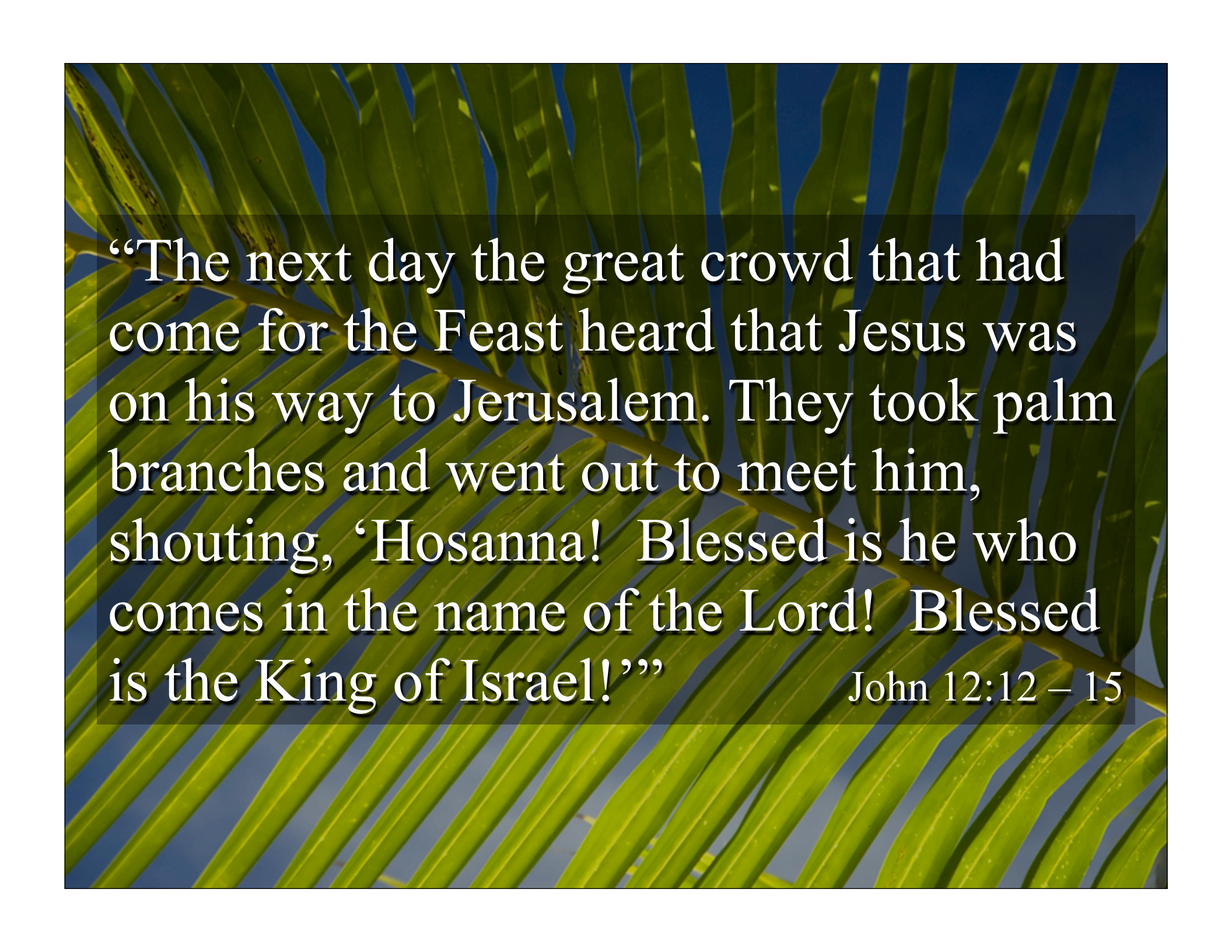


A close-up photograph of a palm frond, showing the intricate details of the green, elongated leaflets. The frond is set against a clear, bright blue sky. The lighting is natural, highlighting the texture and color of the leaves.

# Palm Sunday

John 12:1 - 19





“The next day the great crowd that had come for the Feast heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!’”

John 12:12 – 15





What happened?

