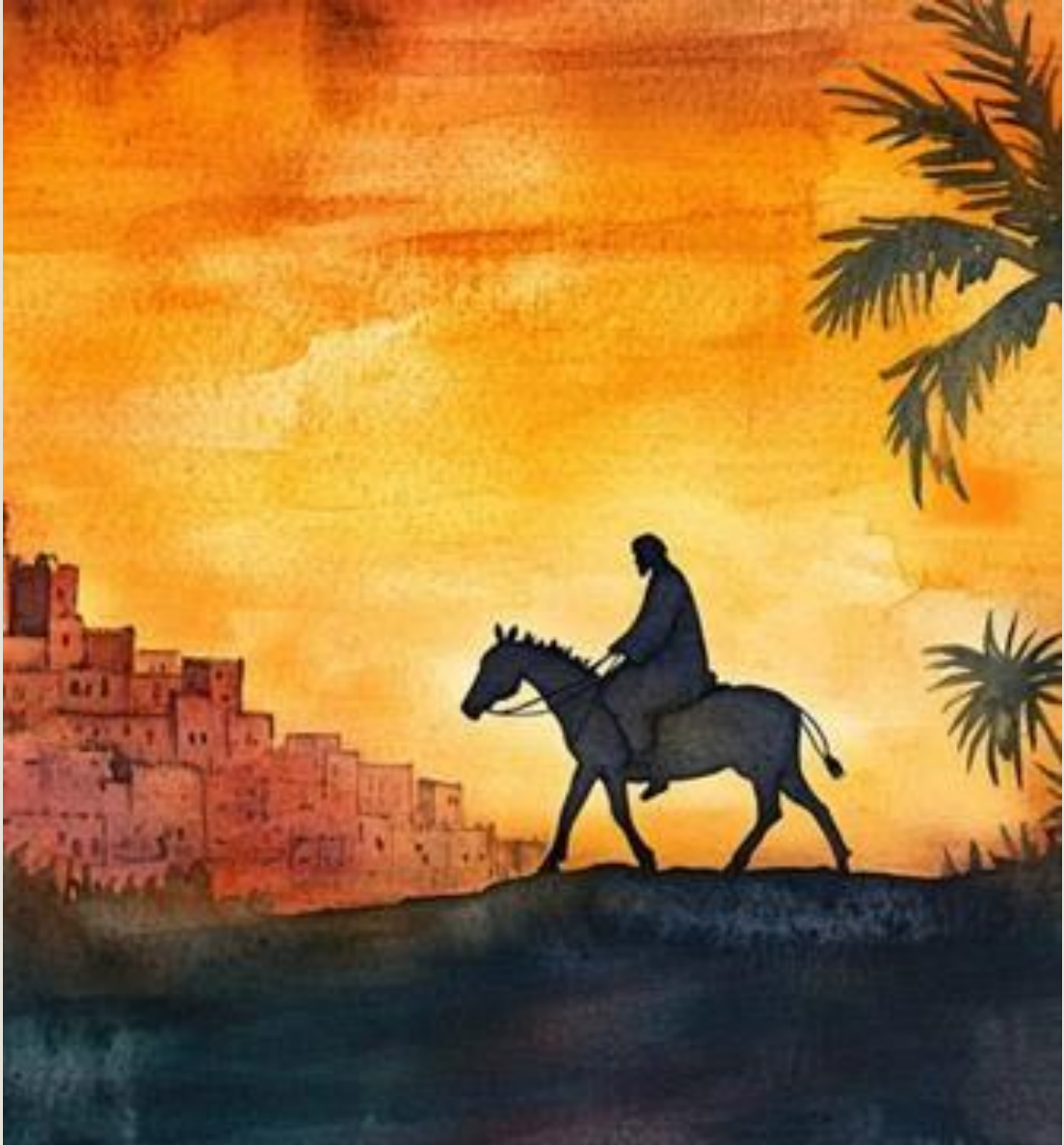
ECCLESIASTES WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

“The Colt of Justice”





The Bible On JUSTICE



God is Just

Deuteronomy 32:4

**God's Justice Is
Meted Out With His
Mercy**

*Genesis 3, Isaiah 53,
Romans 3*

**God's People are to
Live Justly**



The biblical conception of God depicts him as one who is just or righteous, and who as such remains faithful to the demands of a relationship with human beings that is divinely established and constitutive of human well-being. God's justice may be expressed in deeds that liberate the weak and vulnerable from bondage, as well as in judgment on the unfaithfulness of the people; yet both expressions reflect God's role as Lord of a covenant relationship. Correspondingly, the justice of human activity is measured by its faithfulness to the covenanting God, who may be identified in creation and history, in the Law and the Prophets, and ultimately for Christians, in the story of Jesus Christ.

