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**Rogue Wave: unexpected giant wave**



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What is the work of God like?

When God's work is subtle and seemingly very slow,  
how are we tempted to respond?

Where does it seem that God is not actually working?

## **When the Unstoppable Arrives**

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***Luke's "Journey Narrative" to Jerusalem***

- As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely **set out for Jerusalem.** *9:51*
- Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he **made his way to Jerusalem.** *13:22*
- Now **on his way to Jerusalem,** Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. *17:11*
- Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are **going up to Jerusalem,** and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled." *18:31*
- While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was **near Jerusalem** and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. *19:11*

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

**lowly and riding on a donkey,**

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

*Zechariah 9:9*

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- Jesus intentionally fulfilled prophecy about the king coming to God's people

- He came in humility:

Creator and High King riding on a colt

- Yet high expectations: Jesus was coming to the “center” of Judaism and His opponents



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41-44: • So probably people who had traveled to Jerusalem

45-48: with Jesus

- Praise to the king who came in God's name (different from the parable, and the religious leaders)
- ***Like*** the praise by the angels in Luke 2: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

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45-48: • Jesus not only allowed their praise,

He said that it was right, and impossible to stop

- Jesus approved of praise of Himself as the King who was coming in the name of the Lord

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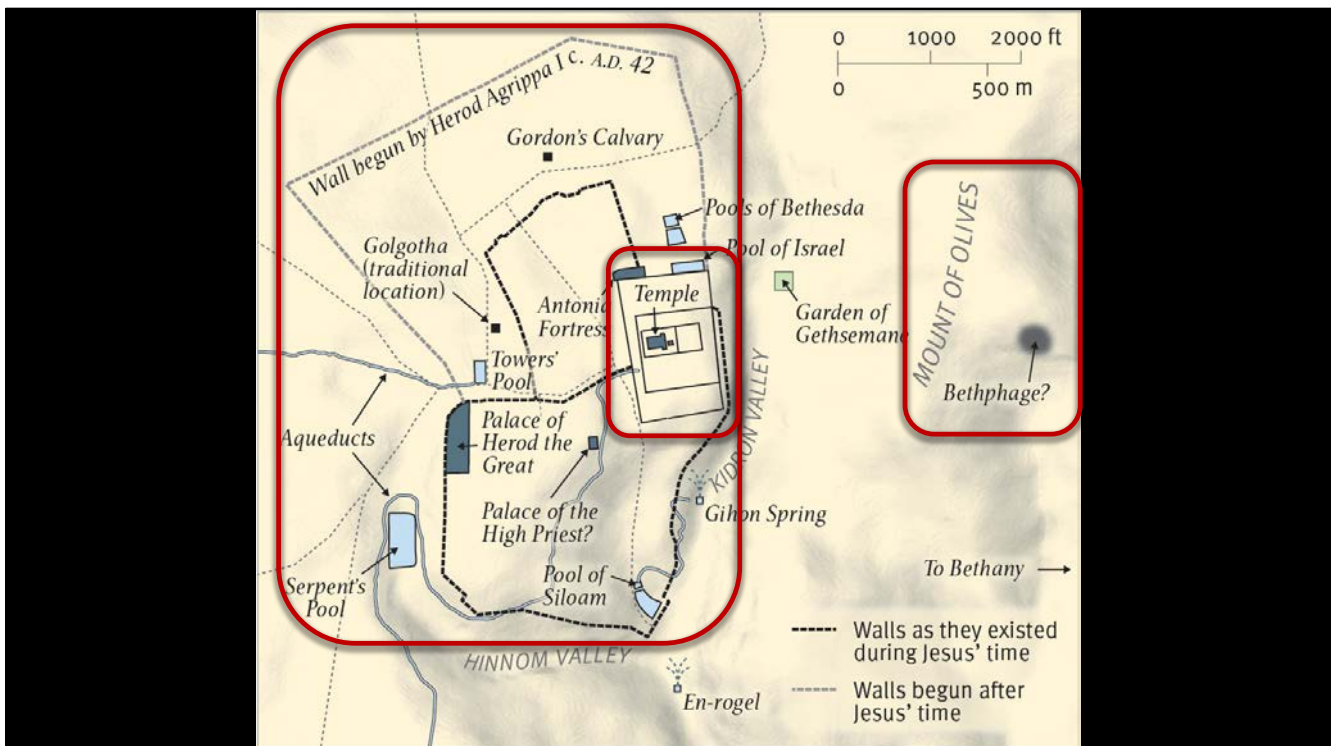
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- So complete destruction was coming **"did not recognize"**

- In the year 70 AD (CE), the city and temple were destroyed, and Jewish sacrifices ended forever

- Destruction was because they rejected Jesus

- And yet Jesus wept for the people who rebelled against God and would torture & kill Jesus

"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then **suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple**; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty.

But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? **For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap.** He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; **he will purify** the Levites and refine them like gold and silver.

Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

*Malachi 3:1-4*



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- He took authority over the temple
- Purified it for its true purposes: prayer and teaching
- He taught daily until His death
- Leaders sought to kill Jesus
- People listened intently

**The Big Idea**

Jesus, the Son of God, is...

humble

and compassionate

and the most powerful force in the universe.

Resisting Him ends in destruction.

Humbly trusting in Him brings life and light.

Blessed are the **meek**,  
for they will inherit the earth.

*Matthew 5:5*

Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for **I am gentle and humble in heart**, and you will find rest for your souls.”

*Matthew 11:28-29*

I assume God will come in like a rogue wave, and sometimes He does, and someday He will

Jesus came like the tide: humble, compassionate, and all powerful

- Many people thought they could resist Him and even kill Him
- Many people were blind to Him
- He is life and light to all who know Him





Jesus said: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the **smallest of all seeds**, yet when it grows, it is the **largest of garden plants** and becomes a tree...” *Matthew 13:31-32*



“But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The **Lord is not slow in keeping his promise**, as some understand slowness. Instead he is **patient** with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” *2 Peter 3:8-9*

“But the **day of the Lord will come like a thief**. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.”

*2 Peter 3:10*



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- Jesus (the image of the invisible God) came in humility
- Jesus invited the weak, the tired, the broken, the lowly, the sick, and the sinners and spiritually lost
  - Those who think they are healthy have no need for a doctor
  - Those who think they are fine have no need for a Savior
- He disarmed sin and death by taking our sin upon Himself
- He will disarm all the powers of evil
- Come to Him to find forgiveness, protection, rest, and restoration



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- **Worship** our God of humble, compassionate, and immense power
- **Trust** our God of humble, compassionate, and immense power
  - Thinking we can **resist** God is folly!
  - Yet we often are **blind to** His work, or think **it isn't enough**, because it is humble
    - “Who dares despise the day of small things?” *Zechariah 4:10*
  - The work of God may start small (like a seed), but His Kingdom is unstoppable

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- **Trust** our God of humble, compassionate, and immense power
- **Become like** our humble, compassionate, and powerful God
  - “For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” *Luke 14:11*

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**Where does it seem that God is not working?**

- Watch and pray
- Trust and obey

**Until Jesus Christ suddenly comes  
in power and glory!**