“GREAT crowd that  
had come for the Feast”

**200,000 LAMBS**  
**= 2.4 MILLION**

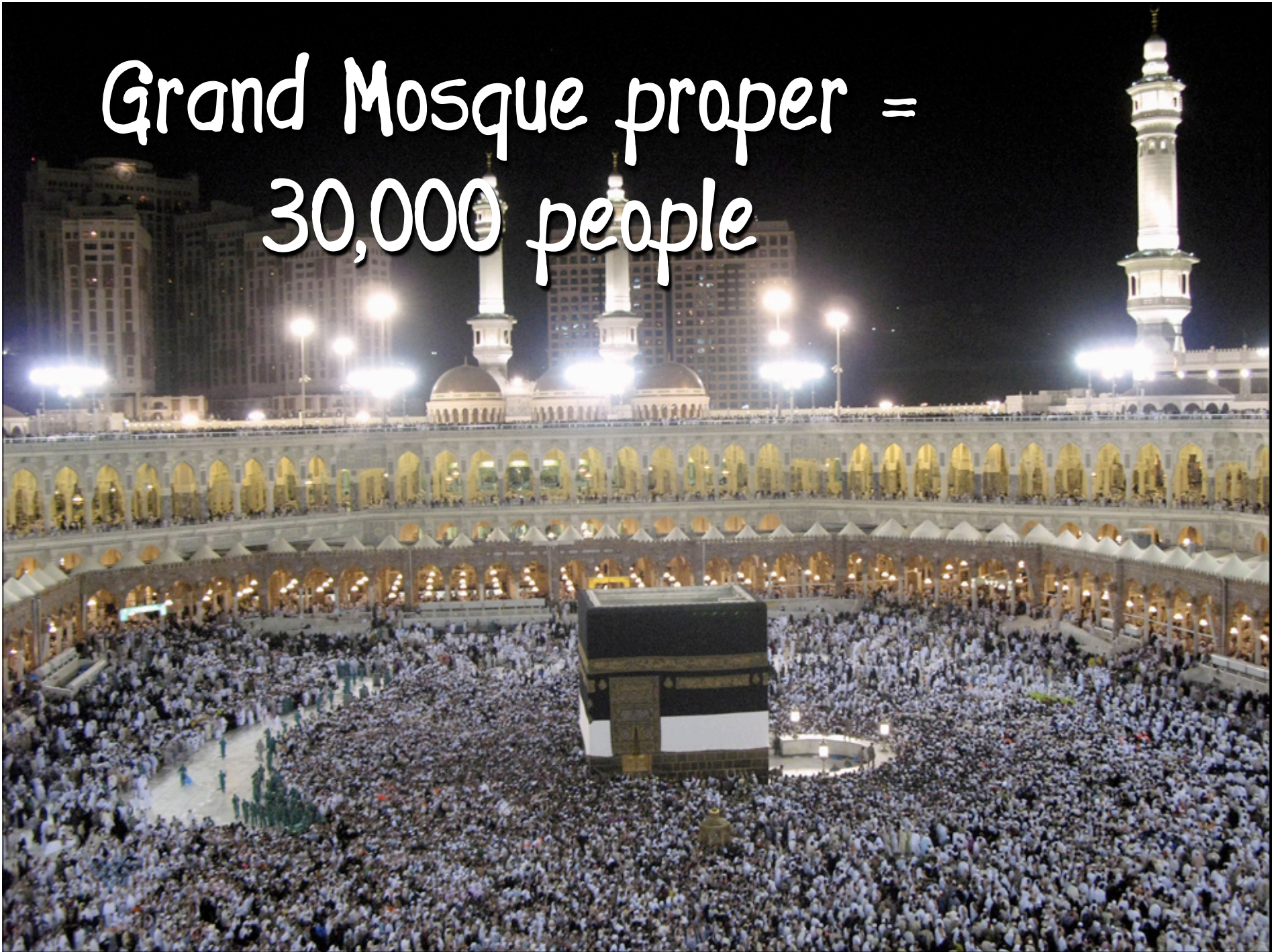


# The Hajj - Mecca

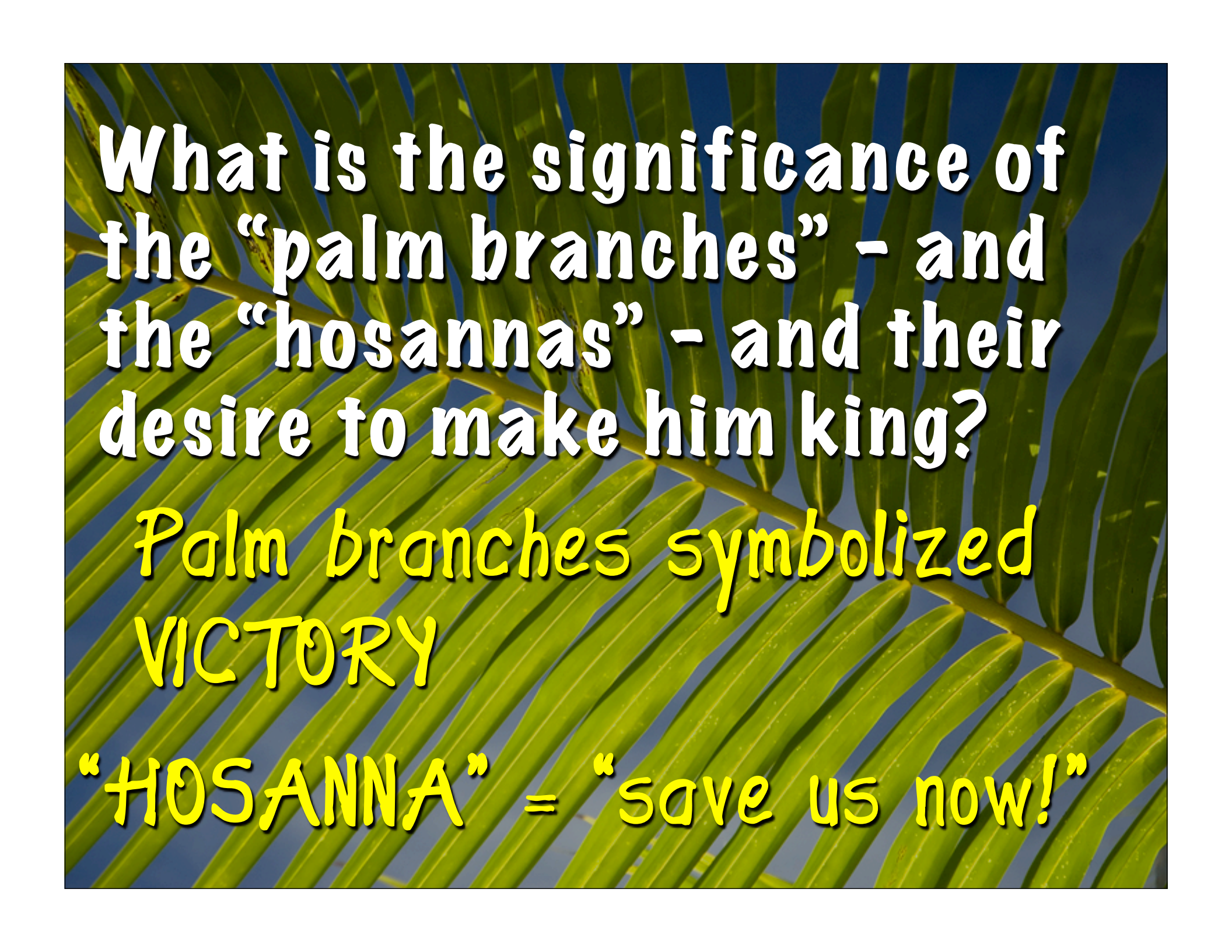




Grand Mosque proper =  
30,000 people







What is the significance of the “palm branches” - and the “hosannas” - and their desire to make him king?

Palm branches symbolized  
VICTORY

“HOSANNA” = “save us now!”

