

**04102022 Palm Sunday final** The celebration of Easter or Resurrection Sunday usually begins with Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Which is today. But the events of Passion Week cannot be understood without Without understanding the backstory, it is hard to imagine a reason why a large multitude of thousands upon thousands of people would have followed Jesus into Jerusalem shouting Hosanna! Save us now! Only for the multitudes and religious leaders to cry crucify only a few days later.

**How did this happen? How did Jesus arrange the circumstances to attract so many people who would for the only time he allowed, publicly the pronouncement of being identified as the King! God's anointed what did he do to make this happen? And secondly arrange only a few day later to be arrested and then crucified? Simple It was all preplanned...Jesus set it up**

**How? JESUS ALWAYS IN CHARGE... Jesus literally controls the outcome of every situation. He is God and he does not fight FAIR!! He know everything, He is everywhere present, he cannot be outsmarted nor out strategized, therefore He cannot fail, He has no weaknesses, His decisions are final and cannot be overruled, his power cannot be overcome, His plans cannot be thwarted. He foresees every possible situation, obstacle, and overcomes them all.**

- **He understands the enemy and every device he will us and when...and has already designed winning counters to them.**
- **He promises victory and delivers every time**
- **He created everything; He controls the future, and adequately prepares the present for it. He has control over the outcome of everything to make sure it aligns with His Father's will...before any of it has ever happened**
- **He is in control of the visible and the invisible...what is seen and what is unseen...the natural and the supernatural**

**He knows the end from the beginning and what is needed at any time therein. Do not ever mistake ...bad times, hard times, trouble, or trials,**

disappointment, as an end... as an indication that Jesus is not in charge...he is always in charge...so as we study the back story today know Jesus is in charge...

We start the narrative a couple months before the last Passover feast of his life as he will be the lamb sacrificed we must go to Bethany, just over the hill to the east of Jerusalem.

Jesus will perform one of the greatest miracles of his life...which also seals his death warrant. **We pick the back story up in John 11**

*JN 11:1 A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha. <sup>2</sup> This is the Mary who later poured the expensive perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair. Her brother, Lazarus, was sick. <sup>3</sup> So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick." <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard about it he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. **No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this.**" <sup>5</sup> So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> he stayed where he was for the next two days.*

- The Glory or advertising is going to cost him many will follow and many will reject...but love always cost...
- Last time in that area the religious leaders they tried to stone him

*<sup>7</sup> Finally, he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea." <sup>8</sup> But his disciples objected. "Rabbi," they said, "only a few days ago the people in Judea were trying to stone you. Are you going there again?" <sup>11</sup> Then he said, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up."*

- **We are always willing to help Jesus out when we believe he is making a bad move. Jesus replies ...it is the time to do this...daylight I see clearly...I am in charge it will work out..**

- **Jumping ahead to when he arrives at the graveyard four days later.....**

*<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was only a few miles down the road from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many of the people had come to console Martha and Mary in their loss. <sup>20</sup> When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup> “Yes,” Martha said, “he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. <sup>26</sup> Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?”*

*<sup>27</sup> “Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God.” <sup>28</sup> Then she returned to Mary. She called Mary aside from the mourners and told her, “The Teacher is here and wants to see you.” <sup>29</sup> So Mary immediately went to him. <sup>30</sup> Jesus had stayed outside the village, at the place where Martha met him. <sup>31</sup> When the people who were at the house consoling Mary saw her leave so hastily, they assumed she was going to Lazarus’s grave to weep. So they followed her there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, **if only** you had been here, my brother would not have died.”*

*<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled. <sup>34</sup> “Where have you put him?” he asked them. They told him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> Then Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> The people who were standing nearby said, “See how much he loved him!”*

- **Jesus wept because death of loved one is painful... ..and he knew this would seal his death warrant...it would be the cause of his own**

**death...also angry and wept at the hardness of people's hearts to believe**

*<sup>37</sup> But some said, "This man healed a blind man. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?"<sup>38</sup> Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. <sup>39</sup> "Roll the stone aside," Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man's sister, protested, "Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible."*

