

Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem

1. LOWLY AND RIDING UPON AN ASS





The city of Ephraim (or Ophrah in Josh. 18:23)



John 12

- ☐ Jesus was in Bethany 6 days before Passover (v1)
- ☐ Jesus travels to Jerusalem on "the next day" (v12)
- ☐ Jesus therefore entered Jerusalem 5 days before the Passover

The ancient prophecy

- ☐ John 12: Jesus had a prophecy in mind
- ☐ "an ass, and upon the colt the foal of an ass"
- ☐ Jesus could have sat on either animal
- ☐ Jesus chose to ride the ass' colt and lead the ass when the lamb was inspected

“Hosanna”

- ☐ “Hosanna” means ‘save now’
- ☐ The prophecy said: “He is just, and having salvation”
- ☐ Quoting from Psalm 118



The crowds failed to understand ...

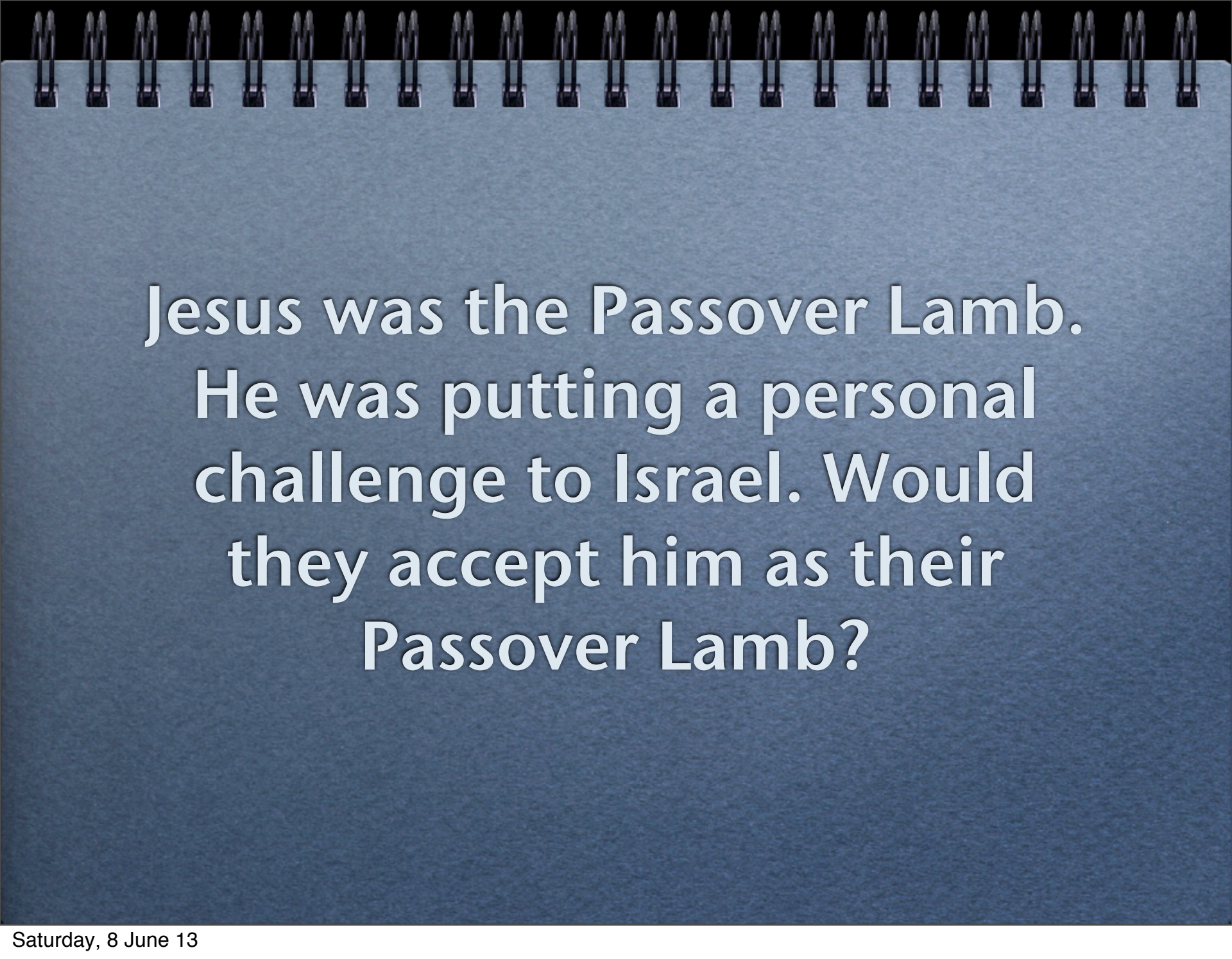
- ☐ Zech 9:9: "he is just, and having salvation" or AV margin: 'saving himself'
- ☐ "Save thyself, and come down from the cross" (Mark 15:30)
- ☐ "Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross!" (v 32)