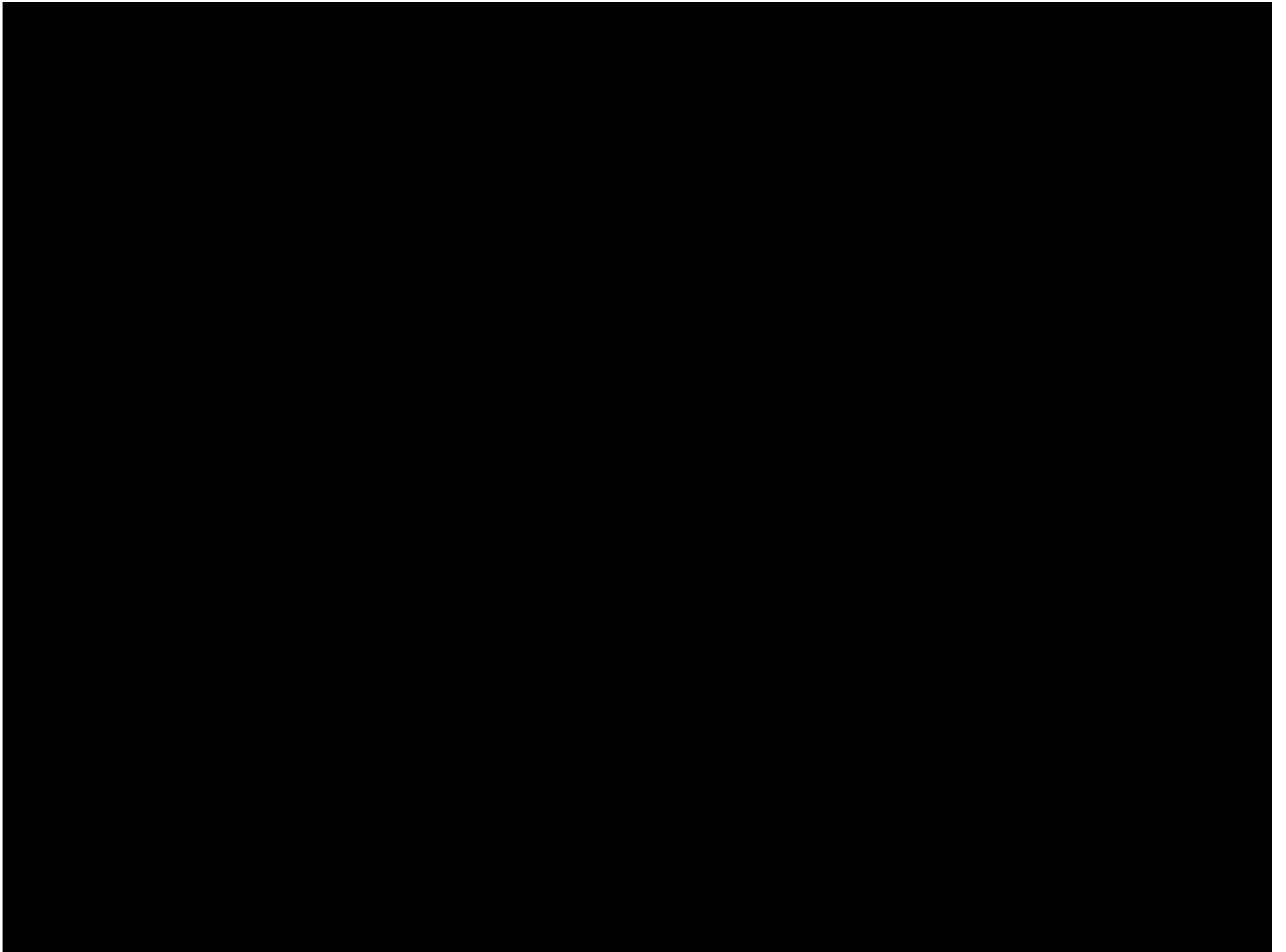


*The scene passes at the front gate of the temple. A conqueror with his train appears before it; he demands admittance to return thanks for his deliverance and final success, in an expedition of great difficulty and danger.*

Bishop Samuel Horsley's  
commentary on Psalm 118











Antiochus Epiphanes  
("the visible god")

"EpíManes" = "the madman"

Judas Maccabeus





“Hosanna! Blessed is he who  
comes in the name of the LORD!”



“Blessed is the  
King of Israel!”



“Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves.”

