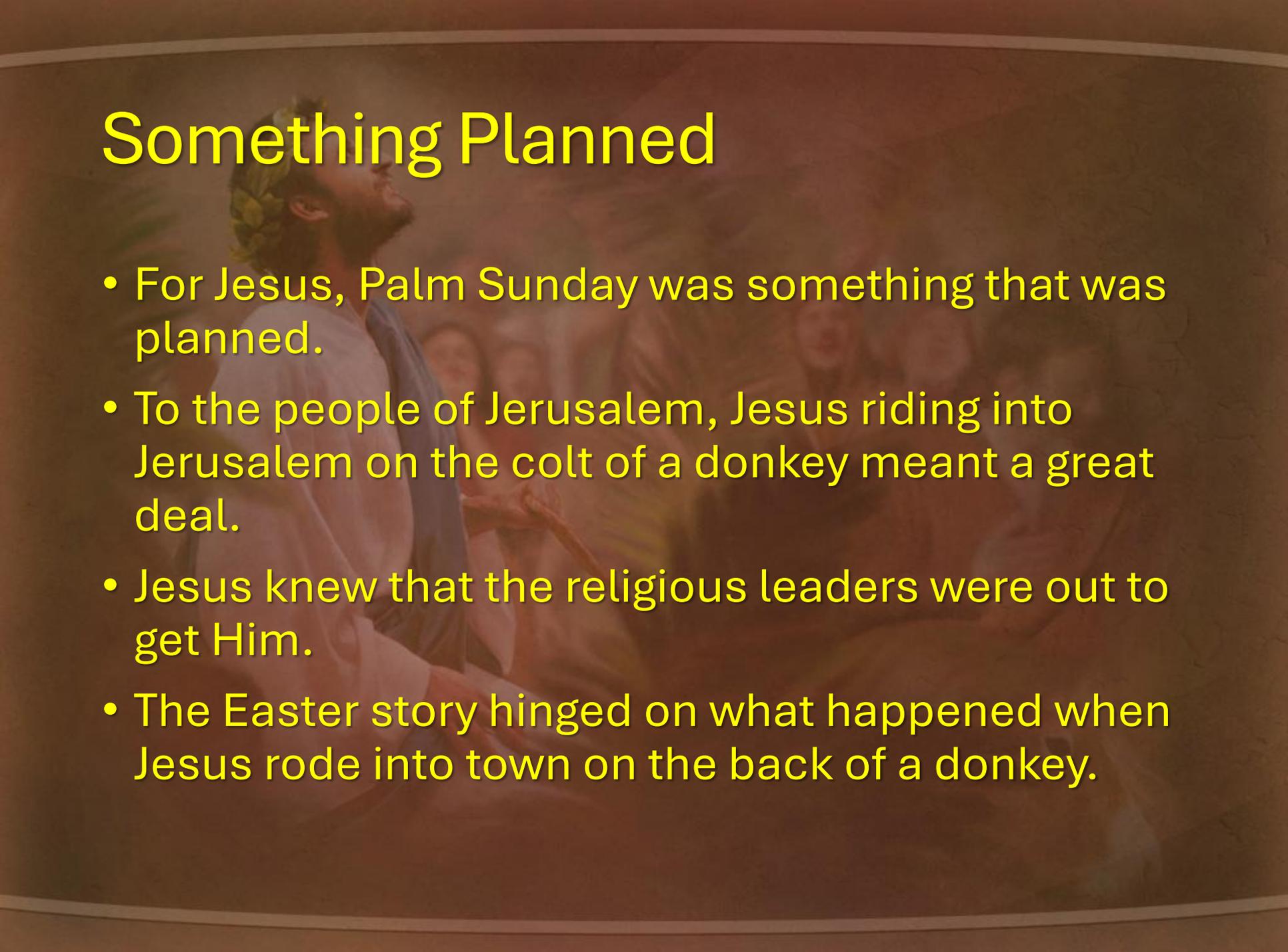




# Palm Sunday

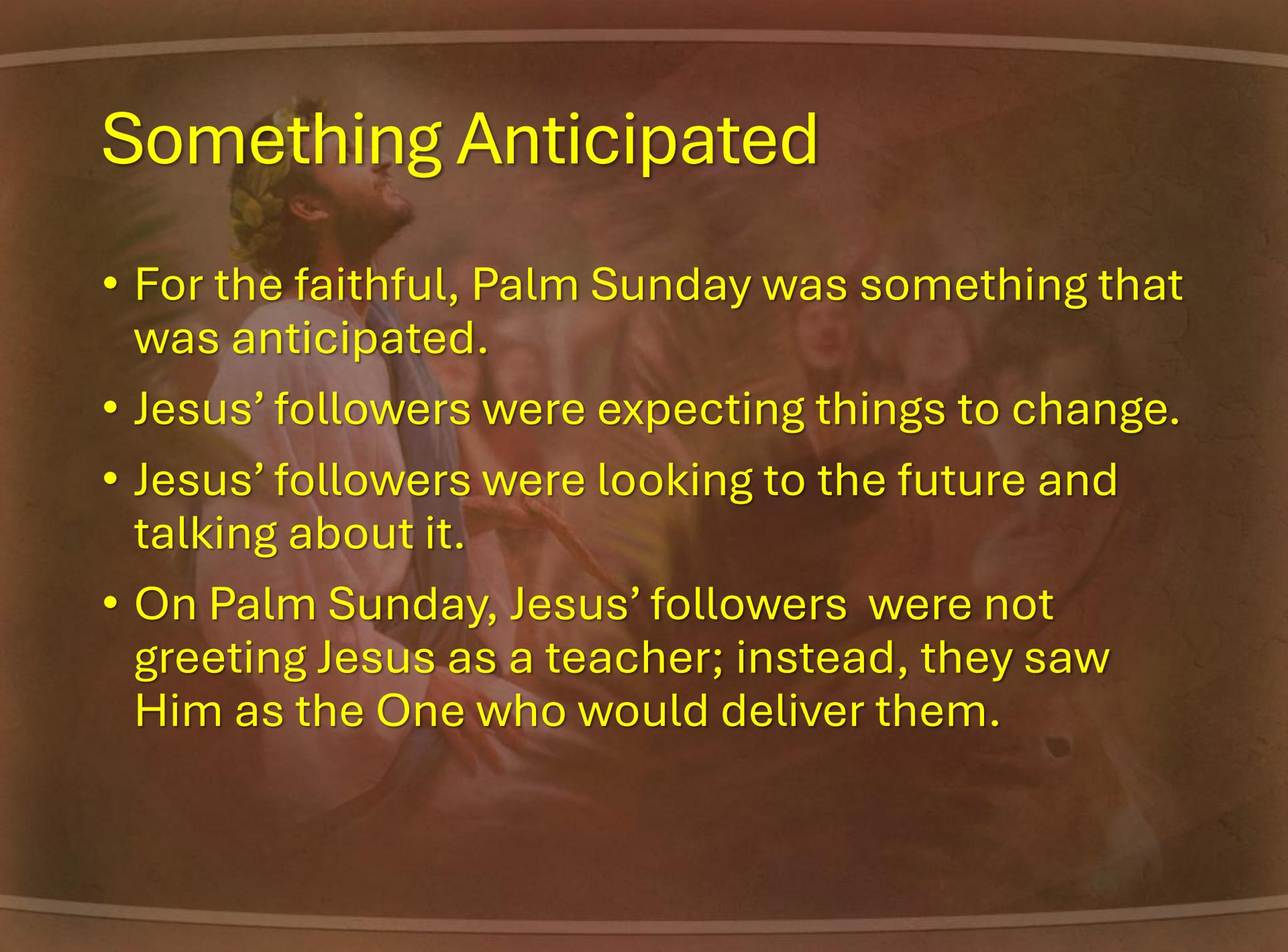
John 12:12-20, Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44

# Something Planned

A man with a beard and long hair, wearing a white robe and a blue sash, is shown in profile, looking upwards and to the right. He is surrounded by a crowd of people, some of whom are holding palm branches. The background is a warm, golden-brown color, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall scene is a depiction of the Palm Sunday event.

