<u>JUDAH</u>

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A different kind of story about the connection between two human beings named Yeshua and Judah whose travels, actions and words from their beginnings to their ends forever changed the world.

FADE IN:

In the year Anno Domini 42 the word Christians, a Latin term out of Egypt for a God was used to refer to the followers of an Israeli Rabbi that had passed ten years earlier.

EXT. YEAR ANNO DOMINI 102 - EARLY MORNING SUN - SUMMER -INSIDE A SIMPLE STONE DWELLING SITUATED IN THE FERTILE LAND OF THE EGYPTIAN NILE DELTA AND WITHIN SIGHT OF THE SOUTHERN SHORE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA.

The morning sun's rays filter through a rough-hewn brown cloth covering a bronze clay window opening reflecting off a collection of papyrus scripts laying randomly on a wooden counter. It was as if a hand had suddenly brushed them aside. Beside the scripts burned a small flickering flame rising from a polished metal bowl. Near the lamp was an ancient hand with skin stretched and cracked like the papyrus that lay beside it. The hand loosely grasped a quill. The hand and fingers did not move, nor did the arms or head covered with long white hair sprawled across much of the papyrus pages. The spirit had left and this human body was now only a shell. A hint of a smile could be seen emanating from his cracked thin lips as they lay against the wooden table. He had passed his hundredth and finished after many years the last page of his letters that chronicled his long life. His last thoughts before his eyes closed to the flame of the lamp and life, were of his friend who he knew would be proud of him and his accomplishments. He would shortly leave his body with no regrets. Lying by the pen laying between his fingers one could see on the top page of papyrus the words stylized in ancient Coptic Greek.

> JUDAH (O.V. of Judah) My name is Judah and this is my story.

EXT - MORNING SUN - EASTERN SHORES OF MEDITERRANEAN - PALESTINE - KINGDOM OF HEROD - JERUSALEM - BETHLEHEM

Flying over the Mediterranean Sea and the shores one can look down and see the area known as Palestine and as one gets closer the structures and palace grounds of the King of this area called King Herod the Great which is by arrangement actually a part of the Roman Empire as indicated by the number of heavily armed Roman soldiers guarding the gates of the city known as Jerusalem. Rising once more into the sky and looking south one can see the little town of Bethlehem where our story begins.

EXT - WINTER - COLD DAY - FROST ON GROUND - CLOUDY GLOOMY

A couple is seen traveling on a rutted path like road. A pregnant woman is seen riding on an ass that is being lead by a bearded man. A man has told them about a cave down the road in which they could stay the night and there no one would bother them.

> JOSEPH - YOSEF I do not believe it is much further Mary - Miryam.

MIRYAM I hope not I can feel the baby moving. We need the shelter.

YOSEF (thinking) Dear God, I hope it is soon we find this cave.

INT - HEROD'S PALACE - ASTROLOGERS QUARTERS.

At the same time in Herod's palace two astrologers are seeking to make sense of the present arrangement of the stars. The both have long dark robes with bright blue stars emblazoned all over them. One is much older than the other with long white hair and beard. He wears a large pointed hat and is the one apparently in charge. The other much younger with brown long hair and beard is hatless. They are fretting about what they have figured out to be what the stars and constellations say is the present situation of the king. Since their jobs and their lives depend on what is projected they are careful to come up each day with what they consider to be certain facts or happenings that must take place even if it means a life or a death of someone else. They wield tremendous power and they know it. LEADING ASTROLOGIST (very nervous and hyper) We must be very careful how we phrase this to the King. It says in the old records that anyone born on this day will have a strong impact upon the world. Now it is my opinion that we should tell the king that this could indicate a threat to the throne. Any person that is born in our realm could become very powerful and possibly overthrow our king when grown.

SECOND ASTROLOGIST (butt kissing) Yes, I could see us in danger when anyone born on this day grows up. So I agree with your interpretation.

LEADING ASTROLOGIST Good, I will tell the king and no doubt he will command his forces to kill all these dangerous newborns right away.

The Leading Astrologist hurries out of the room to give the King his daily report.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - MORNING SUN

The two travelers found the cave and are surrounded by a number of the villagers who heard of their plight including midwives who helped with the delivery of a healthy baby boy. Someone had built a fire just outside the cave entrance and the heat could be felt inside. The fire also lighted the inside of the cave. For some reason a number of people were drawn to the cave because they had interpreted the astrology forecasts about births on this day. However, a person had just arrived with news he had overheard on the palace grounds since he cleaned the soldiers quarters.

> NEW CAVE VISITER WITH IMPORTANT MESSAGE (breathing hard from running all the way) I'm sorry but you must hide the baby and leave immediately. Go east, south, west, or north but get away immediately. (MORE)

NEW CAVE VISITER WITH IMPORTANT I heard Herod's soldiers say that they had orders to search out and kill any baby that was born today. It seems they would be a threat to the throne when grown.

The crowd in the cave were horror-struck and shuffled around not knowing what to do.

YOSEF Can you rise my love. Yeshua is of royal blood. We must get away.