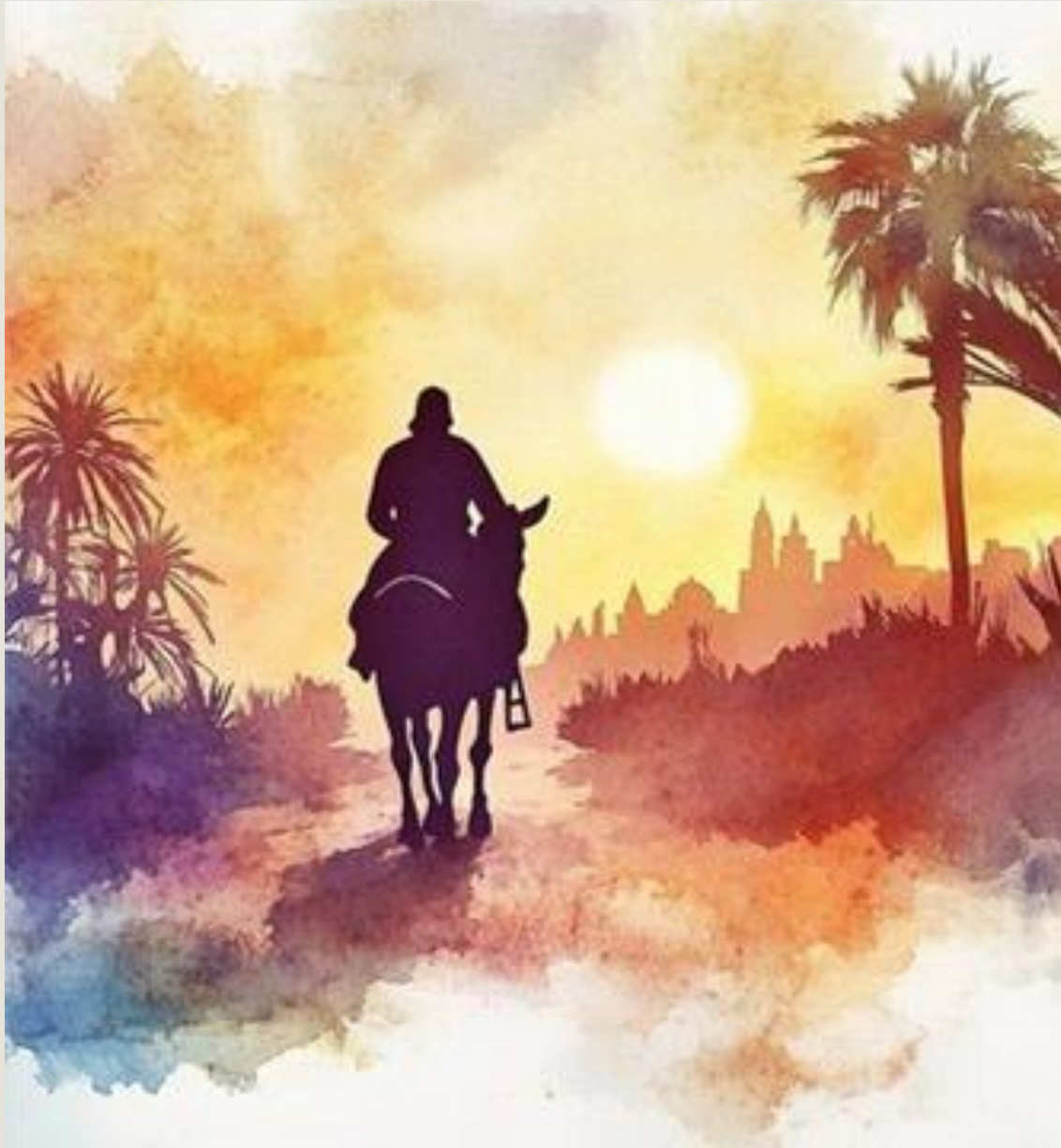


Retributive Justice

Focuses on punishment, proportional restitution, creating order, and preventing disproportionate punishments