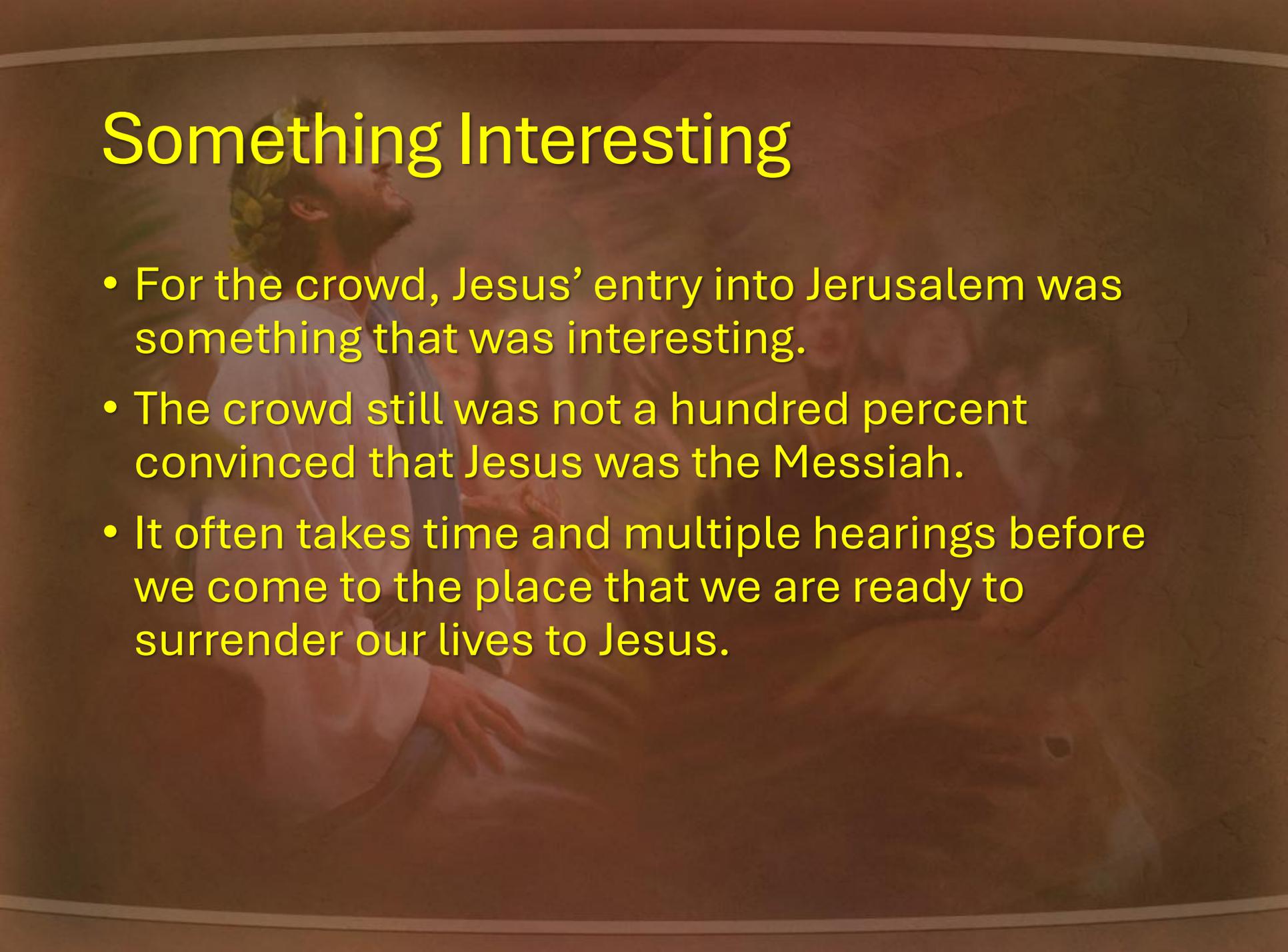
- For Jesus, Palm Sunday was something that was planned.
- To the people of Jerusalem, Jesus riding into Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey meant a great deal.
- Jesus knew that the religious leaders were out to get Him.
- The Easter story hinged on what happened when Jesus rode into town on the back of a donkey.