MIRYAM I will do what I must Yosef. Would someone please hold Yeshua.

Mary handed the baby to one of the midwives who attended her as she rose carefully from the bed of hay one of the visitors to the cave had brought.

> MIRYAM (CONT'D) Get the ass ready Yosef, I can hardly walk. We will head south away from the palace.

YOSEF Yes, my dear right away.

A VOICE FROM THE MOUTH OF THE CAVE Wait!

It was one of the rich merchants who had heard of the birth and had stopped to visit on their way to Jerusalem.

> A VOICE FROM THE MOUTH OF THE CAVE (CONT'D) I have a camel and will take you where ever you need to go. It has a comfortable seat and is an old and true friend. No one will stop us as we are well known as traders.

Miryam and Yosef looked at each other and nodded their approval. Everyone in the cave was overjoyed. It truly was a miracle.

A VOICE FROM THE MOUTH OF THE CAVE (CONT'D) Do not worry about food for both of you and the baby. We have plenty of food and drink. 4.

Once mounted on the camel they were joined by two other traders who thought the route to Egypt would be a good one to take. The caravan moved off joined by other traders who had heard of the special birth. Amazingly, when the soldiers arrived looking for newborns. No one knew anything.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - EGYPT - SUNNY DAY

When Miryam and Yosef arrived with the caravan they were given lodgings by the traders friends when told of the miraculous happenings.

> MIRYAM Well Yosef, we certainly know that our son is favored by God with all these good things happening.

YOSEF Yes, my love we are very blessed.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - MORNING SUN - EASTERN SHORES OF MEDITERRANEAN - GALILEE

Twelve years later the family of David returned to the homeland they had missed for years. The king who had ordered the deaths had died six years earlier However because of political disruptions in the southern part of Palestine ruled by one of his sons they decided to continue north into Galilee which was ruled by another of his sons but was of a more decent nature. They settled down and Yosef found work as a carpenter. Yeshua was sent to school where Yeshua after being raised in an enlightened Egyptian culture excelled and was considered Rabbi material.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - DAY AFTERNOON - PARTLY CLOUDY - BACK ALLEY STREETS OF JERUSELUM

On a worn narrow back alleyway on a step like paved stone blocks that led down to the temple was busy with many travelers walking among the various tables and merchant sellers. In the midst of this was an eight year old boy tending the family's business a table with various dry goods and dried foods. He had been there all day and business had been very good as the money bowl was almost filled to the brim with coin. It was not in any way part of his profits but owned by the man and his family that he lived with. Judah was his name and the woman who had been his mother and the man who had been his father had been slaves brought by their Roman owner to Jeruselum to serve him. He had grown ill and on his death bed granted them their freedom. When his mother gave birth to him later they had him circumcised so that his way of life would be easier in the Jewish country. Unfortunately, they both caught a deadly disease and died when he was just six years old. He was found begging for food by the man who decided to have him watch this table a chore he had done successfully for two years. The man and his family were very mean and cruel to him and Judah looked forward to growing up and starting out on his own which he figured to be about the age of twelve. He stood there looking down at the bowl filled with coin.

> JUDAH (thinking) Its been a good day. Sold a lot of stuff. He will be happy.

Judah turned and looked up towards the alleyway's crest. He saw three Roman soldiers in full armor making a lot of noise as they clumsily made their way down between the tables on both sides of the narrow alleyway. All three of them were holding flasks that they gulped at while staggering down the steps pushing aside anyone unfortunately standing in their way with some falling down. It made Judah laugh.

> JUDAH (CONT'D) (Laughing) Those soldiers are really drunk.

Eventually the soldiers had reached Judah's area where they stopped and one soldier stood staggering in front of Judah's table and clumsily reached down and grabbed a beaded necklace, brought it up to his face to look at it. Judah held up two fingers naming the price and the soldier swaying back and forth started to put two coins in the bowl while at the same time moving down the alleyway. Unfortunately his fingers moving away knocked the bowl off of the table onto the stone steps scattering the bowl and its coin contents clinking and clamoring down the alleyway. Judah was almost too stunned to move and by the time he did the realized that all the busy traffic on the steps started to pick up and pocket the new found money. He tried to stop them but they pushed him away and one man punched him in the face knocking him down. He yelled.

> JUDAH (CONT'D) (crying) Stop it. It is not your money.

The owner of the table came out a door to the alleyway in response of all the noise and confusion and saw Judah on his hands and knees looking for the coins. The owner lifted Judah by his collar and asked him gruffly what had happened. When Judah explained about the soldiers the owner slapped Judah across the face and told him to get out of here. He then pushed and kicked Judah in his rear adding that he didn't want to see him again. This action made Judah stumble causing him to fall down several of the steps cutting his face and his knees. He looked up and saw the owner yelling at several of the travelers who told him to stop and leave the child alone. Judah stood up turned and started to walk down the steps wondering what will happen next.

> JUDAH (CONT'D) (wondering) Why has God decided on this life for me. It is so strange. I see others my age who are surrounded by those who love them. What can be next? How will I live? This is all just so strange.

