

# Happiness & Hedonism

## - Fullness of Joy in the Presence of God

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to be a HEDONIST is to  
seek pleasure  
&  
avoid pain

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PLEASURE, NOW AND  
FOREVER





01

# INSECURITY

Psalm 16:1-2

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Protect me, O God, for I have taken shelter in you.

I say to the LORD, “You are the Lord, my only source of well-being.”



02

## SPIRITUAL BETRAYAL

Psalm 16:3-4

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As for God's chosen people who are in the land,  
and the leading officials I admired so much

– their troubles multiply; they desire other gods.  
I will not pour out drink offerings of blood to their  
gods, nor will I make vows in the name of their  
gods.



03

SAFETY IN GOD

Psalm 16:5-8

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LORD, you give me stability and prosperity, you make my future secure.

It is as if I have been given fertile fields or received a beautiful tract of land.

I will praise the LORD who guides me; yes, during the night I reflect and learn.

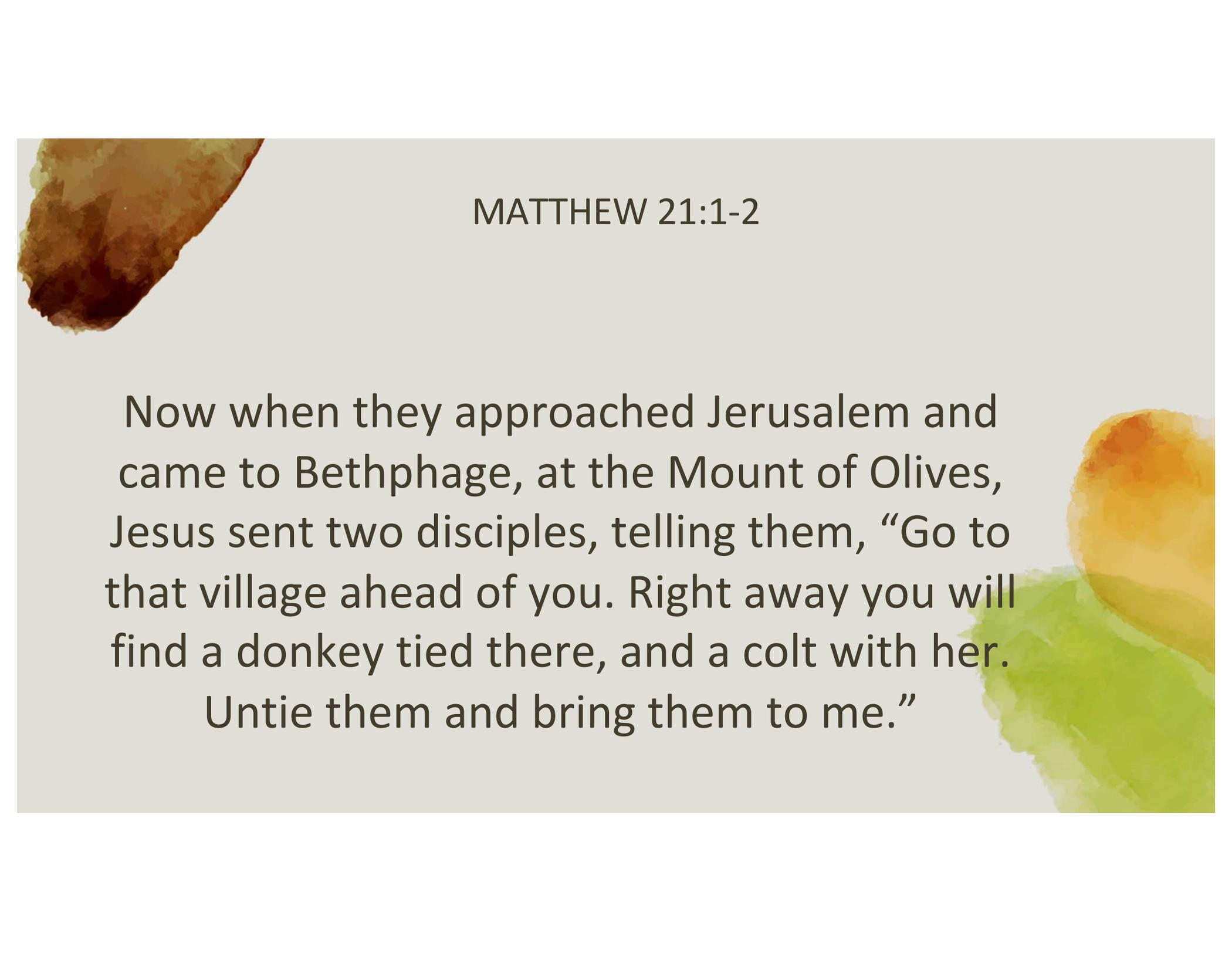
I constantly trust in the LORD; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.



