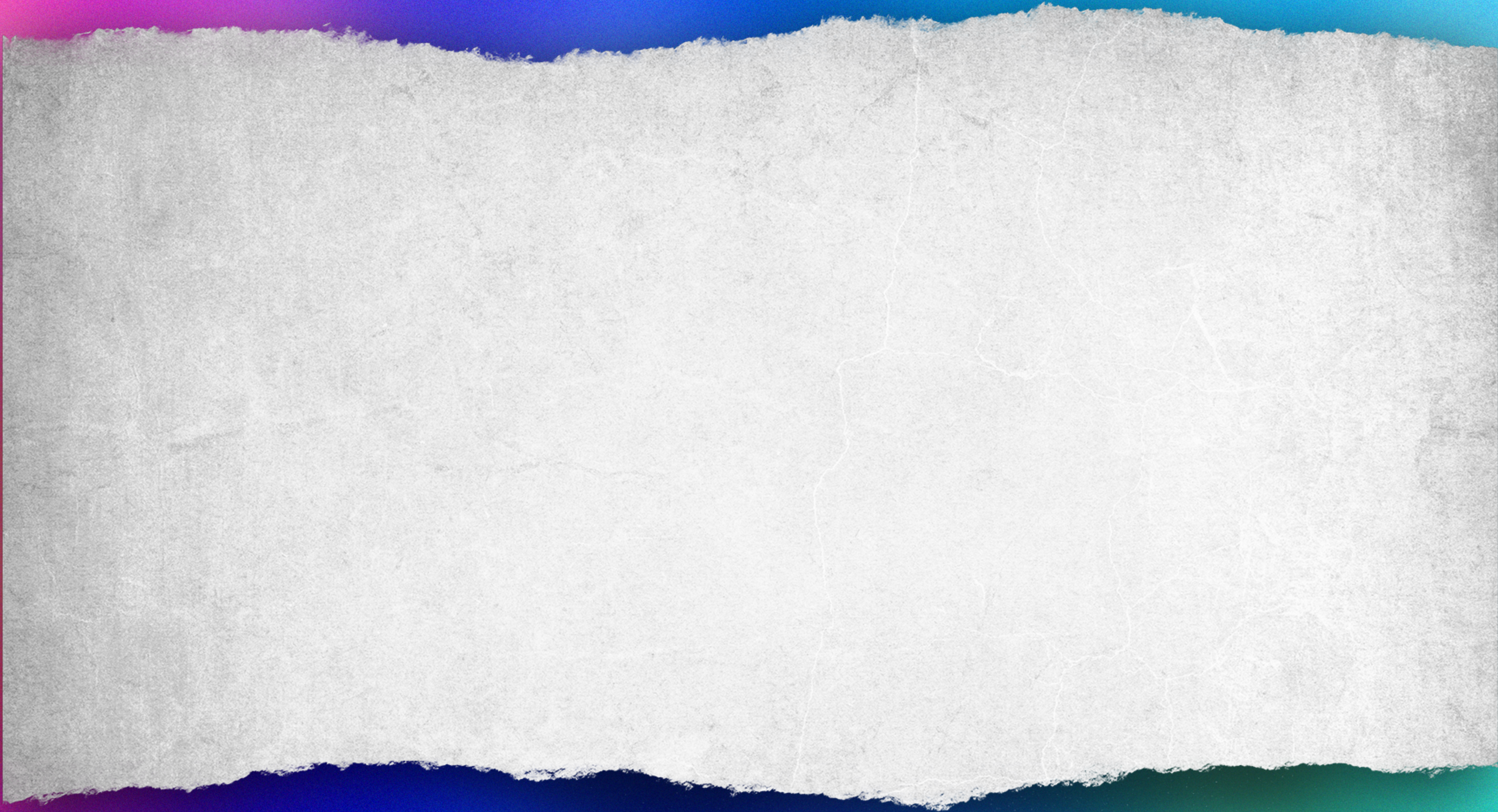


The **Jesus** Dilemma



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**Mary regarded
Jesus as her
Lord. (12:3)**

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“Mary did not stop to calculate public reaction. Her heart went out to her Lord and she gave expression to something of her feelings in this beautiful and touching act.”

LEON MORRIS

The Jesus Dilemma

**Judas regarded
Jesus as his
enabler. (12:4-8)**

The **Jesus** Dilemma

“These words show us two things: how expensive the ointment really was and how fatal it is when our hearts don’t match the worth of Jesus.”

JOHN PIPER

The **Jesus** Dilemma

“Jesus does not play down giving to the poor but plays up His impending death; He must be His followers’ first commitment.”

CRAIG KEENER

The Jesus Dilemma

**The crowd
regarded Jesus
as their deliverer.**

(12:9, 12,13, 17,18)

Lord, save us!
Lord, grant us success!

PSALM 118:25

The **Jesus** Dilemma

**Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. From the
house of the Lord we bless you.**

PSALM 118:26

The Jesus Dilemma

“A mighty leader who would overthrow Rome is precisely what the people desired of their messiah. They wanted a king to deliver them from Rome, not a Savior to redeem them from their sins...”

The Jesus Dilemma

“‘Messiah’ suggested to the minds of the people a kingly son of David who would be anointed by God to bring to Israel political deliverance from the yoke of the heathen, and to establish the earthly kingdom.”

GEORGE ELDEN LADD

The Jesus Dilemma

“He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey to symbolize a conception of messiahship very different from that of the crowds. They hailed Him as the messianic King. He came as the Prince of Peace.”

LEON MORRIS

The Jesus Dilemma

**The religious
leaders regarded
Jesus as their
rival. (12:10,11, 19)**

“The chief priests betrayed an astounding refusal to allow their beliefs to be changed by undeniable facts. They would rather destroy the evidence than change their minds...”

The Jesus Dilemma

**“This is not rational behavior, but
sin produces irrational action.”**

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The **Jesus** Dilemma

**The disciples
regarded Jesus
as a conundrum.
(12:14-16)**

“Jesus would have whipped the political aspirations of the vast crowds into insurrectionist frenzy had He entered Jerusalem on a war horse...”

The Jesus Dilemma

“but He dampens nationalistic expectations by coming ‘lowly and riding on a donkey.’”

D.A. CARSON

The Jesus Dilemma

**Rejoice greatly, Daughter of Zion!
Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See,
your King comes to you, righteous
and victorious, lowly and riding on a
donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

ZECHARIAH 9:9

The Jesus Dilemma

“The coming of the gentle King is associated with the cessation of war...”

The Jesus Dilemma

“The coming of the gentle King is associated with the proclamation of peace to the nations...”

The Jesus Dilemma

“The coming of the gentle King is associated with the blood of God’s covenant that spells release for prisoners.”

D.A. CARSON

The Jesus Dilemma

**“This is the mystery of the Kingdom:
the divine secret that in the
ministry of Jesus has for the first
time been disclosed to men...”**

The Jesus Dilemma

“The future, apocalyptic, glorious Kingdom has come secretly to work among men in advance of its open manifestation.”

GEORGE ELDEN LADD

The Jesus Dilemma

“It is a repeated theme in Scripture that there can be no glory unless first there is suffering. Jesus knew that He must die on the cross before He could enter into His glory.”

WARREN WIERSBE

The Jesus Dilemma

**Jesus asks to
each of us:
“Who do you
say that I am?”**

The **Jesus** Dilemma