But there is a deeper interpretation ...

- ☐ Ex 13: Under the Law, an ass was unclean and could be redeemed by the death of a lamb
- ☐ Otherwise the ass' neck was to be broken
- ☐ The clue: "every firstling of an ass"
- ☐ This represented the "firstborn" -
Ex. 12: 12, 29

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The firstling of the ass was to be
redeemed with a lamb, just as
the firstborn of Israel were
redeemed with a lamb on
Passover night

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Jesus was the Passover Lamb.
He was putting a personal
challenge to Israel. Would
they accept him as their
Passover Lamb?

There is another prophecy

- ☐ Gen. 49: 8-10
- ☐ "Judah" or 'praise'
- ☐ "Shiloh" or 'Peace, Peacemaker'
- ☐ Remember, Jesus is described as "The Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6)

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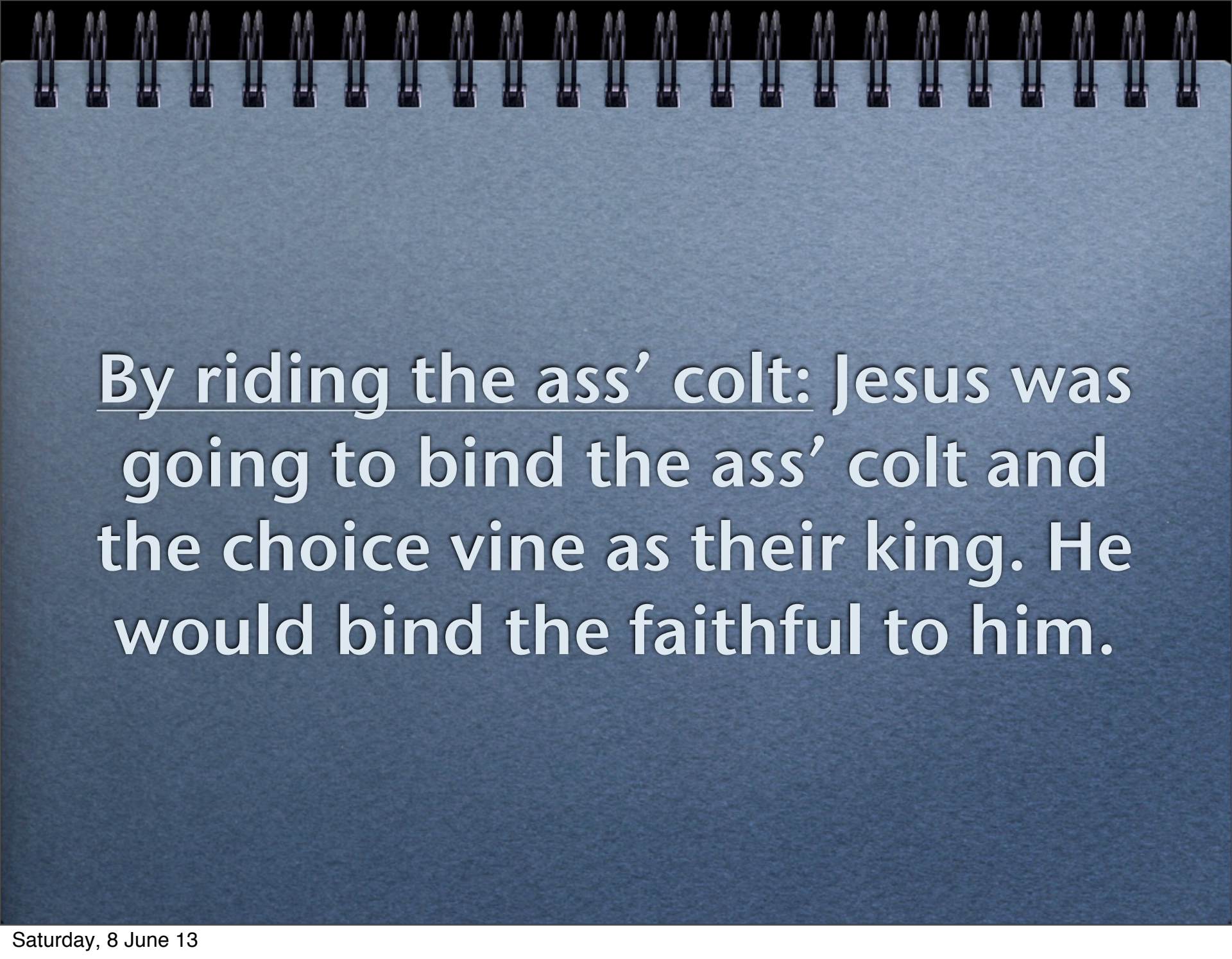
- ☐ Gen 49:11
- ☐ "his foal (or ass)" ...
- ☐ ... and "his ass' colt"
- ☐ Both animals belong to the rider, and the rider here is the King of Judah, Shiloh!