# Palm Sunday

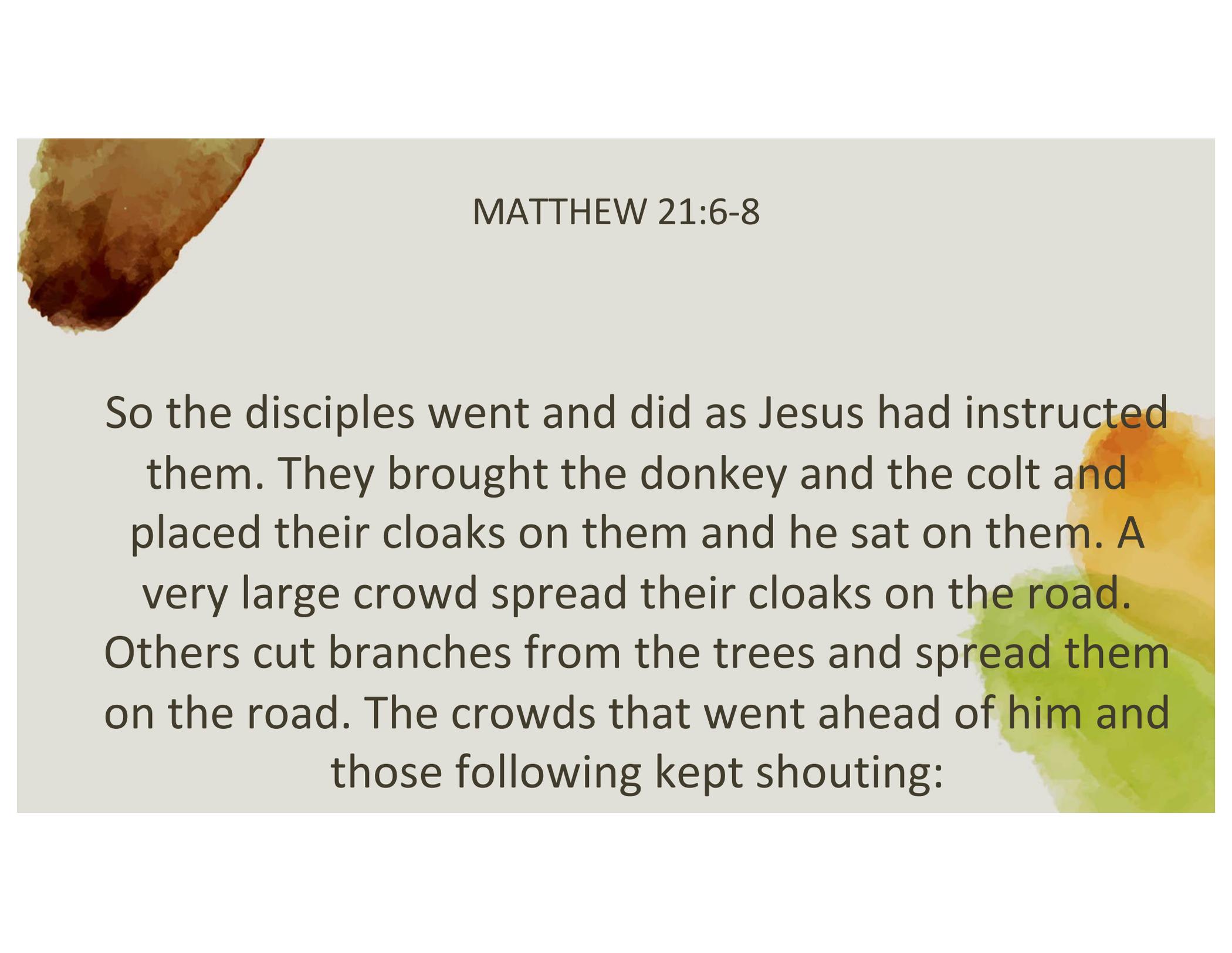
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Psalm 16 & Mt 21