Judah reached the bottom of the steps and decided to stop and rest on a stone wall across from the temple steps. He sat down put his elbows on his knees and rested his chin on his palms wondering. A woman stopped in front of him and he looked at her feet.

> WOMAN (in a kind soft voice) I saw the whole thing up there. Do you have a place to stay?

Judah looked up into the woman's dark green eyes and saw the most beautiful face he had ever laid his eyes on. He could hardly speak.

JUDAH (haltingly) Err, no I do not.

WOMAN Come with me then. What is your name?

She held out her hand.

JUDAH (surrendering) Okay. My name is Judah Judah stood and grabbed on to the woman's outstretched hand as she started to swiftly walk somewhat dragging a somewhat reluctant Judah along.

> WOMAN (firmly) My name Shadi and you will live with my family and me. Do you understand?

> JUDAH Well I can cook and clean and I know how to count money...

They were now crossing all of the back alleys and heading onto the main thoroughfare and gradually worked their way up into the more wealthy part of the city.

SHADI

(strong but loving voice) You will do none of that since we have plenty of paid help to accomplish those tasks. You will do what I say and that will be that. I will explain to you when we reach what is now your house. I can say to you that the first thing you will do is take a bath and I will arrange new clothes for you.

Judah was somewhat stunned by these turn of events.

JUDAH

I do not understand why you would do all of that for me. My parents who are dead were slaves captured by the Romans. I am worth nothing dead or alive.

SHADI Who was that man that beat you?

JUDAH

After my parents were freed by their master who was dying they died of some sickness and he took me in to work for him.

SHADI Does he own you?

JUDAH No, I just worked for him. 8.

SHADI Then you will not work or see him again. Is that clear?

JUDAH

Yes.

They had reached the top of the hill in the city of Jeruselum and entered a large walled garden that surrounded a large house with many windows and doors.

> SHADI This dwelling is now your home and if you so desire you may call me either mother or Shadi. Is that understood.

They entered the house and Shadi talked with two servants who gently took Judah's hand and led him into another room to be bathed. Shadi spoke as Judah was being led away.

> SHADI (CONT'D) When you are bathed come to the table and I will tell you how we came to meet.

Later the two servants brought Judah to the table where Shadi was sitting.

FIRST SERVANT Headmistress, the Rabbi's have done well with him.

SHADI Thank you, seat the boy across from me and you may leave.

FIRST SERVANT Yes, Headmistress.

The servant led Judah to the chair, sat him and left.

SHADI

My servant has informed me that you were circumcised. I know of no Jewish slaves in this city why were you circumcised?

JUDAH My parents thought it would be best for me when I was born as it would make life easier for me to live in this country. SHADI

Well they certainly were correct in that assumption. You will not have a problem finding a wife. However, we must have you attend the temple regularly. You will be shown by our servants. Do you understand.

JUDAH

Yes.

SHADI Tonight you will meet my husband and your new brothers and sisters. I think you will be a very pleasant surprise for them.

JUDAH Can I ask you a question?

SHADI Of course, anything.

JUDAH The area of the city where you found me is where most of the poor live. There are many thieves and it is also used by the soldiers to find women to get drunk with. You obviously have great wealth. What were you doing there? It could

have been very dangerous for you.

SHADI (laughing) I was sent by God to find you.

Judah sat there mouth open staring at Shadi.

JUDAH God sent you to find me?

SHADI

Yes.

JUDAH

Now I am only eight years old, but I've seen a lot. The ladies who took care of the soldiers who drank the grapes used to watch over me and feed me when I was hungry. People knew they would get the soldiers after them if they hurt me.

(MORE)

JUDAH (CONT'D)

The man who I worked for will have to answer for his actions when the ladies find out and they will. They know everything. They will be looking for me.

SHADI

I will send my servants to pay them for their good deeds and inform them that you are safe and in good hands.

JUDAH

But why would you do that. I am only a boy.

SHADI

No, you are more than a boy. For some reason God wants you safe and God has asked that I take care of you and take care of you I will do. I have no idea what plans God has for you but whatever they are they are God's plan and that is that.

JUDAH

Did you see God?

SHADI

No, I heard him while I was doing my morning prayers.

JUDAH

What did he say?

SHADI

He told me to go to the street I found you on and starting from the top of the hill walk down the street and I will find a boy. God said that when I saw you I would know it was the right boy and God was right. I was told to take you home and raise you like a son and that is what I will do.

JUDAH

Well if that is what God wants, then I will be a good son.

SHADI Thank you Judah.

JUDAH

If someone asks, where do I tell them I live?