Restorative Justice

Focuses on healing, relationship, and reconciliation, ultimately seen in the mercy and grace, and work of the cross



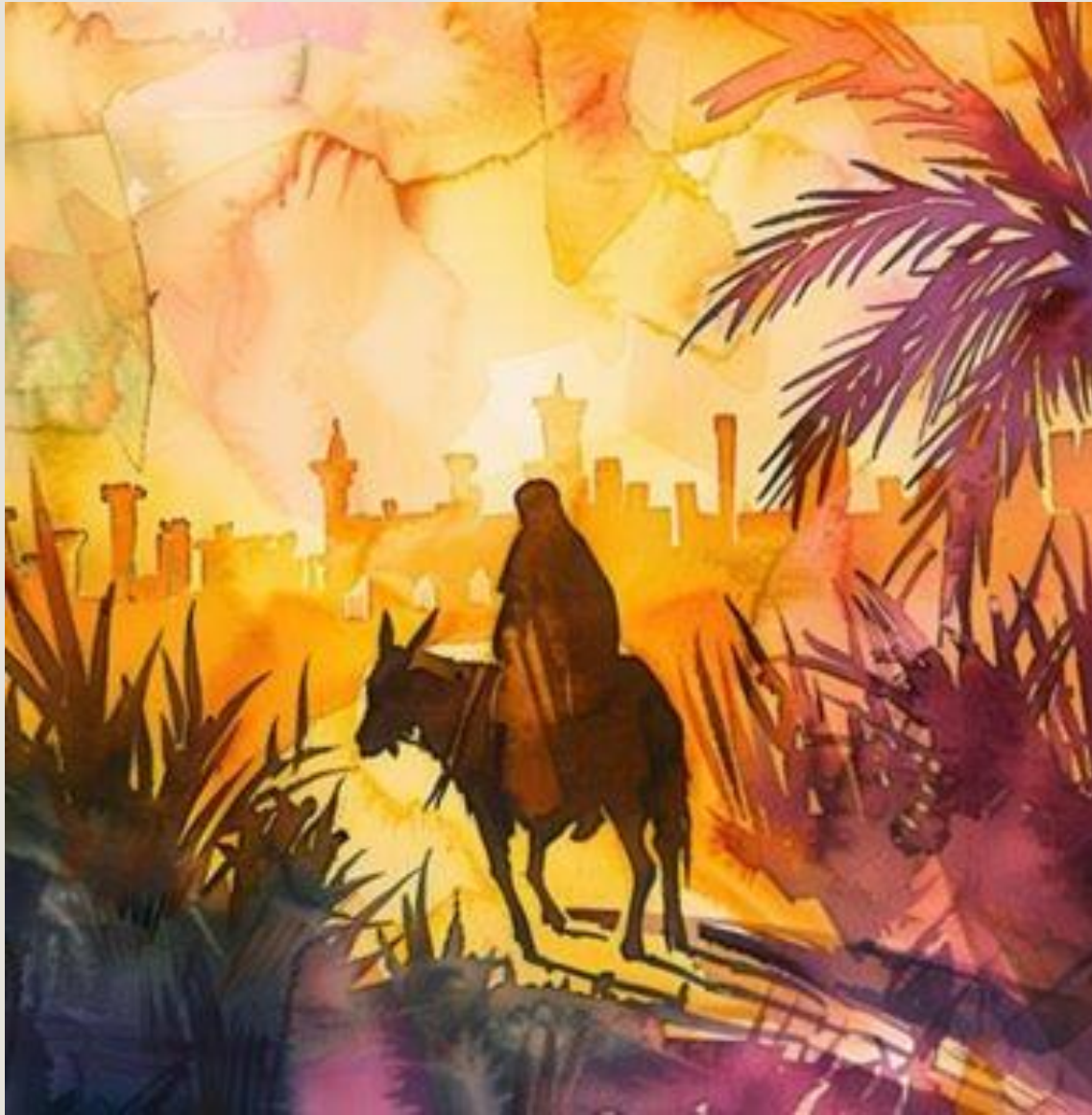
The Justice of God is Both And.