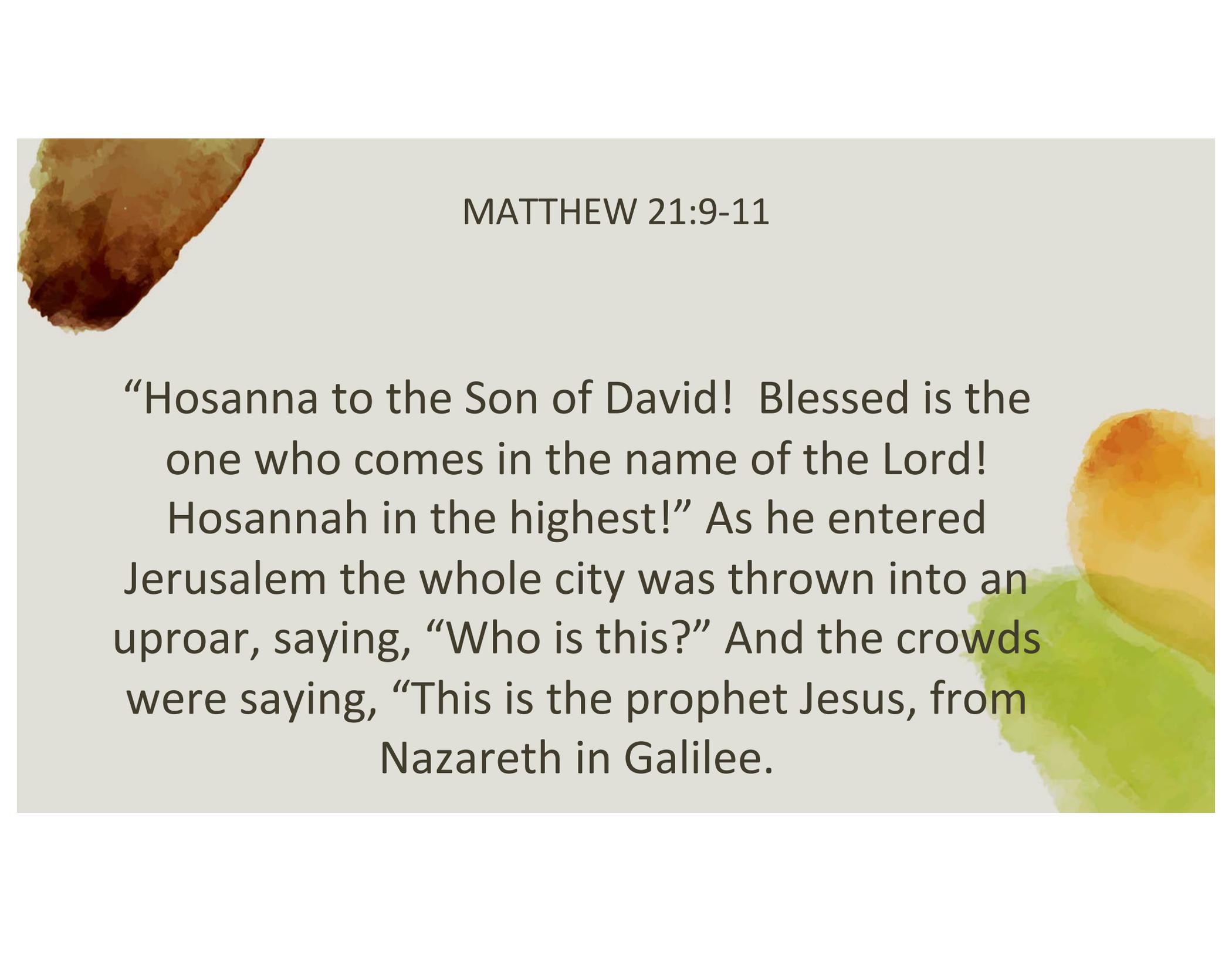
## MATTHEW 21:1-2

Now when they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, telling them, “Go to that village ahead of you. Right away you will find a donkey tied there, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me.”