SHADI Gethsemane. We own all the olive trees planted there. That is all anyone needs to know. You may go there anytime.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT - MISCELLANEOUS SCENES

As the years passed Judah was eventually passed on the responsibility of keeping track of the family finances which he had the skill to be very good at. Everyone in the family was very fond of him and they were actually glad he was willing to do the chore as they were not and considered the business aspects boring. His step siblings were all older by many years than he was and pretty much kept to themselves except at dinner. They were very helpful and kind however when he needed advice and tended to his needs whenever he asked.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - MISCELLANEOUS SCENES

The family had business interests in the port city of Acco and so Judah had accompanied his step brothers and sisters as they either took care of business or shopped as his sisters like to do. He also had the opportunity to ride the camels joining caravans that travelled to Egypt. This he enjoyed tremendously and expressed his desires to the family that he would enjoy being an active participant in this part of the family business.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - MORNING SUN - GALILEE

Seventeen years later Yeshua was travelling around Galilee and entering into spiritual conversations with various Rabbi's and priests among others asking and answering many questions. Many followed him around to listen to his ideas about salvation and what he called his Father's house. Those with money offered him money for the purposes of healing which he was very good at. He said it was his Father's work. He entered into a loving relationship with a woman named Miryam Madeleine and they planned to marry. This day he was outside the seaport of Acco talking with a group that had invited him.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - DAYLIGHT - ANNO DOMINI 29 - CLOUDY WITH LIGHT RAIN -JUST OUTSIDE CITY OF ACCO - ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN SEAPORT LOCATED ON THE WESTERN SHORE

> JUDAH (murmured)

Ah...

Sitting on his camel at the crest of a hill leading down into the city of Acco is a successful trader of the roads between the ancient lands of Egypt and this Mediterranean port city. He is in his late twenties and is gazing up into the gray sky as rain drops fall upon his face. A caravan behind him awaits his instructions. He wears a heavy woven coat with gold thread brocades spun in winding patterns about a bright red background of cloth that matched his turbaned hat. Beneath his coat hangs a scimitar outlined against his blue pantaloons and brocaded cloth boots. He then looks down at a small group gathered about a man standing among ruins.

> JUDAH (CONT'D) (thinking) Hmm, that man looks strangely familiar to me.

He motions to his personal assistant that he would meet him at the docks in Acco. Then breaks out his camel towards the group. As he leaves the road and orders his camel to kneel. He calmly disembarks and walks slowly towards the group and notices a small number of men and women standing apart from the speakers group. Some were armed and looking at him suspiciously. As he drew closer he saw that the speaker had a curly brown beard and moustache that matched his hair which was cut fairly short.

> JUDAH (CONT'D) (thought) He must be a holy man.

He also noticed the speaker wore a short strange although for some reason familiar orange garment underneath his red outer garment through which his arms and head protruded. Underneath the outer wear one could see blue pantaloons and matching blue cloth boots that protected him from the winter weather. JUDAH (CONT'D) I have seen this orange colored garment before but I can't place it. But I do recognize those ritual fringes. Perhaps he is a Rabbi or maybe an Essene.

The speaker turned his head towards Judah and from the speakers eyes a brilliant white light emerged from deep dark pools stunning Judah making him stop in his tracks. The sky is gray with no sun available for reflection.

> JUDAH (CONT'D) (thinking) My God can it be my friend that I haven't seen in years.

Judah looks at his feet and looks up again suddenly recognizing the smiling face that was now moving rapidly towards him. At first he could not believe his eyes and then became so excited he started to move quickly towards the speaker.

> JUDAH (CONT'D) (excited) Yeshua it is you! The last time I looked in your eyes, you were in Egypt and you were on your way to the mysterious land of mountains in Tibet. I never thought I would see you again.

Judah and Yeshua met and tightly embrace.

YESHUA (whispering and kissing Judah's cheek.) My dear, dear friend how I have deeply missed you.

JUDAH

Oh, how I have missed you also dear love. I have many times regretted not accompanying you to the land of mountains. My addiction to profit prevented me. (MORE)

JUDAH (CONT'D)

I seek your forgiveness dear friend. I will not leave you again. Never again will I leave you. Here, take my purse, my camel they are yours. I have more in Acco. They are yours, all yours.

YESHUA (laughing)

Slow down my dear friend, here come sit by me, while I finish my talk to my other friends. They have

come a long way to see me, and seek my counsel and I must not disappoint them.

Yeshua grabs hold of Judah's hand and lead him to a rock ledge where he could sit. Tears were streaming down Judah's face as he turned to look at the armed men on the other side of the group he had seen earlier who were now looking at him angrily. Then he turned back to look at again at Yeshua and sat quietly as Yeshua spoke.

JUDAH

(thinking) I remember the day when we first met at the bazaar in Acco. That was a lot of fun. Yeshua was it seemed always laughing at...

DISSOLVE TO

EXT - DAYLIGHT - THREE YEARS EARLIER - CITY OF ACCO

Judah is finishing up selling goods to a merchant and notices a young man whom he does not recognize approaching him. The stranger is wearing brown leather sandals and long blue pants with diagonal gold stripes closed at the ankles. He has a white long sleeved shirt under a thick black brocaded vest with red and gold design. Over his shoulder is a light brown woolen shawl with a hood. He has a short round brown beard and short brown hair. He wears a red Turkish round hat.