Matthew 21:12







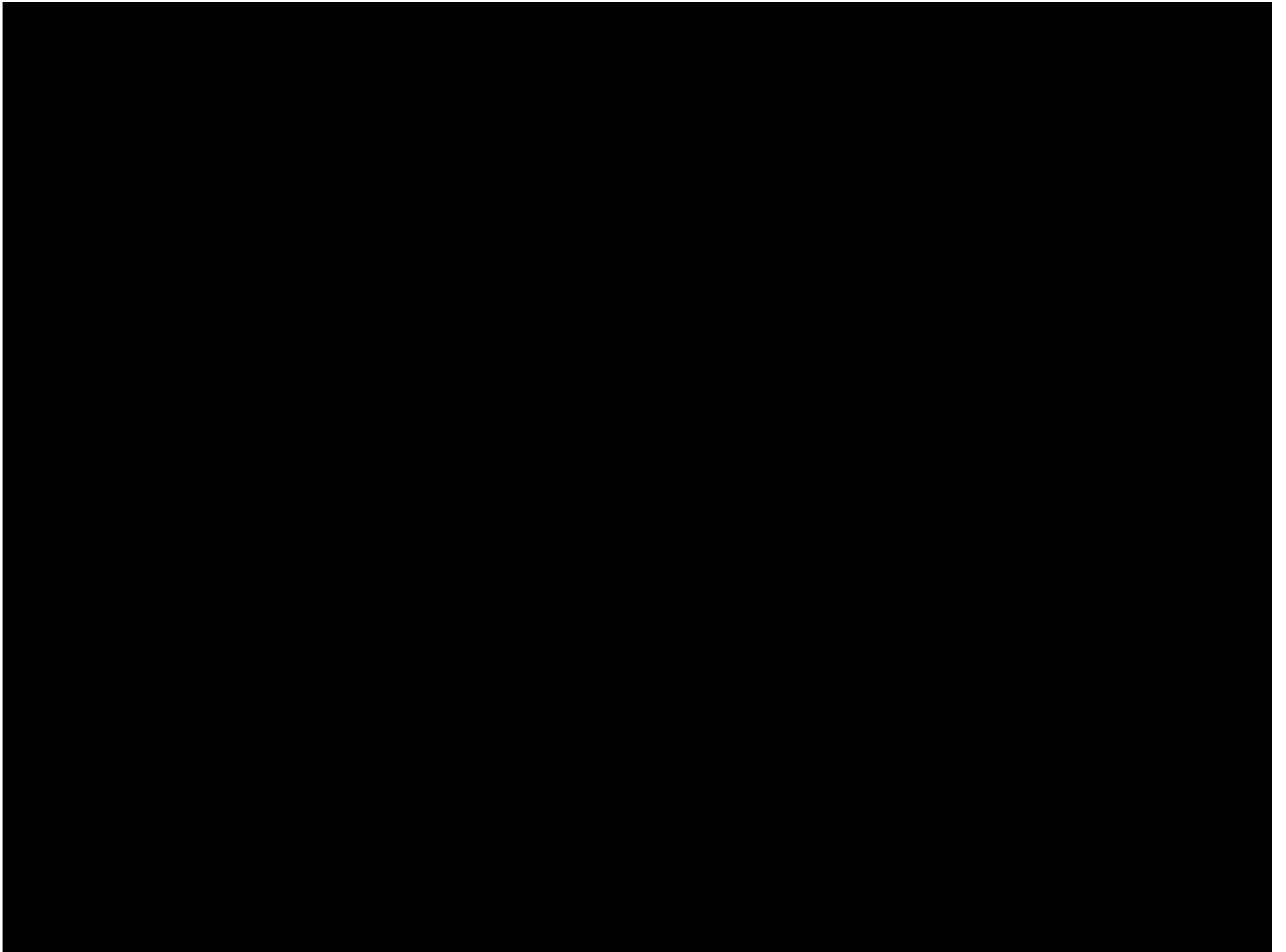
Roman Coins with the  
likeness of the Emperor



Jewish Temple Coins  
with palm branches engraved on them



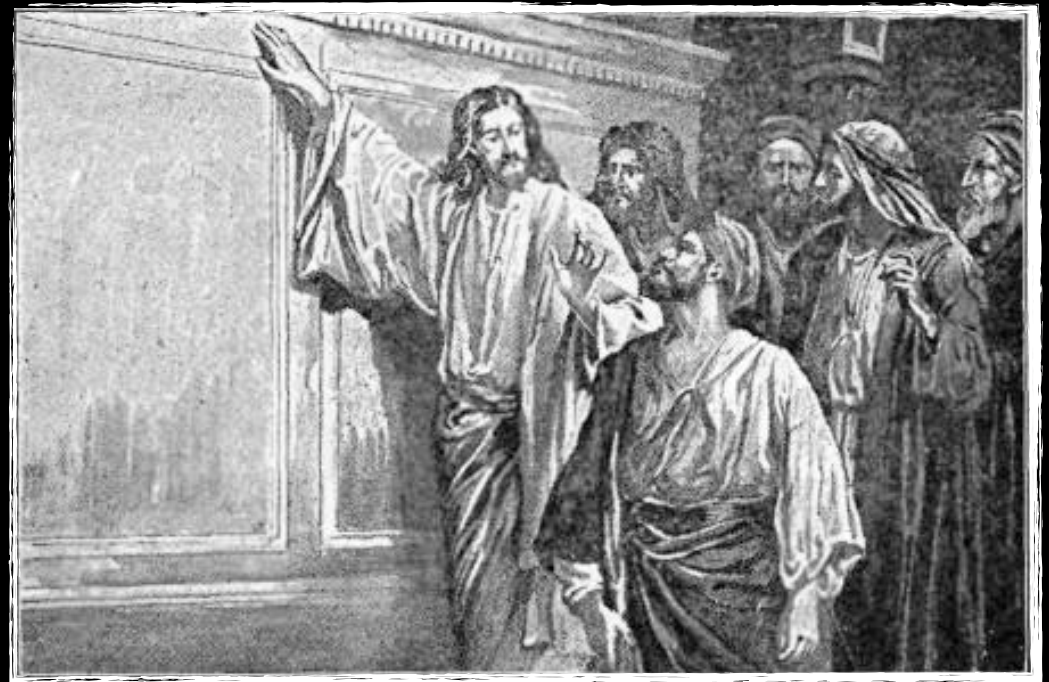






“Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings.