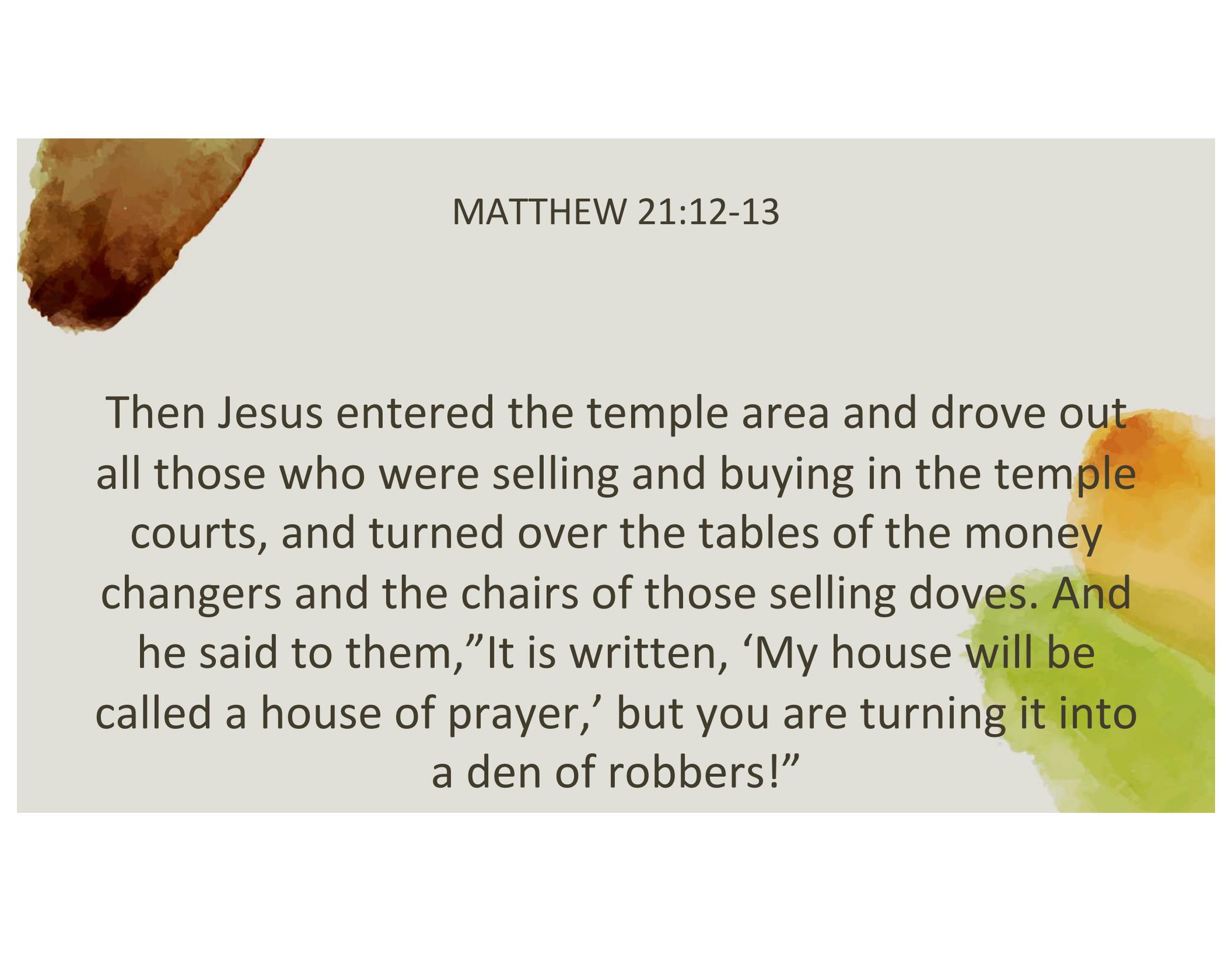
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So the disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those following kept shouting:



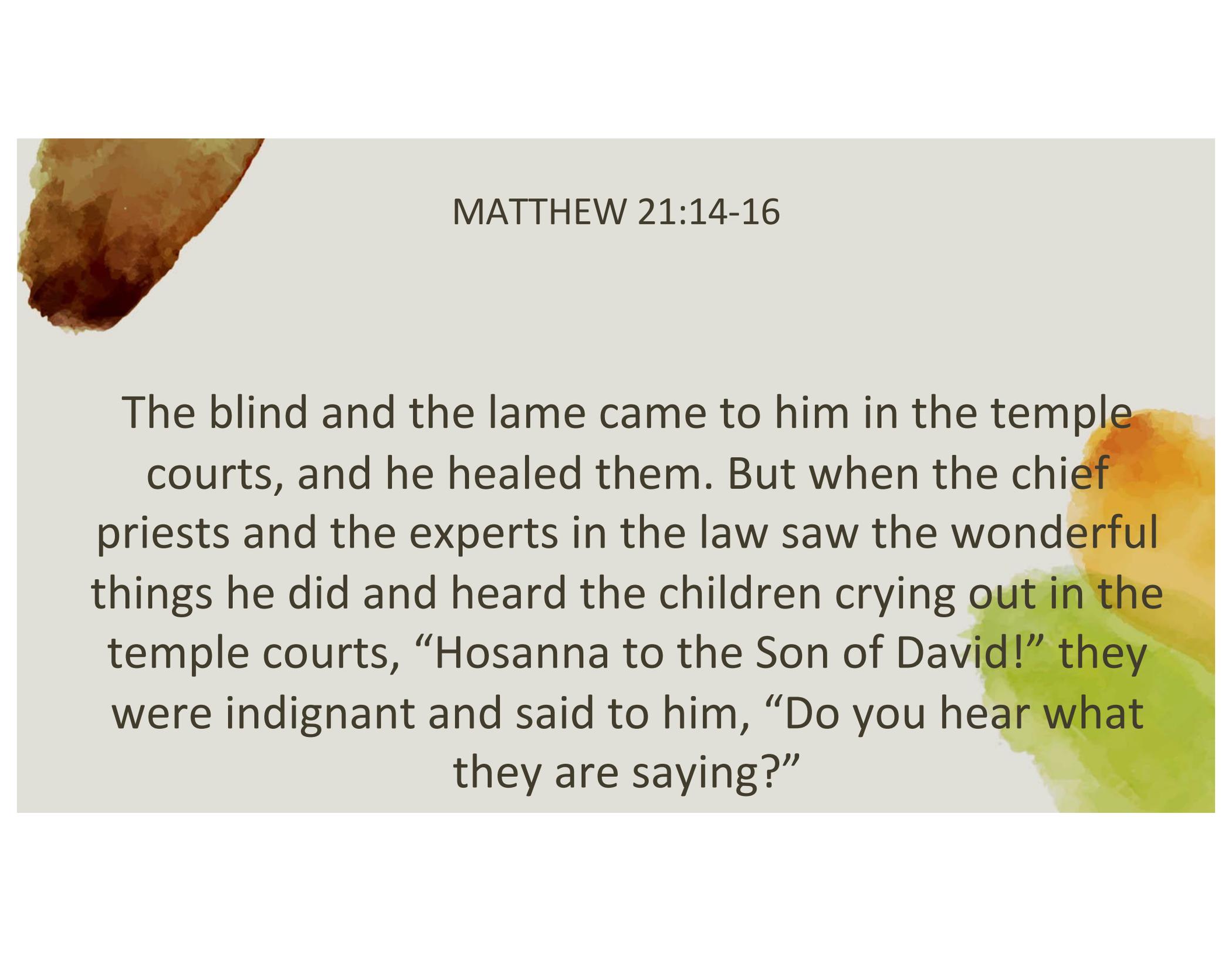
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“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosannah in the highest!” As he entered Jerusalem the whole city was thrown into an uproar, saying, “Who is this?” And the crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee.”



MATTHEW 21:12-13

Then Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all those who were selling and buying in the temple courts, and turned over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. And he said to them, "It is written, 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are turning it into a den of robbers!"