# Something Anticipated



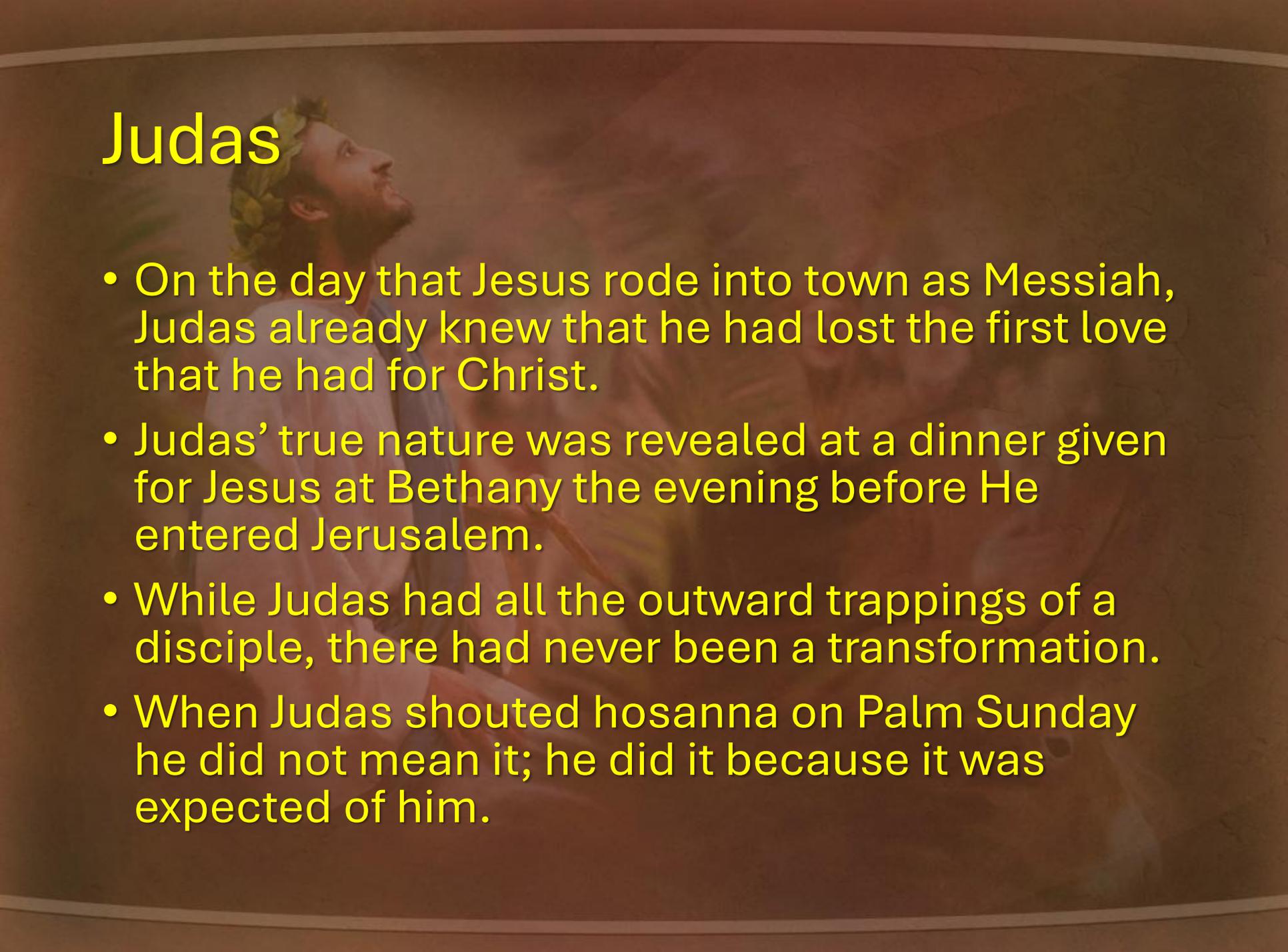
- For the faithful, Palm Sunday was something that was anticipated.
- Jesus' followers were expecting things to change.
- Jesus' followers were looking to the future and talking about it.
- On Palm Sunday, Jesus' followers were not greeting Jesus as a teacher; instead, they saw Him as the One who would deliver them.