> JUDAH (CONT'D) (wondering) I wonder if that fellow wants to buy something. I don't believe I've seen him before.

> YESHUA Hello my friend. We have met at last.

JUDAH (CONT'D) Do I know you?

YESHUA

(laughing) Yes you do. My name is Yeshua and we have known each other many times before and I have been waiting to meet you again.

JUDAH

Okay, but I cannot remember and it doesn't matter. Are you interested in buying or selling goods?

YESHUA

(laughing)

No my friend, but I am here to give you a gift, if you will allow me.

JUDAH

A gift. Why would you do that? I don't even know you, or at least I don't remember knowing you.

YESHUA

Let us not worry about such unimportant things. Let us instead become friends, as it will take a while for me to impart to you my gift.

JUDAH

(thinking)

Who is this man who wants to give me something for nothing. Ah, what have I got to lose. He said the gift was free. Perhaps I can sell it and make a profit. Lets see what he does.

JUDAH (CONT'D) Okay, let us talk, walk with me along the docks, and tell me about my gift. YESHUA Yes, answered Yeshua, let us walk, and I will tell you everything that I know.

Judah and Yeshua walk and have fun for several days exploring the ancient alleyways of Acco.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - DAYLIGHT - ANCIENT ROADWAY

Yeshua is shown traveling with Judah as he makes his trading voyage to Egypt where they explore the pyramids. The library of Alexandria and the many Temples that abound the land. Judah would watch while Yeshua would engage the priests in the Temples with Amazement.

JUDAH

(thinking) It is amazing how Yeshua gets these priests to change their temperament from one of impatient demeanor to one of interested curiosity causing their conversations to last throughout the day.

JUDAH (CONT'D)

Where do you get all of the questions you ask the priests?

YESHUA

They must come from our Father, for I also learn from the words I speak. I do not think about what I am about to say, the words just come.

EXT - DAYLIGHT - BAZAAR

JUDAH

Yeshua let me buy you this bracelet. It would make me happy for you turn down everything I try to buy for you. YESHUA I have no need for these things Judah. My Father provides all that I really need.

They move away from the bazaar and move to the roadside. Yeshua speaks to Judah.

YESHUA (CONT'D)

My dear friend the time has come for me to undertake a long journey and I would like you to come along. I am going the land of White Mountains to learn the secrets the people have there. The priests of the Egyptian temples have told me that it is there where all my questions will be answered.

JUDAH

Oh dear Yeshua how much I would enjoy that but I have business to attend to and many people depend upon me to show them what to do. I'm sorry but I must decline your generous offer.

YESHUA

How unfortunate, but I do understand dear friend. I know that our paths will cross again.

JUDAH When are you leaving Yeshua?

YESHUA Right now my friend.

JUDAH Oh, I thought we would have some time to...

YESHUA

Don't worry my friend Judah. I believe the Father will have our paths cross one more and when that happens I promise to ask you again to walk beside me in my travels.

Yeshua starts to move away from Judah down the roadside.

JUDAH But Yeshua, I'm really sorry I cannot come, my business... YESHUA Do not be sad or sorry my friend. If we don't meet again in this world, I will see you later in my Father's house in Heaven.

Yeshua disappears around a bend in the road.

Judah clumps down on a mound of earth by the roadside in a mind of confused wondering.

JUDAH (confused thinking) Should I have gone, but my business, how could I have left that? How would I live? What if I don't see him again? Why does that matter? Who is this man? Why am I sitting here asking myself these questions?

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - EARLY MORNING SUN RISING FROM THE EAST - MIST RISING -PYRAMIDS IN BACKGROUND - WORN ROAD-LIKE PATH LEADING AWAY FROM THE PYRAMIDS INTO DESERT DUNES WITH TEMPLES ON BOTH SIDES SOME IN A STATE OF RUIN AND OTHERS IN A STATE OF USE -ARAB AND VARIOUS DESERT MEN AND WOMEN TRAVELING - SOME WITH CAMELS - OTHERS PULLING ASSES OR WITH WALKING STICKS AND PACKS.

Yeshua is walking alone gazing at all of the temples people and sights that surrounded him carrying nothing other than a water flask made of animal hide and a small cloth pouch tied to his pants containing a few coins.

YESHUA

(thinking)
What an adventure this should be.
I have no idea where I am to go to
reach these mountains of Tibet, but
I know my Father will show me. At
least I think I am going there.
Weeks ago when I was talking with
Judah this is the last thing that I
thought I would be doing. Then the
urge grabbed me and here I am. But
the Father always does something
like this. Sends me off on some
adventure and it always turns out
to be a wonderful learning
experience.

Yeshua turned around and saw a smiling older man wearing an orange robe with long white hair falling on his shoulders who was walking slightly behind him.

YESHUA

(a bit excited) I'm headed for the White Mountains of the land of Tibet.

THE VOICE That's a long way off son. A journey of many weeks and months.

YESHUA Oh, I don't care about that. I will get there when I get there.

THE VOICE That is a good approach. Do you mind if I walk with you?

