

**The family-social-secular-religious world of  
Jesus of Nazareth: from 12 to 30 years of age.  
Lesson 1. In Jerusalem. Return via Jericho.**





**A trip every  
year to  
Jerusalem for  
the Passover  
feast. In  
Jerusalem, the  
young Jesus  
Christ  
presents gifts  
for the temple  
to a levitical  
priest.**



**At twelve years of age...**

**...in Jerusa-  
lem “...in the  
temple  
courts,  
sitting  
among the  
teachers,  
listening to  
them and  
asking them  
questions.”**



**“Everyone... was amazed at his  
understanding and... answers.”**



**To thirty years of age...**



**...when he was baptized by John the Baptist.**



**From 12 to 18 years old, “Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man” (Lucas 2:52).**

**Eighteen years growing in... (1) wisdom, (2) stature, (3) in favor with God, (4) in favor with man!**



**Young people , may you grow in the same way, from 12 to 18 years of age, by means of these classes!**



**Let us travel with the young Jesus Christ on his return trip from Jerusalem to Nazareth. Two possible routes: Through Samaria or by way of Jericho. We take the Jericho route.**

**How shall we travel?**



**150 kilometers  
-90 miles- from  
Jerusalem to  
Nazareth.**



**We leave the great city of Jerusalem, with its magnificent temple, Herod's palace and the huge fortress Antonia.**



**Going out by the east gate, we take the road to Jericho.  
What a city! Such a temple! The pride of many Israelites.**

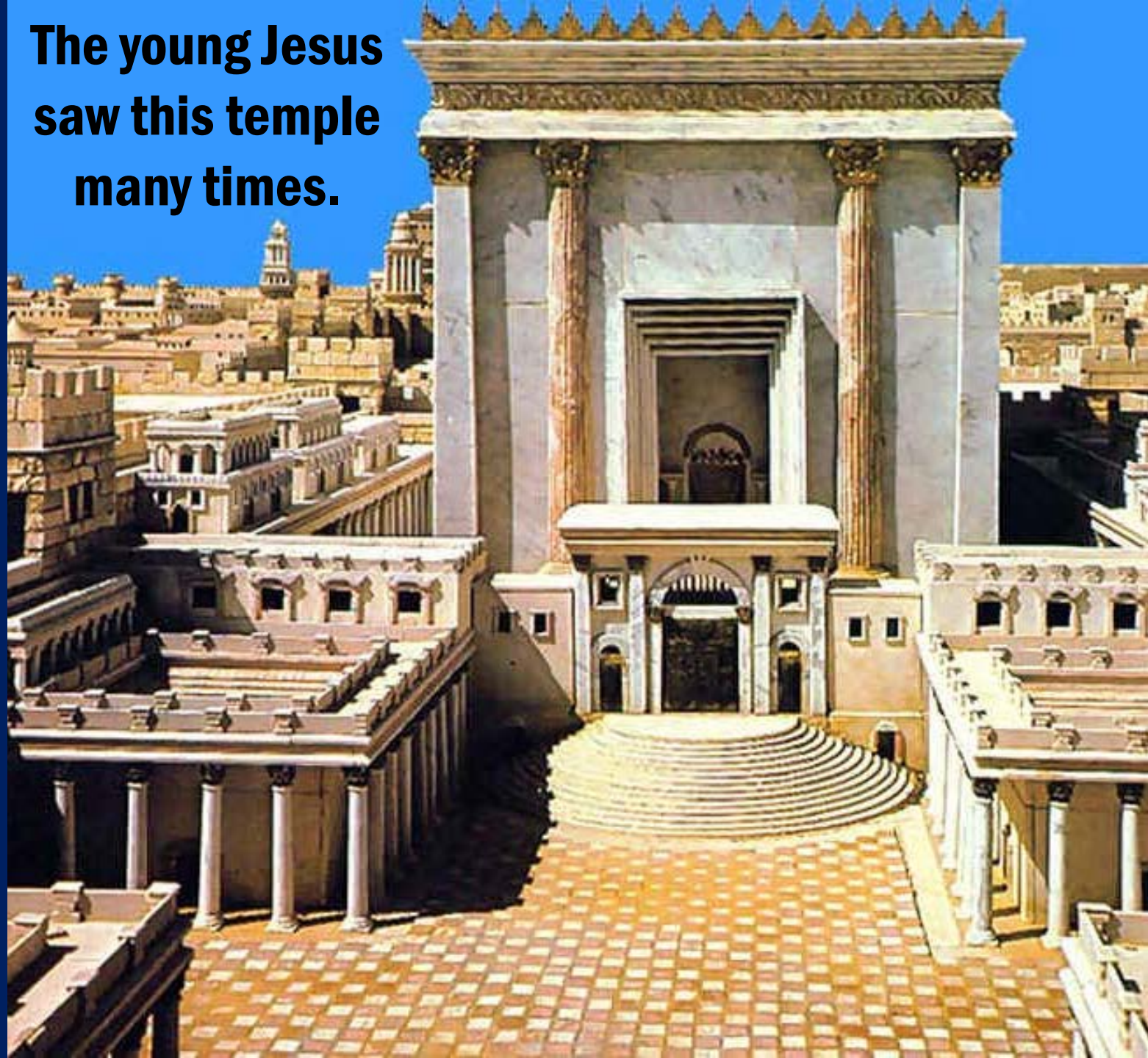


# Jerusalem in the time of the young Jesus Christ





**The  
temple in  
Jerusalem  
in the  
time of  
the young  
Jesus.  
Faced  
with white  
marble.  
Fifteen  
stories  
high.**



