



# 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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**Psalms 35** <sup>27</sup> Let them shout for joy and rejoice, who favor my vindication; And let them say continually, "The LORD be magnified, Who delights in the prosperity of His servant." NASU

**3 John** <sup>2</sup> Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers. NASU

**Psalms 105** <sup>37</sup> Then He brought them out with silver and gold, And among His tribes there was not one who stumbled. NASU

**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 (ploo'-see-os); from NT:4149; wealthy; figuratively, abounding with: KJV - rich; copiously; abundantly, richly; to be (or become) wealthy (literally or figuratively); he increased with goods, (be made, wax) rich.

**Joseph and Mary must have had the money to stay in the inn.**

**Luke 2** <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. NASU

**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** <sup>1</sup> Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." <sup>11</sup> And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." NKJV

**A carpenter was a builder of houses.**

**Mark 6** <sup>3</sup> Is not this the Carpenter, the son of Mary AMP

**Jesus (the Carpenter) had a house to live in and entertain guests.**

**Matthew 9** <sup>1</sup> Getting into a boat, crossed over the sea and came to His own city. <sup>9</sup> As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's office; and He said to him, Be My disciple [side with My party and follow Me]. And he rose and followed Him. <sup>10</sup> And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and [especially wicked] sinners came and sat (reclined) with Him and His disciples. AMP

**Jesus had nowhere to lay His head that night because the Samaritans did not receive Him.**

**Luke 9** <sup>51</sup> Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, <sup>52</sup> and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. <sup>53</sup> But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. <sup>57</sup> Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." NKJV

**The first miracle Jesus performed was a miracle of abundance and luxury.**

**John 2** <sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; <sup>2</sup> and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." <sup>6</sup> Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." So they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And He said to them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it to him. <sup>9</sup> When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom, <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when the people have drunk freely, then he serves the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him. NASU

**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 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!**

**2 Corinthians 8** <sup>9</sup> For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that **though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.** NASU

**Malachi 3** <sup>8</sup> "Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! "But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?' "You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. <sup>9</sup> You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. <sup>10</sup> Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! <sup>11</sup> Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. <sup>12</sup> "Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. <sup>13</sup> "You have said terrible things about me," says the LORD. "But you say, 'What do you mean? What have we said against you?' <sup>14</sup> "You have said, 'What's the use of serving God? What have we gained by obeying his commands or by trying to show the LORD of Heaven's Armies that we are sorry for our sins? <sup>15</sup> From now on we will call the arrogant blessed. For those who do evil get rich, and those who dare God to punish them suffer no harm.'" NLT

**Matthew 23** <sup>23</sup> ...**You should tithe, yes...** NLT

**Proverbs 10** <sup>22</sup> **It is the blessing of the LORD that makes rich,** and He adds no sorrow to it. NASU

**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