



# THE POWER OF SHALOM

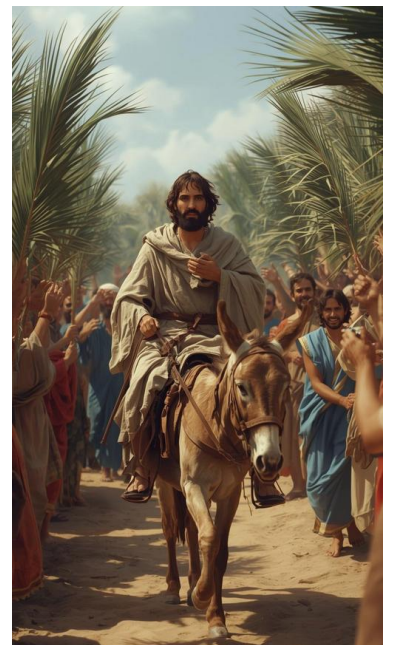
MATTHEW 5:9. MARCH 29, 2026

## VIDEO - "WHO WERE THE ZEALOTS?"

- The Roman general Pompey (Pompeius) captured Jerusalem in 63 BC.
- The Zealots were not willing to live under Roman rule as God, alone, was King over Israel.
- Zealots believed in the use of violence toward Romans and Jews who were friendly with the Romans.
- The Zealots played a significant role in the destruction of the temple in A.D. 70.
- "Zee" (Simon the Zealot) became one of the 12 Apostles (Matt 10:4; Mk 3:18; Lk 6:15; Acts 1:13).

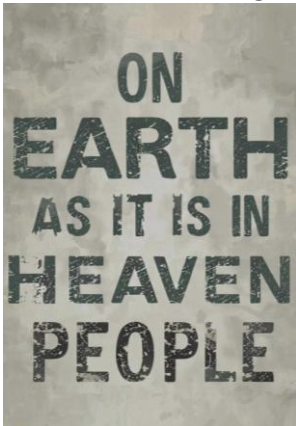
## ZECHARIAH 9:9-13 - JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

- If the Zealots were in charge of Jesus' Triumphal Entry, they would have accompanied Jesus with tanks.
- God spoke of the Triumphal Entry 500 years earlier in Zechariah 9:9-13.
  - The Messiah would come to them humbly on a donkey. He would cut off artillery. He would speak peace to the nations.
  - *"By the ragged scars of the rugged cross. He leads the charge the battle's ours. We bear no sword but the word of God. And we'll win the fight unarmed"* (Rend Collective "Salt and Light").
- There is far greater power in God's peace than all worldly powers combined.
  - Jesus not only calls us to His mission, but also to His means of carrying out His mission: The Beatitudes. Trust in God's Peace!



# MATTHEW 5:9 - BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

- **Matthew 5:9** *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."*
- Jesus disrupts *worldly* peace (Jn 1:11; Lk 2:34-35; Matt 10:34-39).
  - Zealots were not peacemakers.
  - Conflict-avoidance is a peacemaking illusion.
- Jesus was the Prince of *heavenly* Peace (Is 9:6; Lk 2:14).
  - Peace (Shalom) is where everything is as it ought to be.
  - Jesus makes it so we can have peace with God (Rom 5:1)
- Being a peacemaker does not mean keeping worldly peace but a heavenly peace.
  - Experiencing this peace with God is not only about being in the New Heavens and New Earth, but it is the only means by which can be true peacemakers.
  - Being a peacemaker, by the power of the Spirit, is far greater than army tanks (Ps 2:1-6; 20:7-8).



## ON-EARTH-AS-IT-IS-IN-HEAVEN-PEOPLE

1. Is your peacemaking worldly or heavenly?
2. Modern Zealots want to take America back for Jesus... by force.
  - This is not the Jesus way. Maybe Jesus is throwing your Sica into the water right now. There is hope: Simon the Zealot became an Apostle.

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