There is another prophecy

- ☐ The ass is 'bound' to the vine
- ☐ The vine: Psa 80:8
- ☐ The ass: Jer 2:24, Hos 8:9 (unfaithful)
- ☐ Both the vine and ass are symbols of Israel (natural and unfaithful)

There is another prophecy

- ☐ But a new vine grew
- ☐ John 15:1, 5 (faithful)
- ☐ And a new ass, the colt
- ☐ Heb 12:23 "church of the firstborn"

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By riding the ass' colt: Jesus was going to bind the ass' colt and the choice vine as their king. He would bind the faithful to him.

By leading the ass: The foal/
ass and the vine would not
be bound together under
Jesus. They would not accept
him as their king.

THEREFORE, THE WORK OF
LEADING ISRAEL INTO
JERUSALEM WOULD HAVE TO
WAIT FOR A LATER TIME

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2. THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER



Thirty pieces of silver was the
redemption price of a slave
who had been gored by an ox

The goring of an ox

- ☐ Ex 21:28, 32 "the ox shall push" (or 'gore' in the RV)
- ☐ Christ: God's great servant (Isa 42:1)
- ☐ The Bulls of Bashan (Ps 22:12)

The field of blood

- ☐ Judas purchased the piece of land "with the reward of (his - RV) iniquity" (Acts 1:18)
- ☐ Judas "had the bag and bare that was put therein" (or 'lifted/carried') (John 12:6)
- ☐ RV: "having the bag took away"