***Through the sacrifice of
Christ He reaches out with
mercy to bring restoration.***

***The day is also coming that
He will set all things right,
and all will give an account.***



Ecclesiastes ON JUSTICE



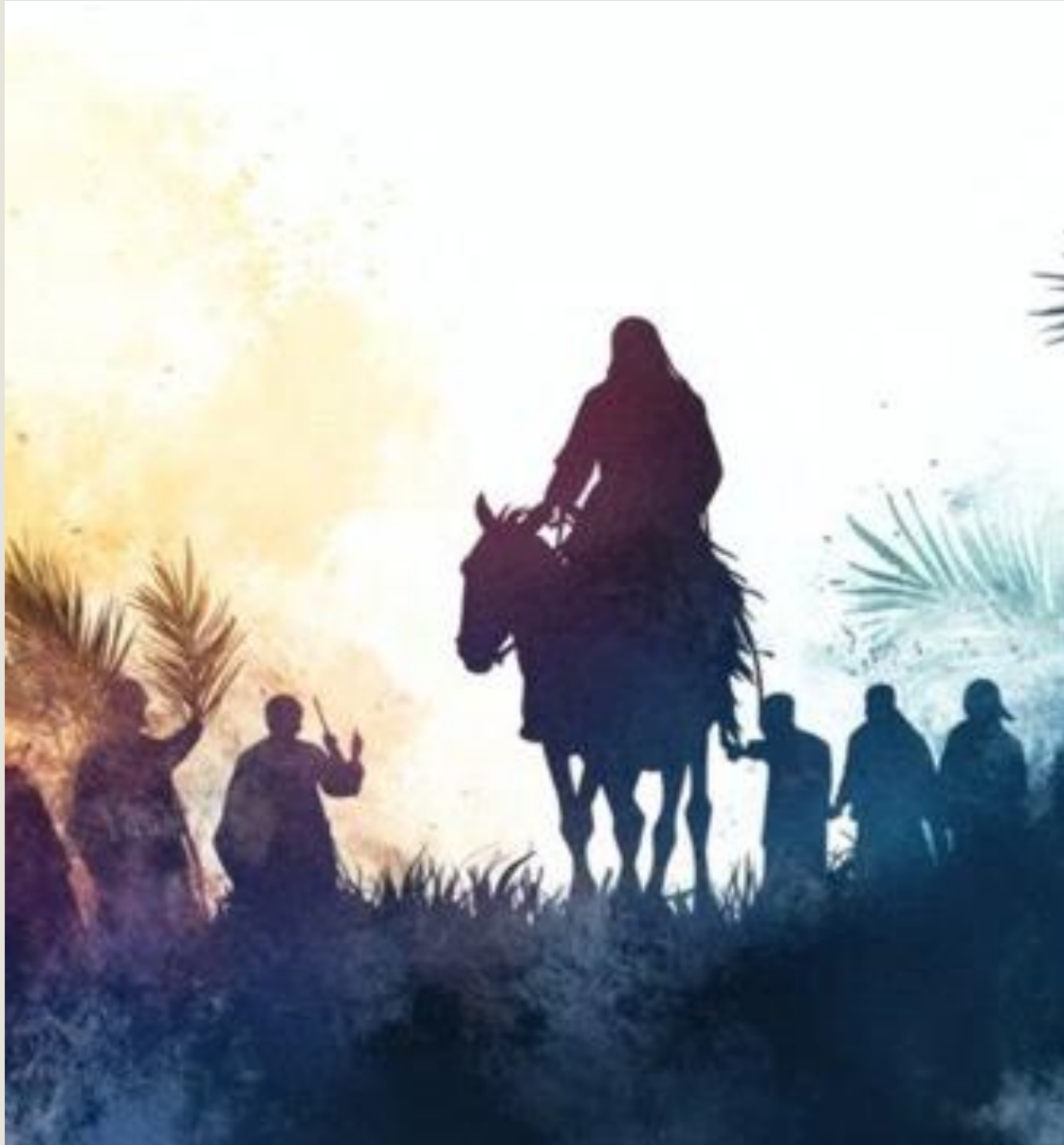
SOLOMON'S STRUGGLE WITH INJUSTICE

Ecclesiastes 3:16

Ecclesiastes 4:1

Ecclesiastes 5:8

Ecclesiastes 8:14



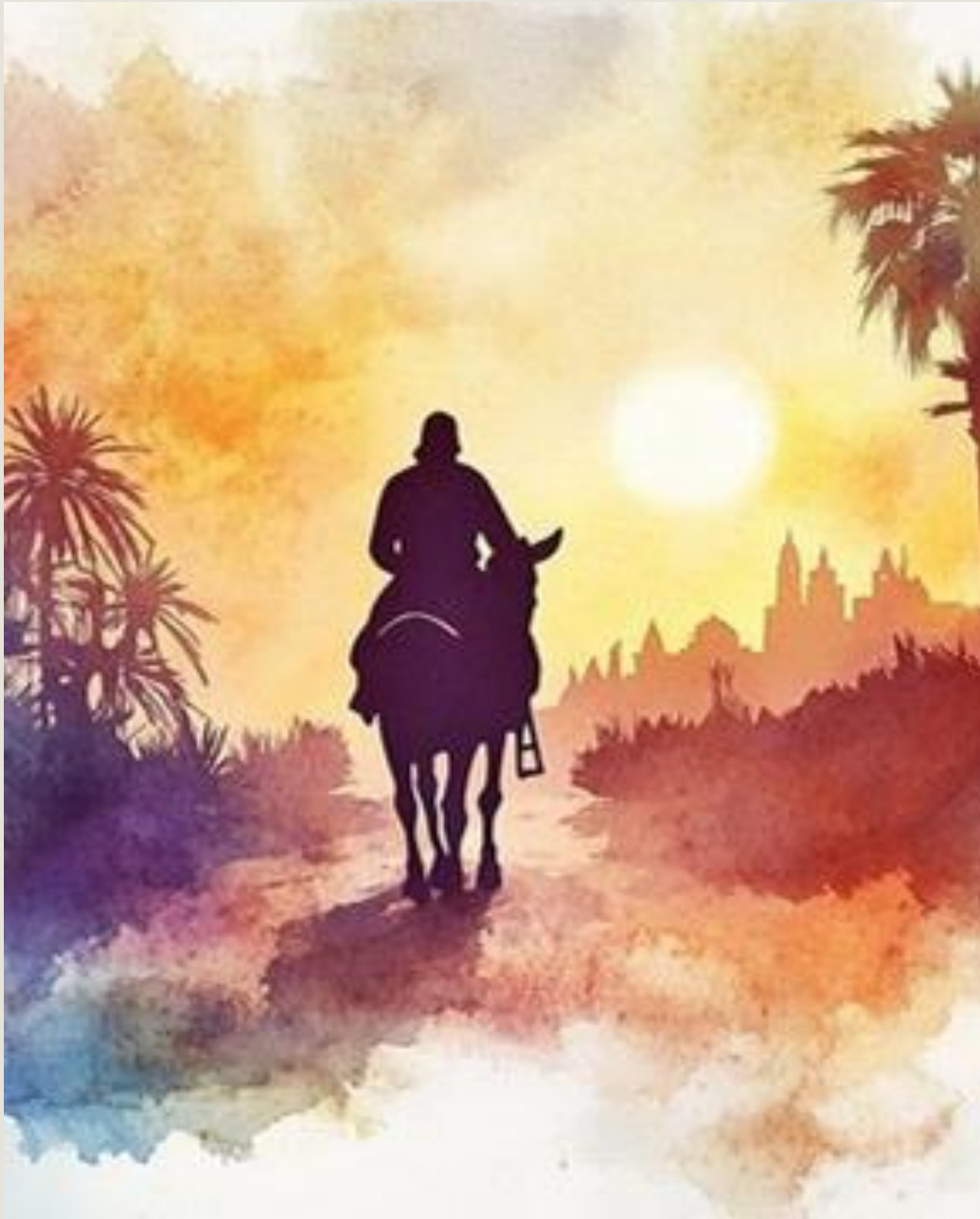
INJUSTICE IS NOT REMEDIED BY GOVERNMENT

If you see the extortion of the poor,
or the perversion of justice and
fairness in the government,
do not be astonished by the matter.
For the high official is watched by a
higher official,
and there are higher ones over
them! Ecclesiastes 5:8

THE SCALES OF JUSTICE ARE NOT BALANCED BY THE DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH

Money does not satisfy, multiplies worry, cannot go with you into death, isolates the hoarder, is easily lost, is never fully enjoyed
Ecclesiastes 5:10-6:9