**The young Jesus  
saw this temple  
many times.**

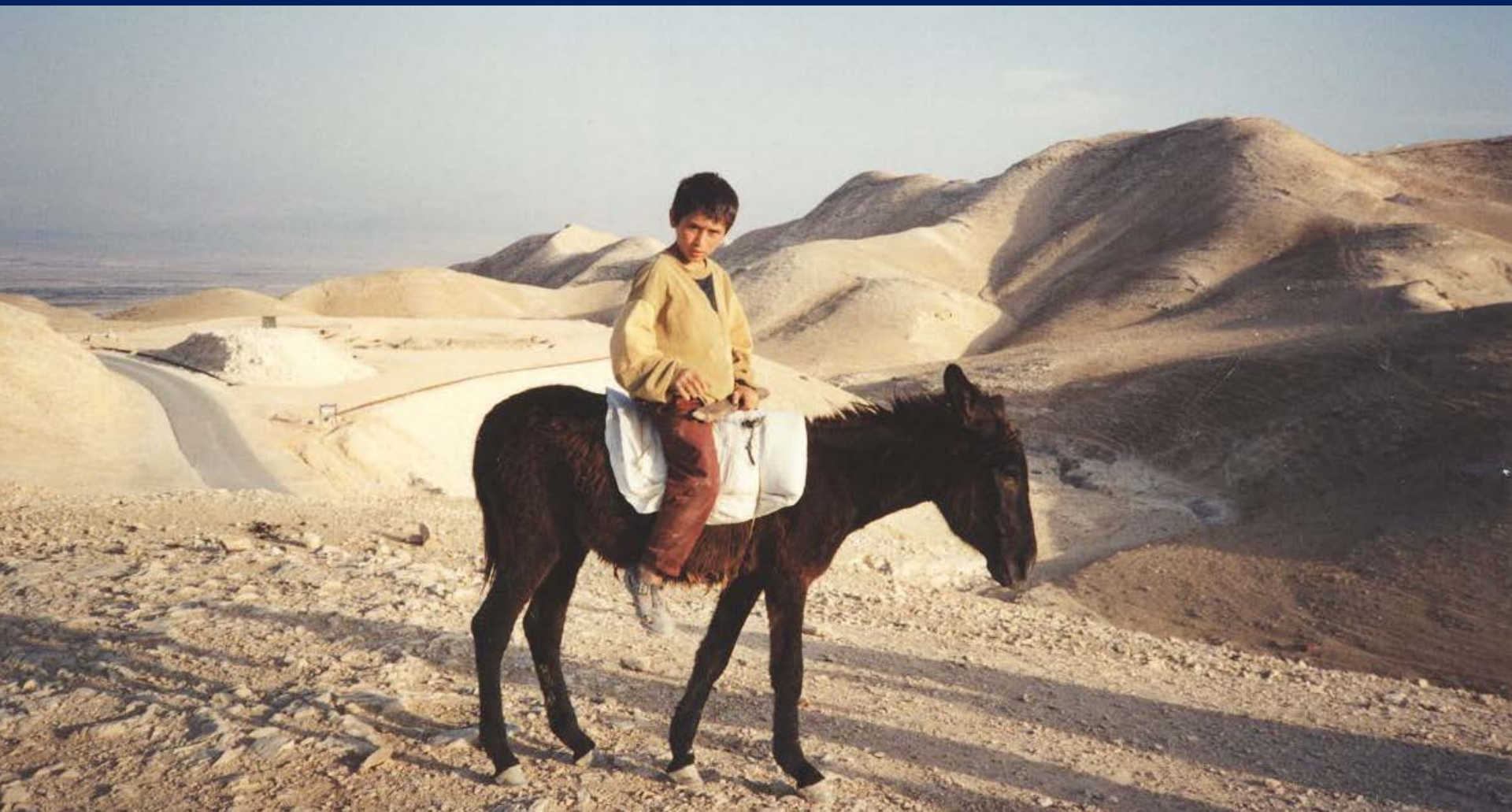


**Leaving Jerusalem behind, we walk past the Mount of Olives on the right. From Jerusalem to Jericho: 24 kilometers (15 miles). 8 hours to walk it. First, some trees and vegetation. Twenty inches of rainfall yearly.**





**Farther along, just a little vegetation. Then, pure desert!  
From Jerusalem, 855 meters (2,600 feet) above sea level,  
we descend to Jericho, an oasis, 270 meters (825 feet)  
below sea level.**