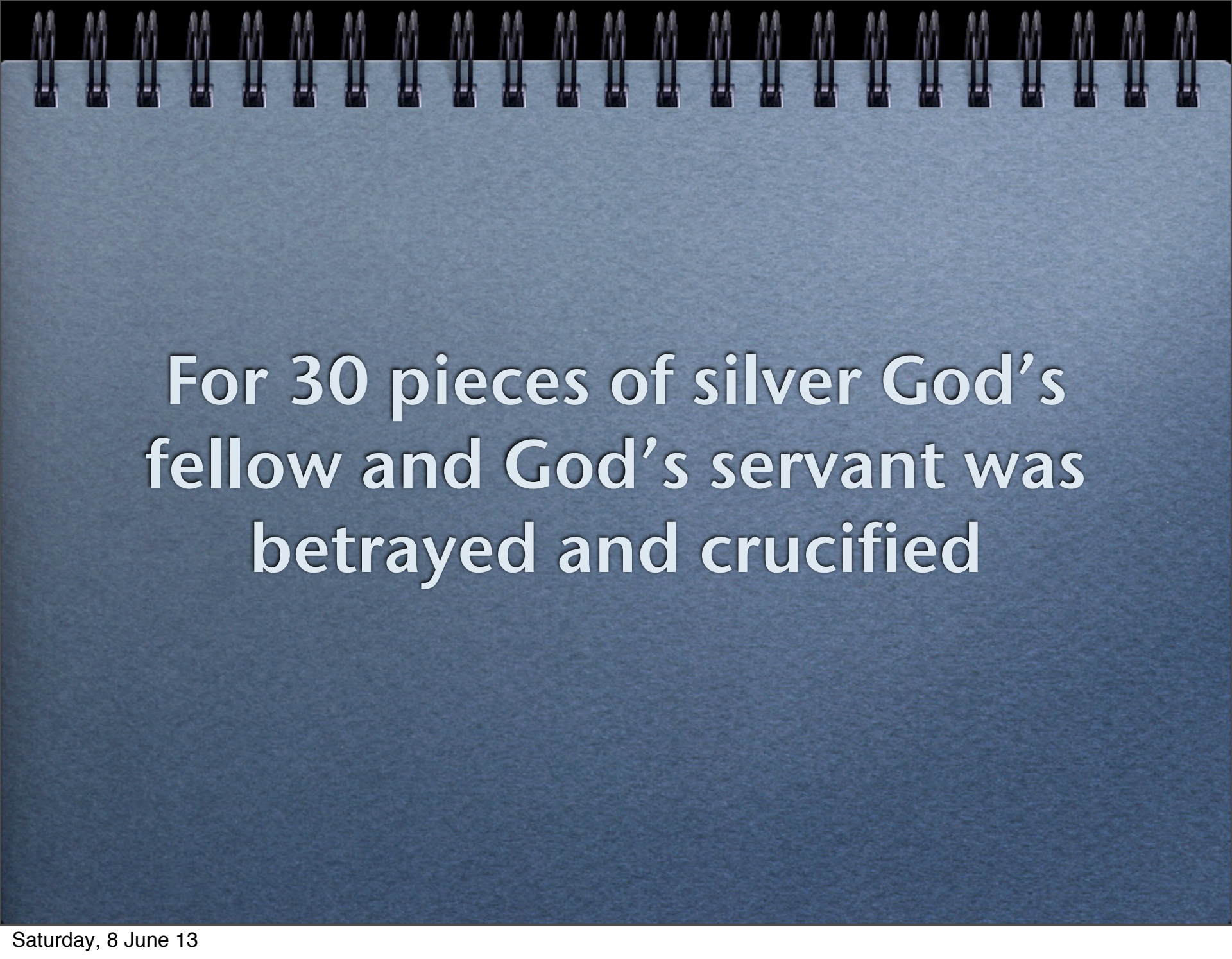


So Judas bought the field with
stolen money - 30 pieces of silver.

This field was purchased again,
this time from Judas' family by
the priests, for 30 pieces of silver.

“My fellow”

- ☐ Zech 13:7
- ☐ “fellow” (amiyth)
- ☐ ‘to associate, comrade, kindred man’
- ☐ See Mt 26:31
- ☐ John 10:11, 14 “the Good Shepherd”
- ☐ v 30: “I and my Father are one”