*<sup>40</sup> Jesus responded, "**Didn't I tell you** that you would see God's glory if you believe?" <sup>41</sup> So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. <sup>42</sup> You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me." <sup>43</sup> Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in grave clothes, his face wrapped in a head cloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!" <sup>45</sup> Many of the people who were with Mary believed in Jesus when they saw this happen. <sup>46</sup> But some went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. <sup>47</sup> Then the leading priests and Pharisees called the high council together. "What are we going to do?" they asked each other. "This man certainly performs many miraculous signs. <sup>48</sup> If we allow him to go on like this, soon everyone will believe in him. Then the Roman army will come and destroy both our Temple and our nation."*

*<sup>49</sup> Caiaphas, who was high priest at that time, said, "You don't know what you're talking about! <sup>50</sup> You don't realize that it's better for you that one man **should die for the people** than for the whole nation to be destroyed." <sup>51</sup> He did not say this on his own; as high priest at that time he was led to prophesy that Jesus would die for the entire nation. <sup>52</sup> And not only for that nation, but to bring together and unite all the children of God scattered around the world. <sup>53</sup> So from that time on, the Jewish leaders began to plot Jesus' death. **Caiaphas... A Roman appointee..** placed him there to keep tabs and keep peace. His loyalty definitely divided between the*

**Jews and the Roman occupiers. But he was the one with power...served 18 years**

- Annas was actually the heir to that role in the line of Aaron,
- The religious and political shot callers sanctioned the hit...
- Raising a man from the dead became the final straw...in the minds of the religious elite...why? Everyone will follow him...and we will lose our place...what did Jesus say...the greatest among you is the servant of all...

**We jump ahead a couple of months to the Passover...the miracle of Lazarus has spread like wild fire...Belief in Jesus at an all time high in Juresalem...yet he has become a wanted fugitive by the religious leaders...all according to plan..**

*JN 11: 55 It was now almost time for the Jewish Passover celebration, and many people from all over the country arrived in Jerusalem several days early so they could go through the purification ceremony before Passover began. 56 They kept looking for Jesus, but as they stood around in the Temple, they said to each other, "What do you think? He won't come for Passover, will he?" 57 Meanwhile, the leading priests and Pharisees had publicly ordered that anyone seeing Jesus must report it immediately so they could arrest him.*

- As a Rabbi would he come to the Passover feast in Jerusalem?...so they watched for him and had their snitches on the look out also...
- **They plotted to arrest Jesus and hold him over until Passover was complete and the people left to go home... But ...Jesus always in control. the Passover lamb must die on the Passover..**
- **but he must first be announced as King...the one and only day he allowed and set up this declaration!**

**Jesus Then goes to Bethany a days walk from Jerusalem.. And again Lazarus plays a role...this incident causes Lazarus to be greenlighted also...Saturday evening**

*JN 12: 1 Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> A dinner was prepared in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus’ feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, <sup>5</sup> “That perfume was worth a year’s wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor.” <sup>6</sup> Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples’ money, he often stole some for himself. <sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, “Leave her alone. **She did this in preparation for my burial.***

- **Bethany within a Sabbath days walk of Jerusalem a popular town for travelers**
- **And seemed to be Jesus favorite place to stay in Jerusalem.**
- **The woman is identified as Mary sister of Martha and Lazarus**
- **Perfume possibly Myrrh Gold –Deity Frankincense-Priesthood Myrrh –Suffering and death**
- **Jesus could have stopped her...Jesus knowing this would be the last piece of the puzzle...leading directly to Judas going to the Priest to betray Jesus**

**Matthew tells us that night Jesus says her deed will be honored forever...and Judas decides to betray Jesus...we pick up the same incident...**

*MT 26: 14 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, **went to the leading priests** <sup>15</sup> and asked, “How much will you pay me to betray Jesus to you?” And they gave him thirty pieces of silver. <sup>16</sup> **From that time on, Judas began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus.***

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in sight and she knew it. When you're close to the lord's heart ... Your in tune with the pulse of his movements.

- **She Worshipped Him with the best she had.** She loved him. She did not forget her first love. **Willing to spend a year's wages at one time to demonstrate it. She believed Jesus was worth a lot. Looks like an excellent investment .... To be remembered wherever the Gospel Is preached.**
- **Conversely This last event turned Judas Heart completely hard. Why this Waste...Interestingly when Jesus called Judas son of Perdition in John 17:12 KJV it literally means "son of Waste"**
- **He had every opportunity to receive Jesus as Lord but he wasted Them. Judas Iscariot means Ish (man) carioth (city in Judea) only one of twelve from Judea. All the rest from Galilee.**
- **John tells us this meal also put the green light on Lazarus he is a walking dead man also This event has been deliberately pre-arranged by Jesus ...**