# Something Interesting



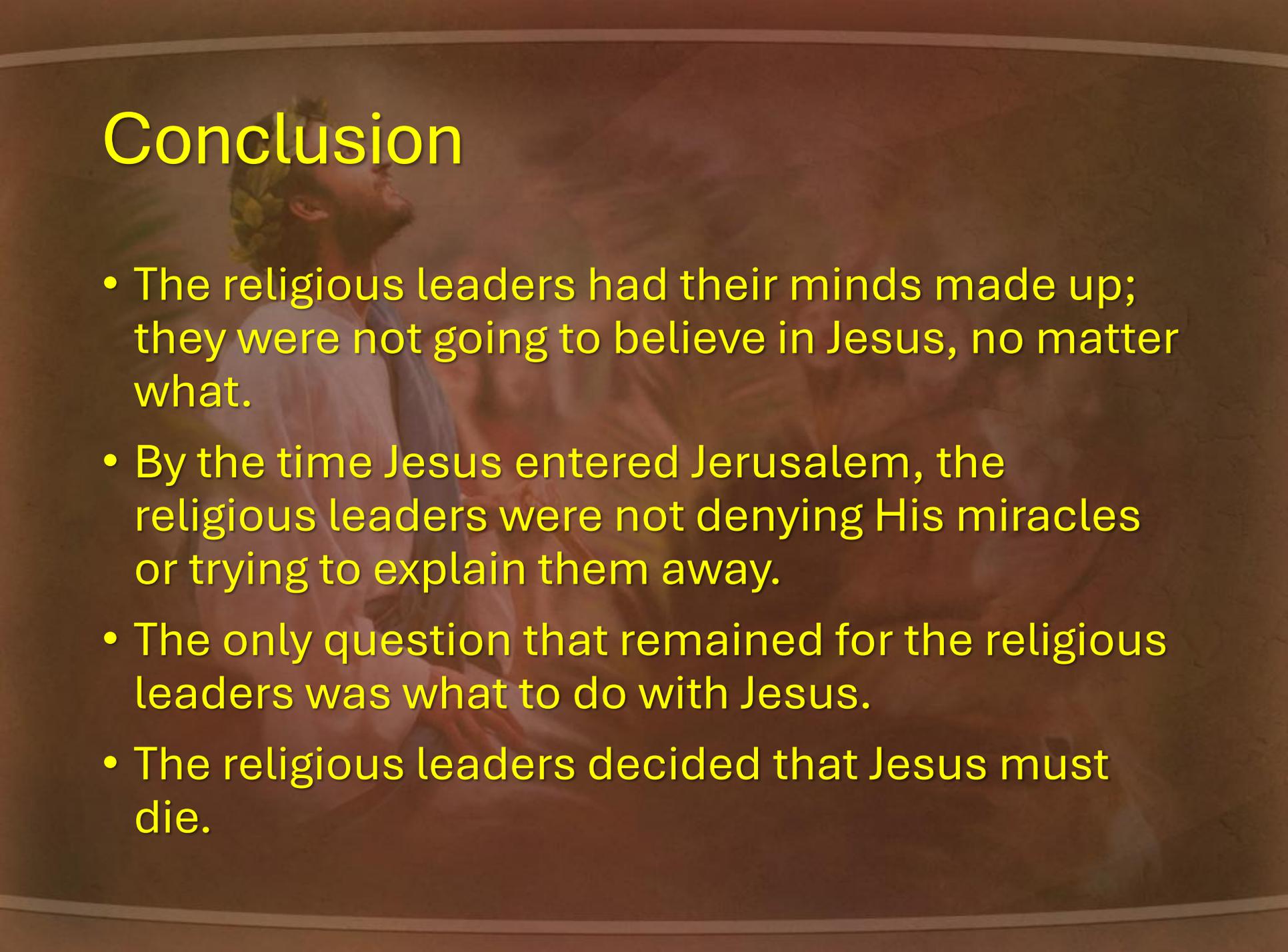
- For the crowd, Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was something that was interesting.
- The crowd still was not a hundred percent convinced that Jesus was the Messiah.
- It often takes time and multiple hearings before we come to the place that we are ready to surrender our lives to Jesus.

# Judas



- On the day that Jesus rode into town as Messiah, Judas already knew that he had lost the first love that he had for Christ.
- Judas' true nature was revealed at a dinner given for Jesus at Bethany the evening before He entered Jerusalem.
- While Judas had all the outward trappings of a disciple, there had never been a transformation.
- When Judas shouted hosanna on Palm Sunday he did not mean it; he did it because it was expected of him.

# Conclusion



- The religious leaders had their minds made up; they were not going to believe in Jesus, no matter what.
- By the time Jesus entered Jerusalem, the religious leaders were not denying His miracles or trying to explain them away.
- The only question that remained for the religious leaders was what to do with Jesus.
- The religious leaders decided that Jesus must die.