‘Do you see all these things?’ he asked. ‘I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on



another; every one will be thrown down.’”

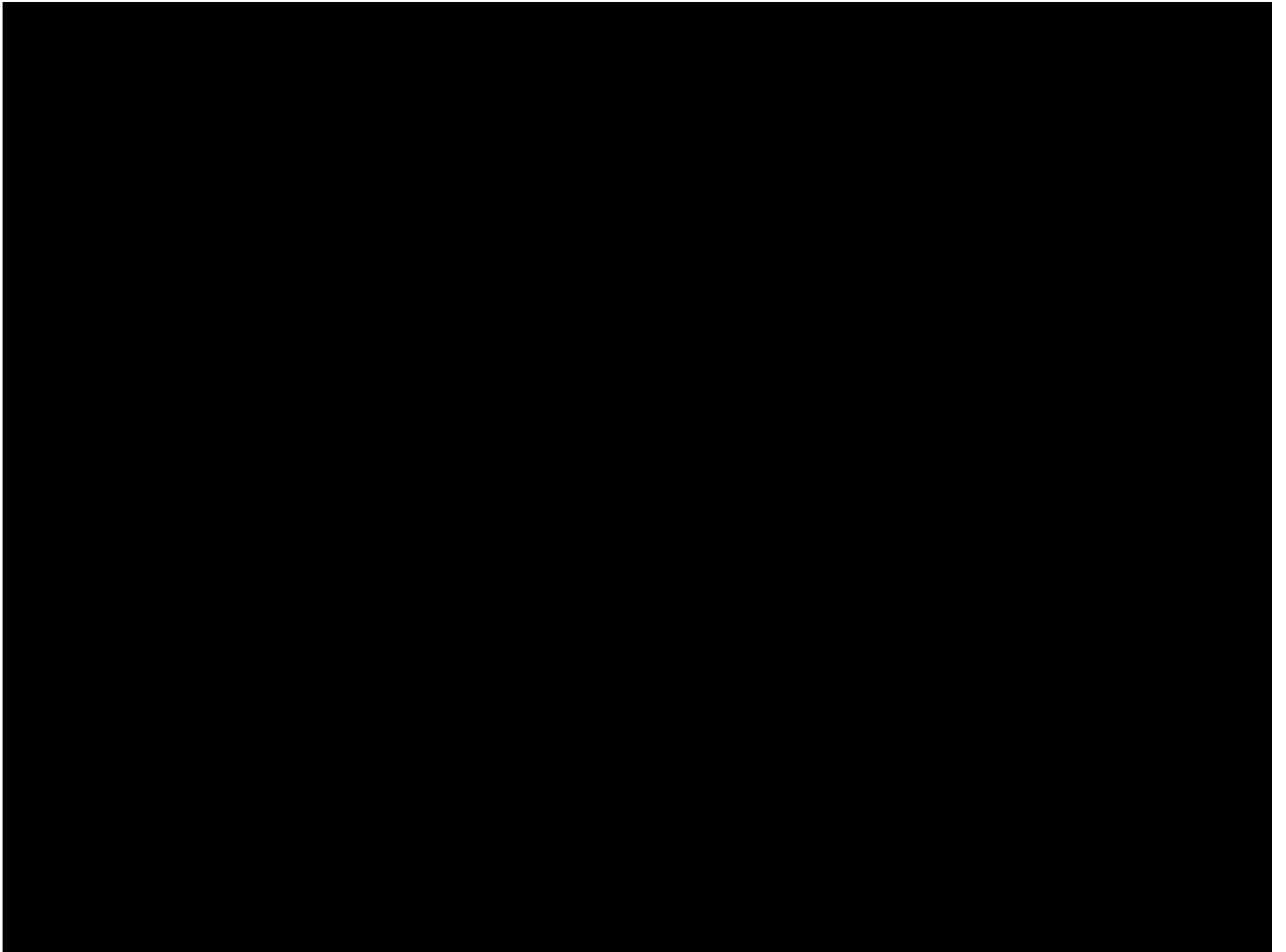
Matthew 24:1 & 2



“While Jesus was in Bethany... a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very *expensive perfume*, which she poured on his head as he was reclining at the table. When the disciples saw this, *they were indignant.*”



Matthew 26: 6 - 8





“Then one of the Twelve — the one called Judas Iscariot — went to the chief priests and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?”