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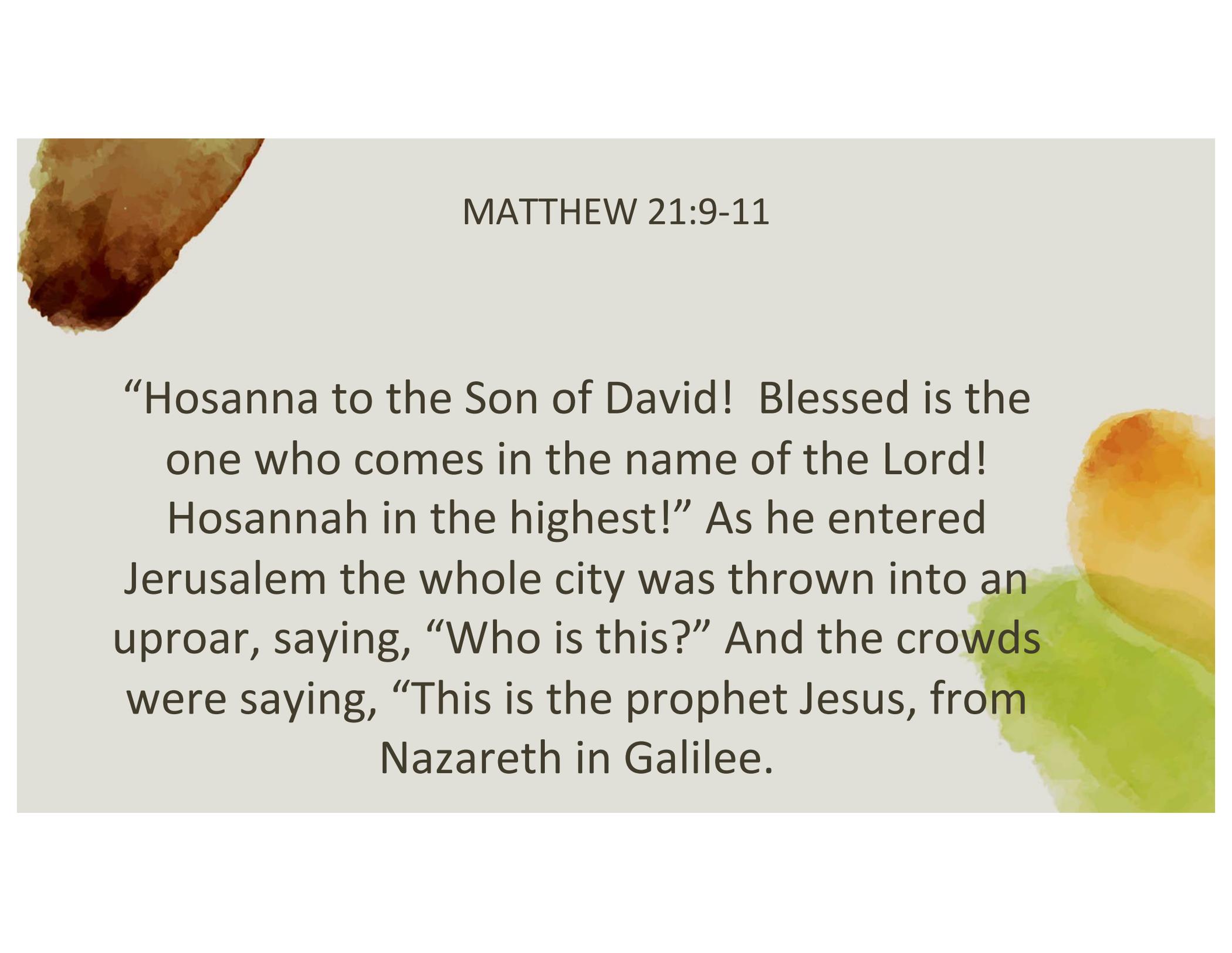
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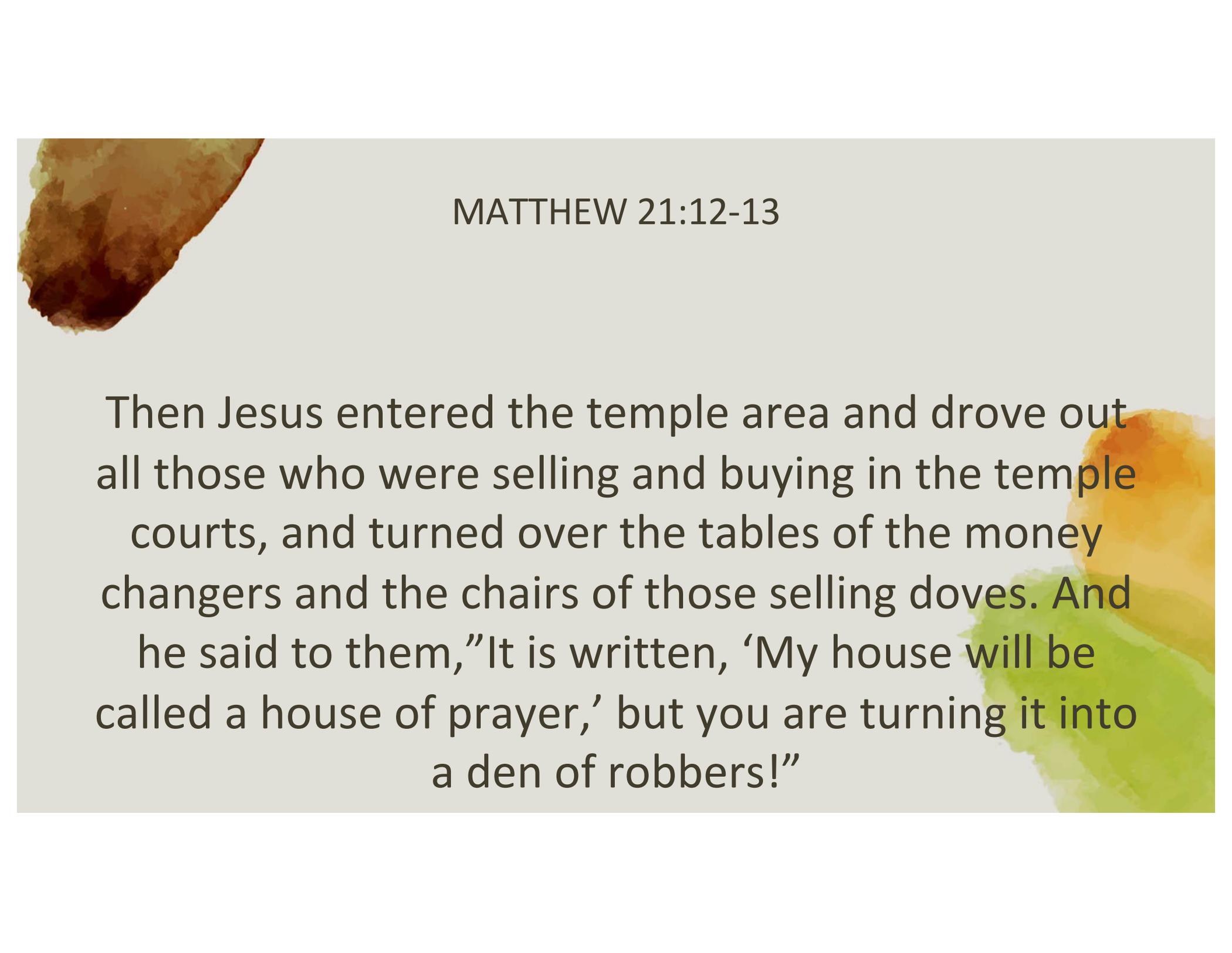
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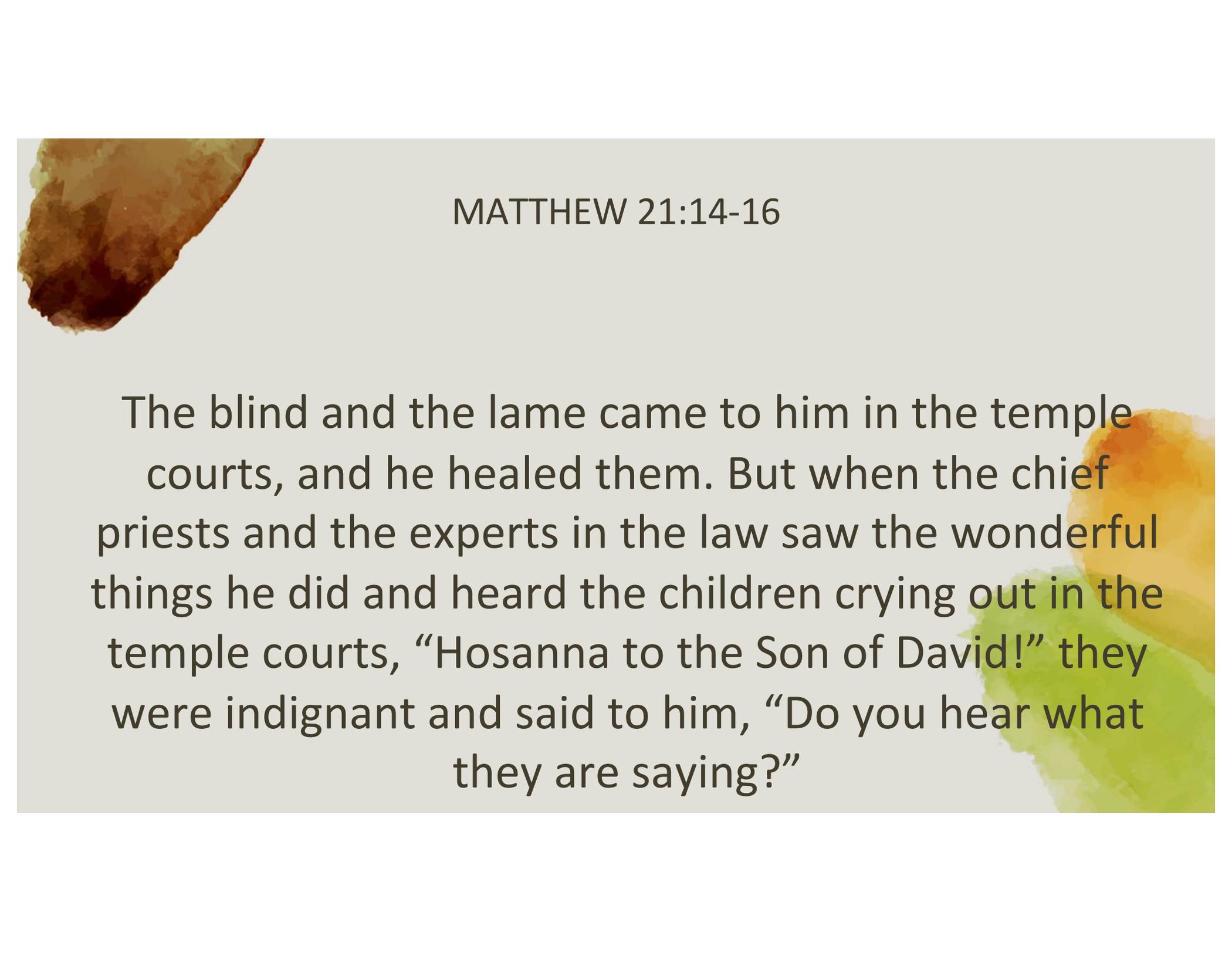