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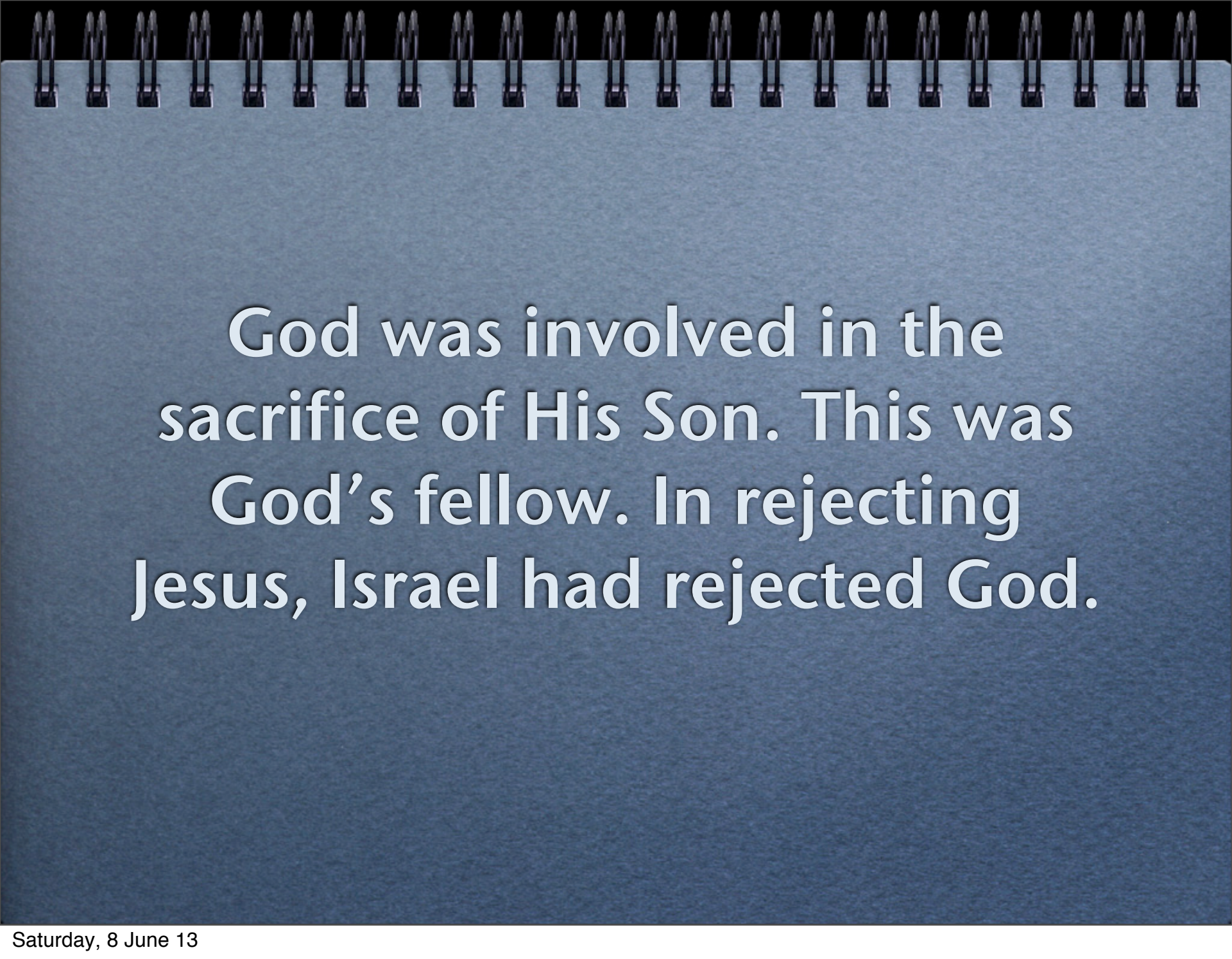
For 30 pieces of silver God's
fellow and God's servant was
betrayed and crucified

- ☐ Zech 12:10 "look"
- ☐ "beheld" (Num 21:9)



“They shall look upon me”