Matthew 26:14







“Crucify him!”

“We have no king but Caesar!”



# lessons to be learned

#1 – Don't  
try to put  
Jesus into a  
box





# lessons to be learned

<sup>1</sup> It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus *knew* that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father . . . <sup>3</sup> Jesus *knew* that the Father had put all things under his power, *and that* he had come from God and was returning to God; <sup>4</sup> *so* he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

John 13:1 - 4









“I am the Lord your God . . . You shall have no other gods before me.”

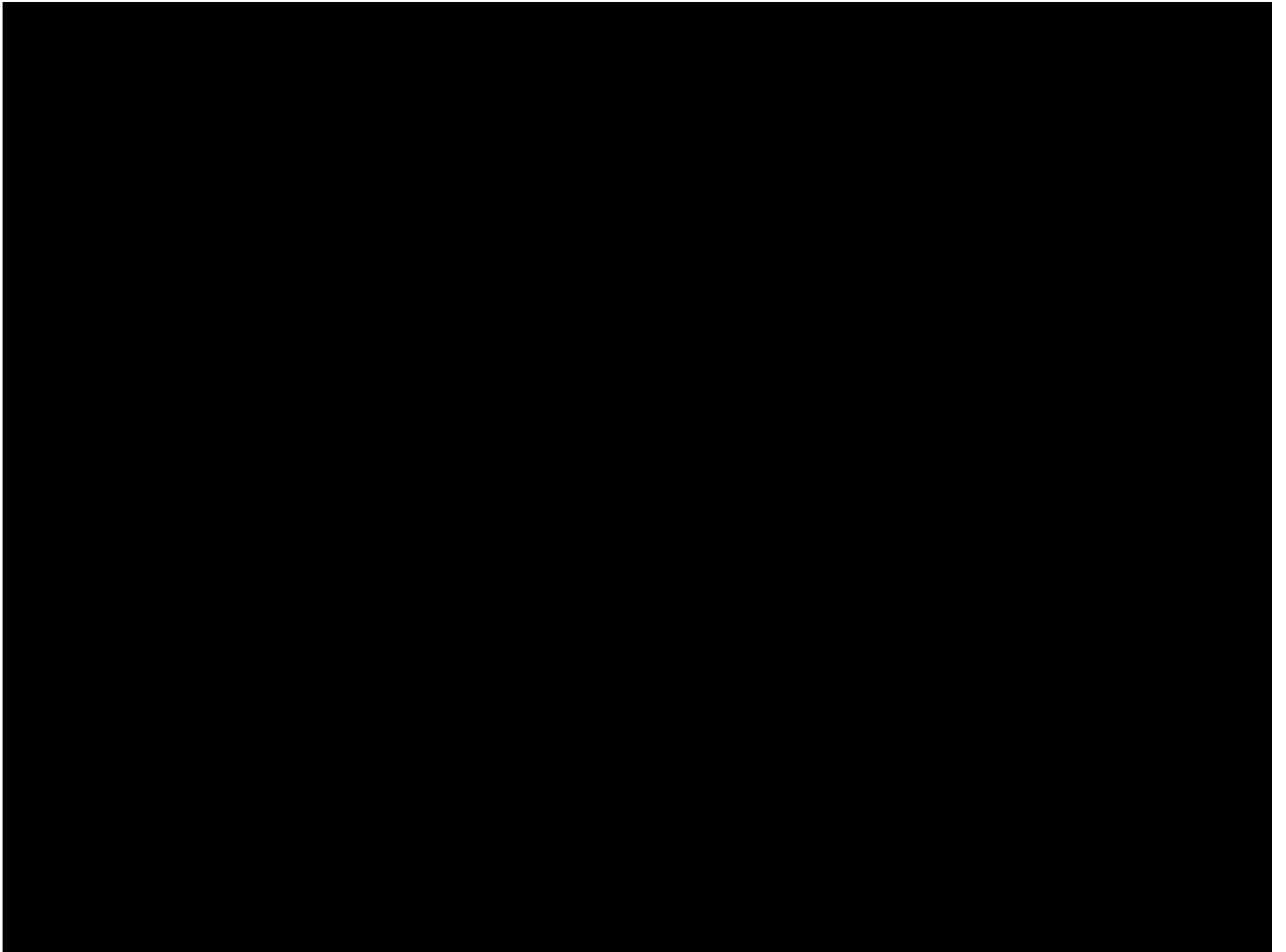
Exodus 20: 2 & 3



# lessons to be learned

#2 – Don't  