*John 12:9 When all the people heard of Jesus' arrival, they flocked to see him and also to see Lazarus, the man Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the leading priests decided to kill Lazarus, too, <sup>11</sup> for it was because of him that many of the people had deserted them and believed in Jesus.*

- **The raising of Lazarus created so much publicity for Jesus and was such an amazing miracle and testimony of his power and word...that the chief priest decided Lazarus must go also...**
- **Why? People were putting their faith in Jesus...the Religious leaders were losing their people...which means they would lose their Jobs...their power prestige and position...**
- **All his life, Jesus had walked everywhere. But now he deliberately decided to cover this short distance on an unbroken donkey, one he would not ride again**

*John 12:12 The next day, the news that Jesus was on the way to Jerusalem swept through the city. A large crowd of Passover visitors 13 took palm*

branches and went down the road to meet him. They shouted, "Praise God! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hail to the King of Israel!" 14 Jesus found a young donkey and rode on it, fulfilling the prophecy that said: 15 "Don't be afraid, people of Jerusalem. Look, your King is coming, riding on a donkey's colt."

- **This was the messianic sign at once perceived by the crowds who hailed Jesus as their king shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Until now Jesus did not allow the people to publicly announce Him as The Messiah.**
- **The riding on the back of a donkey prophesied 500 years earlier...by Zechariah..** The prophet Zechariah wrote:  
*ZEC 9: 9 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. He rides a colt ...not broken in, never ridden before...he can control what no human can.... The Lord is in control of what appears uncontrollable*
- **By so doing, he would be publicly declaring that he was the Messiah. on Sunday, Jesus and the disciples joined other pilgrims to go the remaining two miles to Jerusalem.**

*John 12:17 Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, and they were telling others about it. 18 That was the reason so many went out to meet him—because they had heard about this miraculous sign. 19 Then the Pharisees said to each other, "There's nothing we can do. Look, everyone has gone after him!"*

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- **Jesus is always in control...rest in it**

**If he is your King raise your Palm branch!**

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- **Remember Jesus did not allow the people to publicly announce Him as The Messiah. until today....**

*John 12:16 His disciples didn't understand at the time that this was a fulfillment of prophecy. But after Jesus entered into his glory, they remembered what had happened and realized that these things had been written about him. 17 Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb, raising him from the dead, and they were telling others about it. 18 That was the reason so many went out to meet him—because they had heard about this miraculous sign. 19 Then the Pharisees said to each other, "There's nothing we can do. Look, everyone has gone after him!"*

*MT 21:10* When Jesus entered Jerusalem, **the whole city was stirred** and asked, "Who is this?" *MT 21:11* The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

- **after entering the East Gate...Jesus apparently tours the city... then goes to the temple**

*MK 11:11* Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the temple. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

- **So Why did Jesus look around at the Temple? Jesus rides into Jerusalem on the donkey and surveys what he had disrupted 3 years previous and observes what is going on that day...**

*john3: 13* It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the Temple area he saw merchants selling cattle, sheep, and doves for sacrifices; he also saw dealers at tables exchanging foreign money. <sup>15</sup> Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out of the Temple. He drove out the sheep and cattle, scattered the money changers' coins over the floor, and turned over their tables. <sup>16</sup> Then, going over to the people who sold doves, he told them, "Get these things out of here. Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!"

<sup>17</sup> Then his disciples remembered this prophecy from the Scriptures: "Passion for God's house will consume me."<sup>[c]</sup><sup>18</sup> But the Jewish leaders demanded, "What are you doing? If God gave you authority to do this, show us a miraculous sign to prove it."<sup>19</sup> "All right," Jesus replied. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

- **Fast forward three years Jesus comes back the next day...Monday...and tore up the place again**

*MK 11:15* On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple area and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, <sup>16</sup> and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. <sup>17</sup> And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written:

" 'My house will be called a house of **prayer for all nations**' ? But you have made it **'a den of robbers.'** "

- **The court of the Gentiles** This is the only place they can gather to pray and meditate and study about God...and it was made into a huge market place... is where this money market took place...it was an affront to Jesus...
- **This area became primarily a bazaar, with vendors selling souvenirs, sacrificial animals, food, as well as currency changers, exchanging Roman for Jewish money**

**after this... Matthew gives us this detail...**

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*?" <sup>9</sup> Jesus replied, "There are twelve hours of daylight every day. During the day people can walk safely. They can see because they have the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But at night there is danger of stumbling because they have no light."*

That event in Jesus upcoming death was the raising of Lazarus from the dead at the behest of Martha and Mary. That personal favor, offered by Jesus to Mary, Martha, and Lazarus whom he loved, is reported in detail in John 11, right before his entry into Jerusalem in John 12. It is one of three events we will examine today which set the stage for Jesus' crucifixion on Friday the eve of Passover.

