



# JESUS WAS NOT POOR...

and He doesn't want you to be poor either!

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**Deuteronomy 28** <sup>1</sup> "Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. <sup>2</sup> All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the LORD your God:  
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**Galatians 3** <sup>13</sup> Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-- for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"-- <sup>14</sup> in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. NASU

**2 Corinthians 8** <sup>9</sup> For you are becoming progressively acquainted with and recognizing more strongly and clearly the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (His kindness, His gracious generosity, His undeserved favor and spiritual blessing), [in] that though He was [so very] rich, yet for your sakes He became [so very] poor, in order that by His poverty you might become enriched (abundantly supplied). AMP

On the cross Jesus became a curse for us. He became poor in order that we might become rich.  
NT:4145 plousios (plooh'-see-os); from NT:4149; wealthy; figuratively, abounding with: KJV - rich; copiously: abundantly, richly; to be (or become) wealthy (literally or figuratively); be increased with goods, (be made, wax) rich.

Joseph and Mary must have had the money to stay in the inn. Luke 2:7

It was commonly accepted that there were at least twelve wise men. They gave more than enough for Joseph, Mary and Jesus to spend two years in Egypt. Matthew 2:1-2,11, 13

A carpenter was a builder of houses. Mark 6:3

Jesus (the Carpenter) had a house to live in and entertain guests. Matthew 9:1,9-10

Jesus had nowhere to lay His head that night because the Samaritans did not receive Him.  
Luke 9:51-53,57-58

The first miracle Jesus performed was a miracle of abundance and luxury. John 2:1-11

Jesus had the financial means to travel with the twelve from city to city.

Many contributed to their support.

**Luke 8** <sup>1</sup> Soon afterwards, He began going around from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God. The twelve were with Him, <sup>2</sup> and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, <sup>3</sup> and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means. NASU

Jesus fed over 5,000 by a miracle of multiplication, but it is apparent that Jesus had the money to buy the food. Jesus also fed about 4,000 by a miracle of multiplication, He is not limited to money. (Mark 8:1-9)

**Luke 9** <sup>12</sup> Now the day was ending, and the twelve came and said to Him, "Send the crowd away, that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find lodging and get something to eat; for here we are in a desolate place." <sup>13</sup> But He said to them, "You give them something to eat!" And they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless perhaps we go and buy food for all these people." <sup>14</sup> (For there were about five thousand men.) And He said to His disciples, "Have them sit down to eat in groups of about fifty each." <sup>15</sup> They did so, and had them all sit down. <sup>16</sup> Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and

looking up to heaven, He blessed them, and broke them, and kept giving them to the disciples to set before the people. <sup>17</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied; and the broken pieces which they had left over were picked up, twelve baskets full. NASU

### **Jesus sent Peter to fish to pay their taxes.**

**Matthew 17** <sup>27</sup> "However, so that we do not offend them, go to the sea and throw in a hook, and **take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a shekel.** Take that and give it to them for you and Me." NASU

### **Jesus wore some expensive garments.**

**John 19** <sup>23</sup> Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; **now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece.** <sup>24</sup> So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be"; this was to fulfill the Scripture: "THEY DIVIDED MY OUTER GARMENTS AMONG THEM, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS." NASU

### **Jesus received a year's wages worth of perfume (luxury).**

#### **Jesus had a treasurer who was stealing, but His disciples did not know it.**

**John 12** <sup>3</sup> Mary took **a pound of ointment of pure liquid nard [a rare perfume] that was very expensive, and she poured it on Jesus' feet** and wiped them with her hair. And the whole house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, the one of His disciples who was about to betray Him, said, <sup>5</sup> **Why was this perfume not sold for 300 denarii [a year's wages for an ordinary workman] and that [money] given to the poor (the destitute)?** <sup>6</sup> **Now he did not say this because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief; and having the bag (the money box, the purse of the Twelve), he took for himself what was put into it [pilfering the collections].** <sup>7</sup> **But Jesus said, Let her alone.** It was [intended] that she should keep it for the time of My preparation for burial. [She has kept it that she might have it for the time of My embalming.] <sup>8</sup> **You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.** AMP

#### **Jesus and the twelve had plenty to buy what they needed and give to the poor.**

**John 13** <sup>27</sup> After the morsel, Satan then entered into him. Therefore Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." <sup>28</sup> Now no one of those reclining at the table knew for what purpose He had said this to him. <sup>29</sup> For **some were supposing, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus was saying to him, "Buy the things we have need of for the feast"; or else, that he should give something to the poor.** NASU

### **Jesus paid the price for you to become rich!**

**Glory:** *chabod* (kah-vohd); Strong's #3519 Weightiness, that which is substantial or heavy; glory, honor, splendor, power, wealth, authority, magnificence, fame dignity, riches, and excellency. *Chabod* is God's glory, not only His honor, renown, and majesty, but also His visible splendor, which fills Solomon's temple and will someday fill the Earth.

Isaiah 60 <sup>1</sup> Arise, shine; For your light has come! And **the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.** <sup>2</sup> For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and **His glory will be seen upon you.** <sup>3</sup> The Gentiles shall come to our light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>5</sup> ...because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you... <sup>6</sup> The multitude of camels shall cover your land, The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD. <sup>7</sup> ...**and I will glorify the house of My glory.**

### **PASSOVER IS A TIME TO HONOR JESUS WITH GIVING**

Deuteronomy 16 <sup>1</sup> **Celebrate the Passover of the Lord your God...** <sup>10</sup> ...**Bring an offering** as a **special gift to Him,** giving to Him **just as He has blessed you.** <sup>NCV</sup> ... <sup>16</sup> "**Three times a year** all your men are to appear in the presence of ADONAI your God in the place which he will choose - at the festival of *matzah* (Passover), at the festival of Shavu'ot and at the festival of Sukkot. **They are not to show up before ADONAI empty-handed,** <sup>17</sup> but **every man** is to **give what he can, in accordance with the blessing** ADONAI your God has given you. CJB