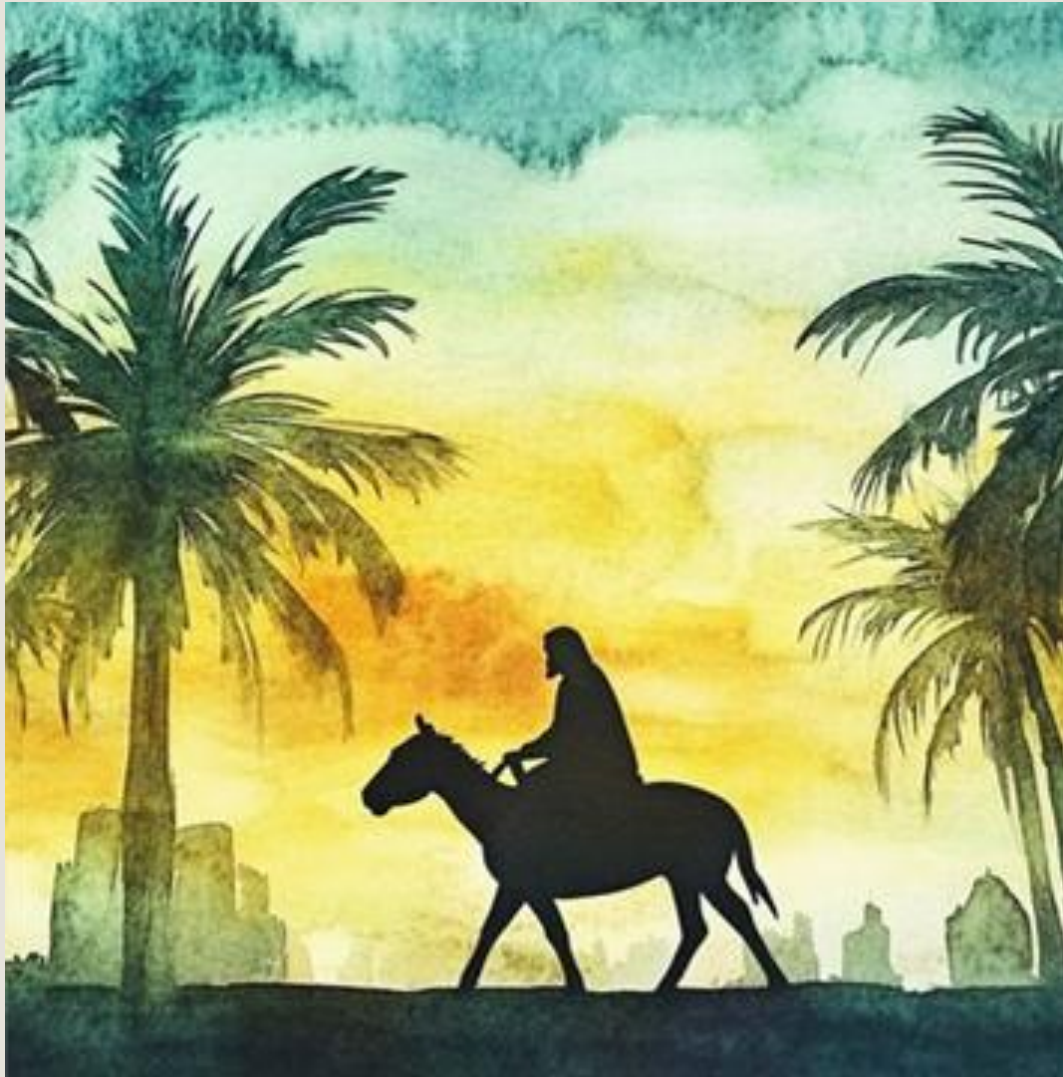




“The true meaning of a good life is found in the hope for God’s judgment that will destroy evil and bring justice. This hope fuels a life of honesty and integrity, despite life’s mysteries.”



JUSTICE
On a Donkey



LUKE

General Chronology

Organized by Geography

*Uses the Sayings of
Jesus to Amplify the
Narrative*



The Triumphant Entry

Luke 19:37-38

As he approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen: "*Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!*"