*zech 9:10 I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.*

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**1. At this point I want to jump ahead a two years or so in Jesus' ministry...when the hit is officially sanctioned by the high priest...the green light is given**

- **It happened when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead...**

*JN 11:40 Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."*

*JN 11:43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"<sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.*

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." <sup>JN 11:45</sup> Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him. <sup>46</sup> **But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.** <sup>47</sup> Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin.

"What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many miraculous signs. <sup>48</sup> **If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.**"

<sup>JN 11:49</sup> **Then one of them, named Caiaphas,** who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! <sup>50</sup> You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish." <sup>JN 11:51</sup> He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, <sup>52</sup> and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. <sup>53</sup> **So from that day on they plotted to take his life.**

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- But not only Jesus was green lighted...
- But Lazarus...also

<sup>JN 11:54</sup> Therefore Jesus no longer moved about publicly among the Jews. Instead he withdrew to a region near the desert, to a village called Ephraim, where he stayed with his disciples.

<sup>JN 11:55</sup> When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, many went up from the country to Jerusalem for their ceremonial cleansing before the Passover. <sup>56</sup> They kept looking for Jesus, and as they stood in the temple area they asked one another, "What do you think? Isn't he coming to the Feast at all?" <sup>57</sup> **But the chief priests and Pharisees had given orders that if anyone found out where Jesus was, he should report it so that they might arrest him.**

- **They did not find him until he allows himself to be found...Jesus is always in charge...**

<sup>John 10:17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> **No one takes** it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

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*JN 12:4* But one of his disciples, **Judas Iscariot**, who was later to betray him, objected, <sup>5</sup> "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages. " <sup>6</sup> He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

*JN 12:7* "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

*JN 12:9* **Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup> So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, <sup>11</sup> for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and putting their faith in him.**

## Matthew tells us that night Judas decided to betray Jesus...we pick up the same incident...

*MT 26:8* When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. "Why this waste?" they asked. <sup>9</sup> "This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor."

*MT 26:10* Aware of this, Jesus said to them, "Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>11</sup> The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. <sup>12</sup> When she poured this perfume on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. <sup>13</sup> I tell you the truth, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

MT 26:14 Then one of the Twelve--the one called Judas Iscariot--went to the chief priests<sup>15</sup> and asked, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty silver coins.<sup>16</sup> From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

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- Perfume possibly **Myrrh** Gold –Deity Frankincense-Priesthood Myrrh –Suffering and death
- As Jesus ate. Matt. Head John Feet. She did both
- Understood Jesus coming to the end of his life...verse 12
- **Judas led the cry in John 12:4-6 Read**
- A years worth of wages...a very expensive symbolic gesture
- The disciples were not totally out of line in their reasoning.
- Why this Waste...Interestingly when Jesus called Judas **son of Perdition in John 17:12 KJV it literally means "son of Waste"**
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### **Verse 10-11**

- Jesus always defends His own...
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### Verse 14

- This last event turned Judas Heart completely hard. And he left the seen to betray Jesus.
- Two days before Passover

### What or who you invest in counts!!!!

### What about Satan...

LK 22:1 Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, <sup>2</sup> and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. <sup>3</sup> Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. <sup>4</sup> And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. <sup>5</sup> They were delighted and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup> He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

### He thought he had won...

Remember I told you that Jesus was in charge ...even though it looks like the enemy is...nobody pulss over anything on Jesus...

You know what is great...Satan thought he had won...by killing Jesus...he actually lost

<sup>1CO 2:6</sup> We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup> No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. <sup>8</sup> **None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.** <sup>9</sup> However, as it is written:

*"No eye has seen,  
no ear has heard,  
no mind has conceived  
what God has prepared for those who love him" --*

when it looks like you have lost...that is just the precursor to you winning...Jesus betrayal looks like a loss...it is actually the move to win...

Wisdom understand Jesus wins...always....count on Jesus....