YESHUA I would love the company.

THE VOICE

Good.

The two travelers quietly walked together with neither saying a word.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - DAYLIGHT - A FEW HOURS LATER.

The two travelers walking

THE VOICE What is your name son?

YESHUA It is Yeshua my friend.

THE VOICE My name is Rampa.

YESHUA That is a good name my friend. How far are you headed? RAMPA

The mountains same as you.

YESHUA

You are, that is amazing. What a coincidence. Why you even speak my Israelite language.

RAMPA

Well for me it is no miracle since I was trained to speak it since my childhood so I could accomplish my mission.

YESHUA

That is interesting. Who taught you to speak the Israelite language?

RAMPA

I was taught by specialized trained teachers who had been learning the language for many generations to prepare me for my mission.

YESHUA

That is incredible. What could possibly be your mission?

RAMPA

I have no idea. When I was growing up I was only told that I would undertake a mission traveling to Egypt and it is there that purpose of the mission would be revealed to me.

YESHUA

Well I can see by looking at you that you have a few more years on me so that it must have been many years since your childhood. You certainly have a lot of patience to wait as long as you have.

RAMPA

It really isn't a matter of patience when you are on a mission for God.

YESHUA

I can understand that. I call God my Father. That is if you're talking about the one God.

RAMPA I am and I'm starting to come to the conclusion that perhaps I have met my mission.

YESHUA Your mission?

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - SEVERAL HOURS LATER - DAYLIGHT BEGINS TO DARKEN

The two travelers walking

RAMPA I believe we should take an opportunity to rest for a while now over there near that outcropping. It is getting dark now and we can start again in the morning.

YESHUA Sounds good to me my friend.

The two travelers moved to the outcropping where Yeshua sat and Rampa scouted about for vegetation to burn and was amazingly successful at achieving this.

> RAMPA (lighting the fire) The fire will keep the lions and other beasts away.

YESHUA

I hadn't thought about lions being an issue. I've never been bothered by them.

RAMPA

Hmm, I thought not. These beast are motivated by the scent of fear to obtain food. I can see now that you do not have that issue. But the fire will warm us through the night in any case.

YESHUA

Who are you Rampa as you appear to be wise about many things and obviously do not have this fear thing either?

RAMPA

I am a Tibetan who when young was given to the temple high in the mountains by my parents to lead a life as a holy man. This is a persuasion that is undertaken by many young women and boys in Tibet. I was told at the very beginning of my life's journey that the stars indicate that I have been born to undertake a very important mission. That is all I was told and now many years have passed with my hair turning white with age while I await to be told what my mission is to be. Now I suspect it was to meet you.

YESHUA

That is quite a story. If it was to meet me I guess we will eventually be shown the details of what your mission entails. But for now I am getting sleepy and would like to rest if that is all right with you my friend.

RAMPA

Yes of course my dear Yeshua. Let us rest and see what happens in the morning. Good night.

YESHUA Good night my friend.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - MORNING SUN - ROSE OVER THE DRY DESERT LANDSCAPE AND ITS DISTANT CRAGGY PEAKS COLORING THEM AND THE ACCOMPANYING LANDSCAPE IN A COLLECTION OF SHADES

Yeshua slowly opens his eyes.

YESHUA

(thinking) Hmm, there is a man from Tibet lying beside me who mysteriously has lived a life awaiting to meet me. What can this life revelation be about? (MORE)

YESHUA (CONT'D)

When I decided to go to Egypt it was on an impulse believing I might get some answers talking to the priests of the pyramids as to why since my early childhood I believed that God is my Father. So much so that I have been able to talk with him any time I wanted. I also want to know why I seem to be able help and heal others when others cannot do any of these things. But they could not help me and suggested I go to Tibet which they said was the center of the world. Now here is a man from Tibet who the Father has put in my path. I will ask him what he knows about these things. Then again what has JUDAH have to do with all this? I asked him to come along on this trip but he said had to take care of his business. There was something about him that tells me he will be important in my life. The words that I spoke to him were different than those I have spoken previously. He has qualities that

RAMPA Good morning Yeshua.

YESHUA

(interrupted) Err, yes, ah good morning Rampa, I was wondering...

RAMPA You were thinking my boy.

YESHUA

Ah yes I was.

RAMPA

And you know and have told others that one does not have to think. Am I right?

YESHUA

Yes you are correct, but how did you know that.

RAMPA

Let me explain my son. You have been born on this world to complete a mission for the God you call your Father. Now the reason for this is that you through past experiences have come to understand the nature of your Fathers creation. When you and others like you come into this world you do so under the graces and guidance of your Father. In other words all of your actions, movements and words are really not Yeshua, but instead are those of the Father who is guiding you. Therefore you do not have to think. Instead all you have to do is observe and learn. Your voice will speak your Father's words and your actions will be those of the Father. Do you understand?

YESHUA

Well that answers a lot of questions I have had since I can remember. I have never thought about what I was going to say. I just said it and in many cases my words seemed to help people and when I sought to help people who were sick they seemed to miraculously get better, but for the life of me I could never figure out why. So it is the Father reaching through me to touch these people either through healing or words?