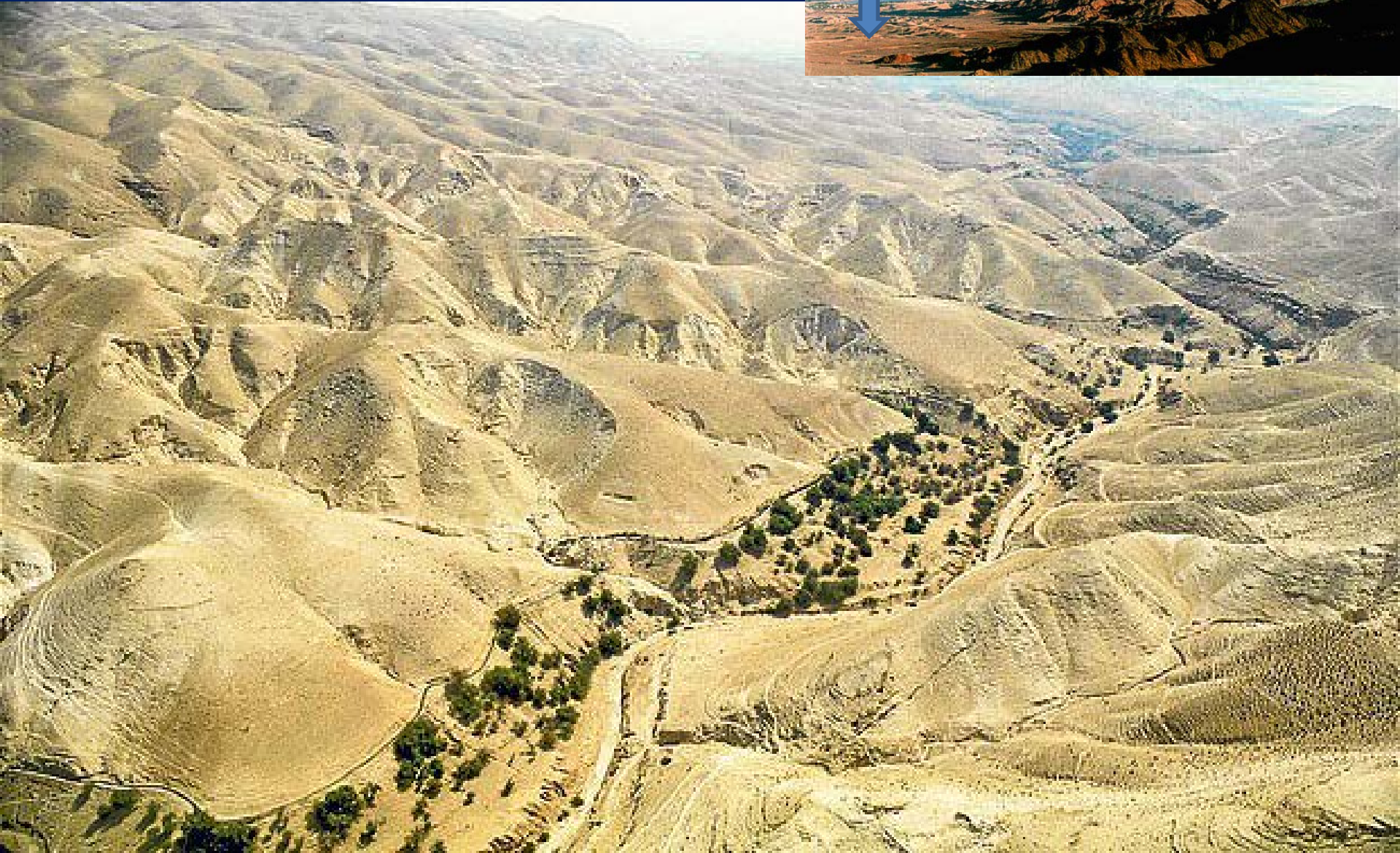
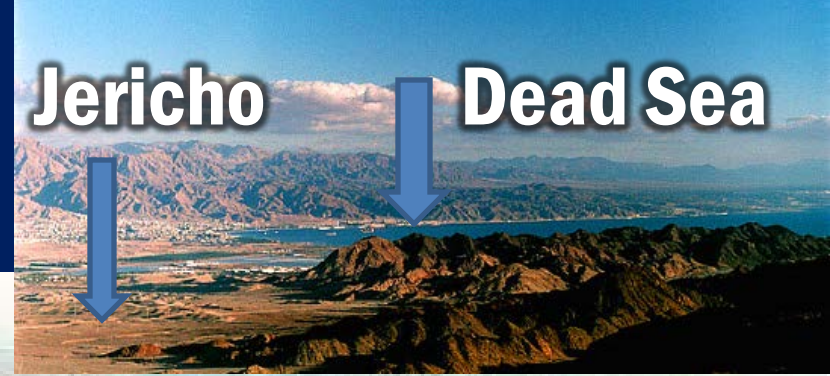


**The old road from Jerusalem to Jericho. Photographed in 1932. In which of his parables does Jesus refer to this road?**





# The road from Jerusalem to Jericho and the Jordan River





**From Jericho, we take the road north through the Jordan valley, then the branch of the road leading to Nazareth.**







**After walking four or five days, at last we arrive at the village of Nazareth! Forty to fifty houses. About 450 inhabitants.**