look for a  
political savior  
look for the  
Promised One

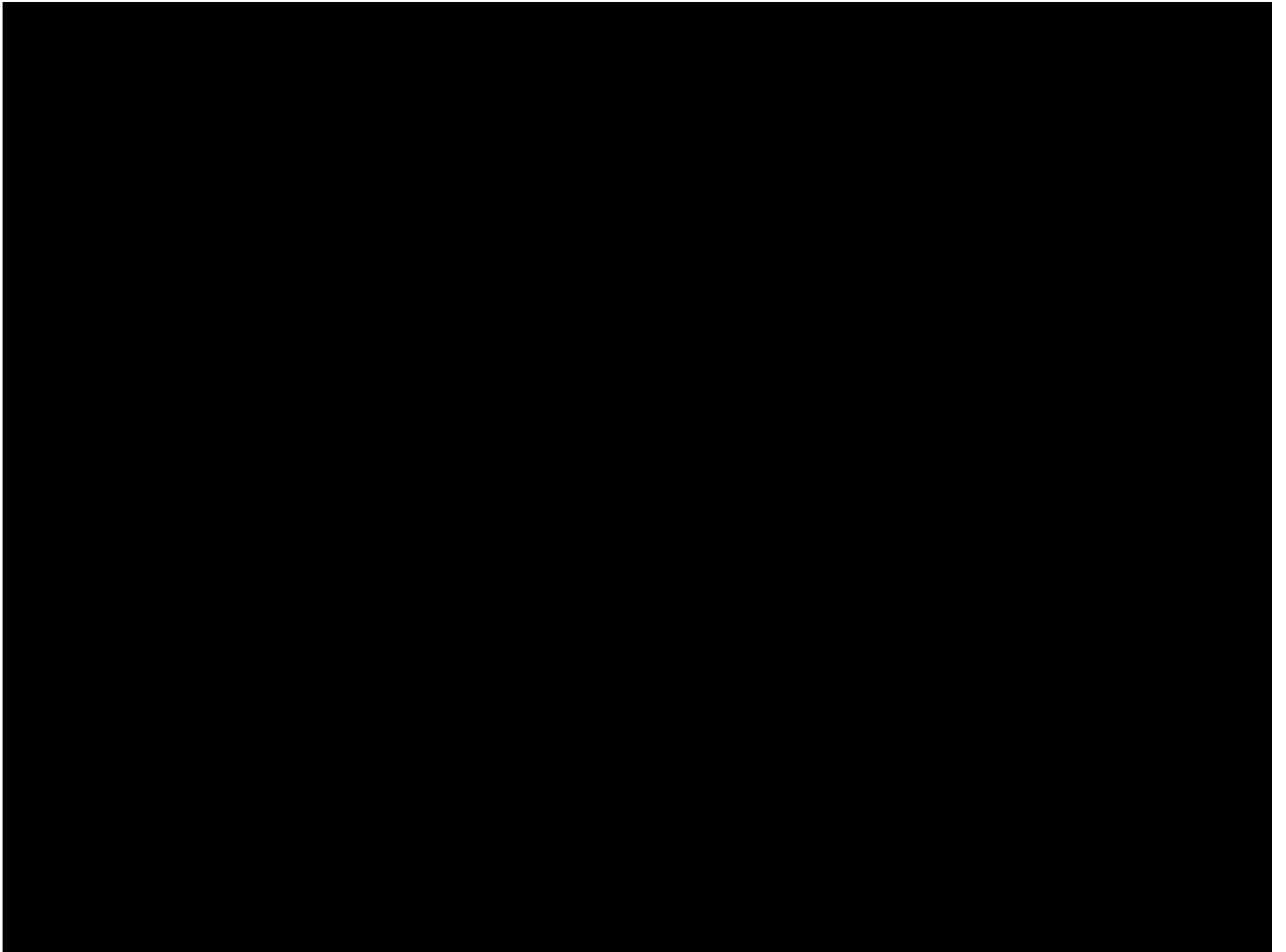






Politics is no savior – and if politics were our savior, we now see what a tawdry, dishonest, skulking, mendacious savior it is. It is a lifeguard who cannot swim. It is a contagious and disease-ridden surgeon. It is an accountant who can't count. It is a carpenter who doesn't believe in nails. This is government of the ninny-hammers, by the ninny-hammers, for the ninny-hammers. But for those who worship man, this is the way it has to be.







Psalm 118:8 & 9

<sup>8</sup> It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.

<sup>9</sup> It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