RAMPA

Exactly my son.

Yeshua stands and gestures that they should move along.

YESHUA

I could not help but notice that you are not carrying any flask or food?

RAMPA

I think you know the answer to that one Yeshua. The Father that is flowing through us always provides and would never let us go hungry or thirsty.

(MORE)

RAMPA (CONT'D)

Has that not been true throughout your life? If for some reason we do get hungry or thirsty there must be a good reason for it happening and it is up to us to observe and understand the purpose behind it happening. If we fail to survive and pass from this lifetime then that was meant to happen and we could do nothing to stop it from occurring. Do you understand?

YESHUA

Yes of course I do. I must remember to apply my Father's guidance throughout all aspect of my existence. I must stop thinking that it is my responsibility to take care of things. Instead I must just observe what happens throughout my day and learn from the experience.

The two travelers moved from the outcropping to the road when suddenly on their right they noticed on one of the outcropping a spring of water seeping from the rocks.

RAMPA

There we are my boy. Fill your belly and flask and we shall be fortified for the journey ahead

DISSOLVE TO:

The two travelers continued their walking over the next several weeks rarely talking to each other. Often food and drink would be offered to them by the many caravans that either caught up and passed them or passed them from the opposite direction. Yeshua wondered about this.

> YESHUA Rampa if you don't mind I have a question.

RAMPA Yes, my boy.

YESHUA

Before we met I knew my Father would provide me food because the people who seemed to be healed by me wanted to pay or reward me for helping them. (MORE)

YESHUA (CONT'D)

That always seem to happen so I thought this is how I can provide for myself. It is a form of work. But when we met you told me that the Father provides no matter what action we are taking, whether we are just sitting around or talking. I wondered about that and decided to watch and see if that really happened because for the last several weeks we have just walked and talked to very few except those that offered us food and drink and found it actually does happen. Why does the Father provide for us although we are doing nothing to earn it?

RAMPA

Our Father feeds the birds does he not? Why does he feed them? He feeds them because he loves them and he feeds us because he loves us also. But let us understand one thing clearly. Why are you walking on this road to eventually reach Tibet?

YESHUA Ah, to find answers to some questions I had.

RAMPA

And would you not say that this effort to have a greater understanding of our Father is a form of work.

YESHUA

Why yes.

RAMPA

So I think I can say without hesitation that our Father has paid us well so far, right?

YESHUA

(laughing) You certainly have the answers Rampa.

DISSOLVE TO:

Yeshua and Rampa who have settled down for the evening in a desert location off the road and surrounded by brush which has made a good fire.

RAMPA

Yeshua I have noticed that you have not lost your temper during all the travails we have encountered on this journey. We have entered this challenge with no food or clothing and yet your faith in the Father keeps you on an even keel, to use a boatman's term I once met long ago. Did you always have this faith or was it brought to you by some experience.

YESHUA

(smiling)

Actually my dear friend Rampa, I have wondered about your abilities in this area also. With me I had started to notice as a young boy that I spoke without thinking. It was as if someone else was doing the talking and yet everyone I spoke to thought I was saying wonderful things. I also noticed that I never thought about where I should go, I just went there and it always seemed to be the right choice. Simply put, I was not in charge and my life seemed destined to happen the way it was supposed to in spite of what I might think. I noticed that my friends after doing something they were not supposed to like hitting someone, they would ask me if they had done the right thing. Of course I would tell them that it was not right and they should forgive that person if they had been harmed by them either verbally or physically and in addition forgive yourself also for hitting them. This type of stuff happened constantly throughout my life and so it did not take a whole lot of consideration to help me decide that someone or something else was arranging things in my life over which I had no control. (MORE)

YESHUA (CONT'D)

I figured it was as you put it, God. Which I call my Father for in life's terms he is the Father of all of us, is he not.

RAMPA

Thank you for that explanation Yeshua, I understand completely. For myself it was a training by those who understand your Father's arranging our lives and they passed it on to me. When we arrive at my home I will introduce you to them. They will be very pleased at your arrival which they know is destined.

Just then a group of men appeared out of the dark from all directions surrounding both travelers with some of them pulling camels and horses. All were armed and tough looking. As they stood closely around Rampa and Yeshua an apparent leader emerged from one side and spoke.

APPARENT LEADER (scowling) Where are your belongings?

RAMPA (seriously) We are holy men, what you see is all that we own. Our God the Father provides for us.

APPARENT LEADER

(with angry look on face) Do not tell me that rubbish. Tell us where you have hidden your belongings or my men will slice your heads off.

Yeshua rose to his feet and spoke. As he rose several of the men drew their swords.

YESHUA (with a slight smile on his lips) There are things in this world that you do not understand. Put away your weapons as they will not do you any good. Instead let me invite you to sit by the fire with us and let my friend here tell you many wonderful stories. One of the men raised his sword and moved towards Yeshua as if to strike him. Suddenly he was frozen in place and a look of terrifying fear spread on his face. When this happened several members of the surrounding group backed away and disappeared in the darkness surrounding the fire.