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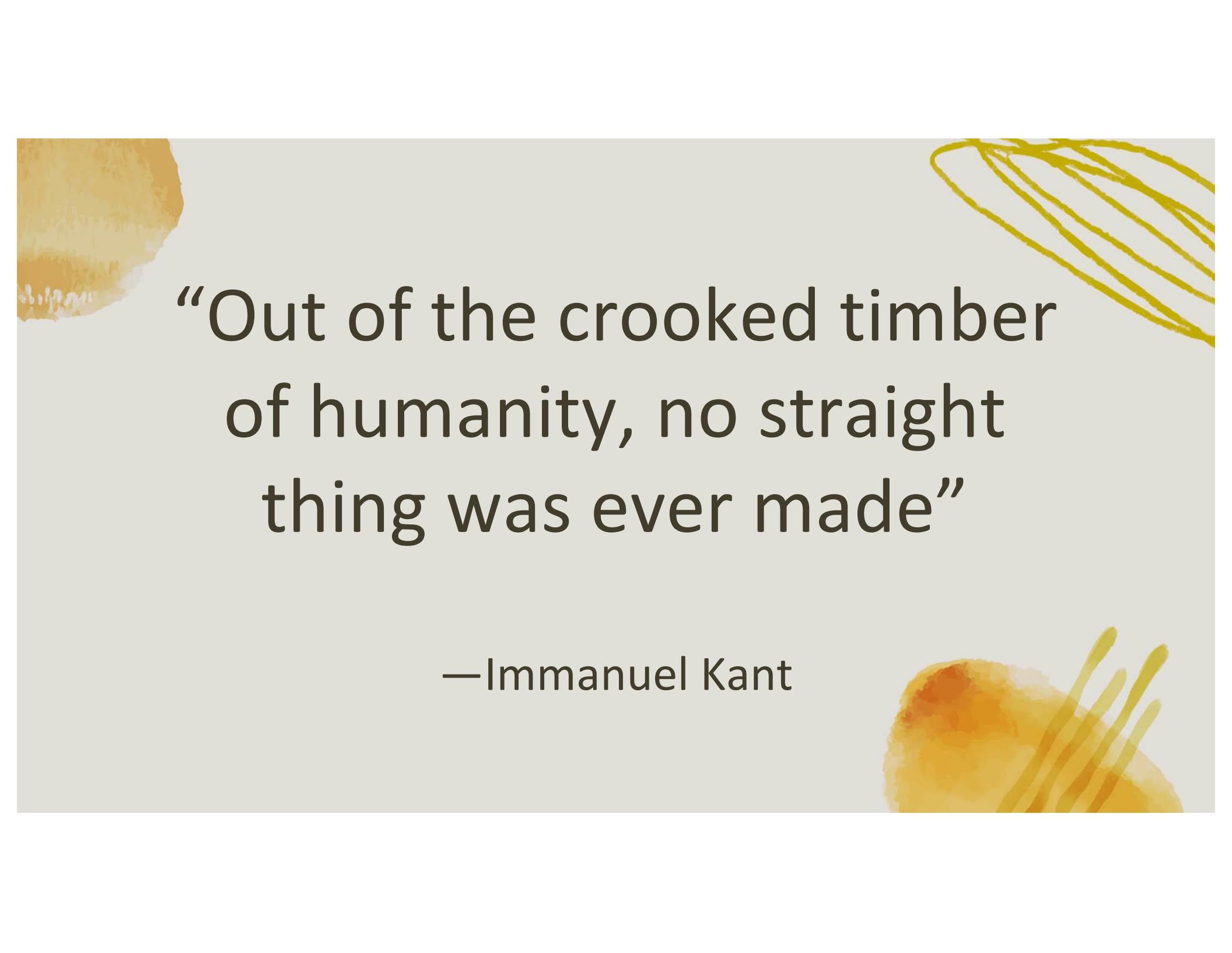
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“Out of the crooked timber  
of humanity, no straight  
thing was ever made”

—Immanuel Kant



04

PLEASURE NOW & FOREVER

Psalm 16:9-11

## Psalm 16: 9-11

So my heart rejoices and I am happy; my life is safe.

You will not abandon me to Sheol; you will not allow your faithful follower to see the Pit.

You lead me in the path of life. I experience absolute joy in your presence; you always give me sheer delight.

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