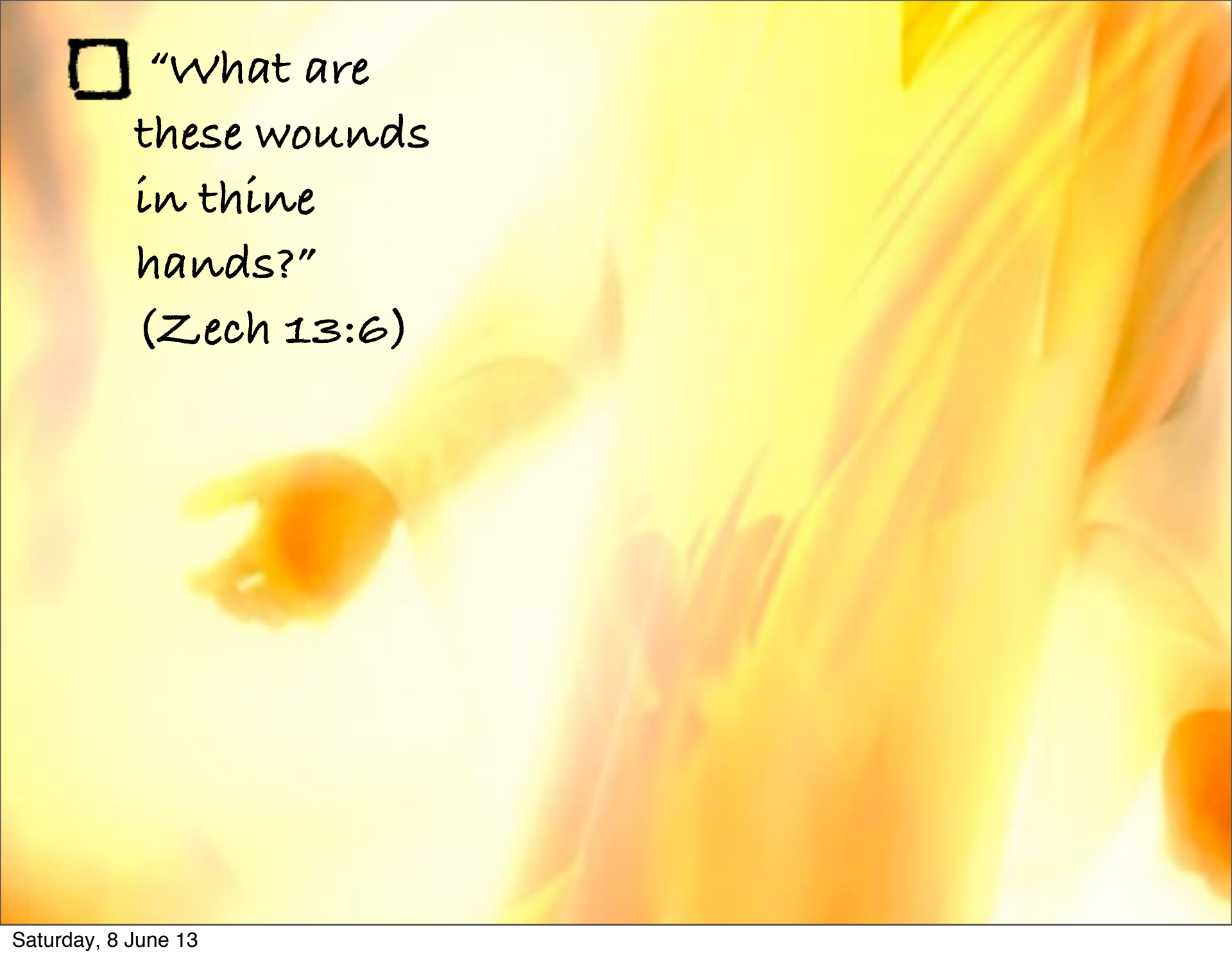
- ☐ First personal pronoun:
“I” (Zech 12:2,3,4,6,9,10)
- ☐ Third personal pronoun:
“the LORD” (v 4,5,7,8)

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God was involved in the
sacrifice of His Son. This was
God's fellow. In rejecting
Jesus, Israel had rejected God.

Parallels with the Law

- ☐ Deut 21:1-8
- ☐ "If one be found slain in the land"
- ☐ "Our hands have not shed this blood"
- ☐ "And the blood shall be forgiven them"



□ "What are
these wounds
in thine
hands?"
(Zech 13:6)

The wounds are proof of Messiah

- ☐ John 20:24-28
- ☐ "My Lord and my God"
- ☐ Zech 13:6, 9
- ☐ "The LORD is my God"
- ☐ Just like unbelieving Thomas, they
will finally believe in the risen Lord!

**The Lord Jesus, now free
from sin, immortal and all
powerful, will reveal
himself to Israel in
Jerusalem. Not as before,
because this time they will
not know that this is Jesus.**

**During his first advent: Jesus had
to save himself**

**Now as King of Life, he will bring
salvation when he returns ...**

**Possibly, King Jesus will sit upon
the ass because Israel's salvation
has finally come.**



“The mourning”

- ☐ Like King Josiah ('supported by Yahweh')
- ☐ See 2 Kings 23:25; 2 Chron 35:22-26
- ☐ The greater than Josiah will stand before them, having been 'supported by Yahweh' to overcome death for ever more.