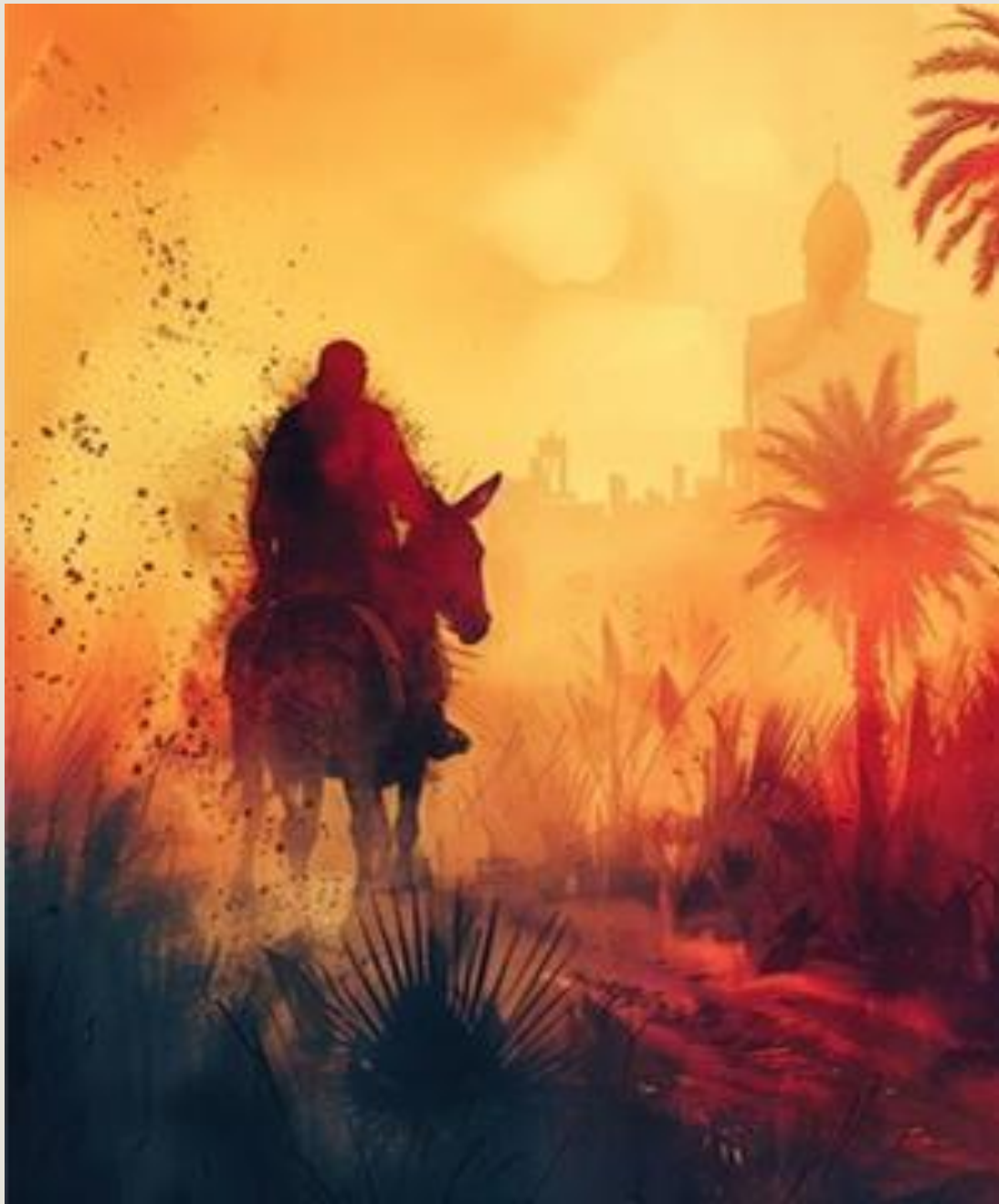
**Solomon Observed the
Oppression of the Government:
Jesus Wept Over Jerusalem**

**Solomon Observed the
Oppression of Money:
Jesus overturned the Tables**

**Solomon Observed That Living in
Recognition of what Had Been
Given Seemed to Be the Only
Solution:
Jesus Gives the Parable of the Minas**



JUSTICE
Does Not Fall
Short



ZACCHAEUS

But Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, half of my possessions I now give to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone of anything, I am paying back four times as much!” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this household, because he too is a son of Abraham! For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Luke 19:8-9



“This entry into Jerusalem has been termed the *triumph* of Christ. It was indeed the triumph of *humility* over *pride* and worldly grandeur; of *poverty* over *affluence*; and of *meeekness* and *gentleness* over *rage* and *malice*.”

-Clarke



Mercy Triumphs Over Judgement

*Having heard everything, I have reached this conclusion:
Fear God and keep his commandments, because this is the whole duty of man.*

For God will evaluate every deed, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.