APPARENT LEADER

(a puzzled look on his face) Free my man from your spell. You did not tell us you were a wizard. Obviously your powers are too strong for us. We will go on our way. You may live in peace.

YESHUA

Your men may remove themselves now. But I leave you with these words. Those who live by the sword will die by the sword. Those who live to seek the Father will have eternal life.

Suddenly the men backed away from the travelers and the fire and disappeared into the darkness.

RAMPA

Hey nice job there Yeshua and a neat trick freezing him in place. Obviously there is something you can teach me there.

YESHUA

It is not a trick my friend. It is simply a part of your life and mine. As I grew older I became aware that not only did I speak words that were not mine that I seemed to go places that I had not the slightest intention of going. And my observations over the years have shown me that this is the case with others. In other words our lives are fixed. You and I are taking steps on this journey because we could not do anything else. Our conversations since meeting have been very important to my learning and must have been destined to happen. I have in countless cases learned by listening the words I myself have spoken.

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YESHUA (CONT'D)

So I am convinced that I am simply and observer of what my body goes and says to others and therefore I strongly believe that my actions and words are done by my higher self who is speaking and acting though my presence on this world.

RAMPA

You have taught me something tonight Yeshua. I have never gone that far in my thinking, but it all makes sense to me now for some reason. You are a great teacher my friend.

DISSOLVE TO:

The two travelers as the months passed through ancient cities and temples. Yeshua noticed that the orange robe that Rampa wore became to observers a symbol of reverence as they passed and throngs would bow to him and toss flowers over his head. They would offer bowls of fruit or a place in their dwelling overnight and if this offer was taken the home holders would feel a blessing upon them. Although Yeshua was always warmly received he was basically ignored as if he was an article of clothing worn by Rampa. One night while staying in a wonderful room in large house overlooking a lake with swans Yeshua had to ask.

YESHUA

Forgive me if I seem too nosy but I have to ask about your orange robe. The closer we get to our destination the more people seem to surround us and offer us food and a place to rest when they see the color of your robe

RAMPA

Do not people in your country bring food as an offering to the temple and kneel and rest in the hope that this action will bring them closer to the Father. Well this is these peoples hope. Understand that gaining the understanding of spirituality is a long road that never comes all at once. It is actually a very slow process that takes many lifetimes.

(MORE)

RAMPA (CONT'D)

On this road there are those that are just starting to learn and those that have walked this road for a very long time such as you and me. As we walk and gain the knowledge of consciousness this action intensifies our spiritual light within us which burns away the negative walls of our human condition. As these walls disintegrate the light shines through to a greater intensity. It is this light in us that these people's souls are able see although a veil of negativity covers their eyes. So they are unconsciously drawn to us. You see they are drawn to you also although they do not know it and seem to ignore you. It is only when they have reached the point in their spirituality that they will see you in addition to the orange robe. Tt. is simply the way the Father has designed the scenario. It neither adds nor takes away from you. It is simply just another experience of your life.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - A PROGRESSION OF HIGHER ELEVATION - NIGHT IS COLDER -DAYS ARE MOSTLY CLOUDY AND COLDER - TROPICAL FORESTS HAVE DISAPPEARED AND REPLACED BY PINE FORESTS - INHABITANTS ARE HEAVILY DRESSED - WIND INTENSITY HAS PICKED UP.

Yeshua had not thought about clothing or footwear. The garments he wore sufficed to keep him warm during the cold desert nights but this cold was more intense and he was becoming uncomfortable. He said not a word to Rampa as he noticed that the cold did not seem to bother him. He decided to approach him.

> YESHUA Rampa does the Father see how the cold is bothering me?

RAMPA Well I can see that you have finally brought your question to the surface. (MORE)

RAMPA (CONT'D)

You have to understand that I have been trained to deal with the cold since I was a small child. It was part of my spiritual training. But do not ask me to engage you in that discipline. It is too late for you. I'm sure the Father has something planned for you now that the issue has surfaced.

YESHUA

(shivering) You are so in touch with things Rampa I admire you deeply and will find the patience to wait for my Father to resolve the problem.

RAMPA I am sure he will very shortly. I believe we should rest in that village that is ahead.

The two travelers entered a village which consisted of some stone buildings and many others that consisted of hides and blankets. The path like road that led into the village was swept clean and each dwelling was very orderly. As happened again and again villagers came out of their huts excited about meeting Rampa and offered various items of food and drink. Then they were approached by an elderly woman who carried a woven blanket in which were rolled items and then she kneeled and bowed in front of them.

VILLAGE WOMAN

(hesitating voice) Dear holy men thank you by blessing our village with your presence. Recently my husband passed to the heavens and I would be most gratified if you could accept my offering to you of his clothing which could be put to good use.

RAMPA

We are most indebted to you sweet mother and thank you for your blessing. We will put it to good use.

With that the woman rose smiling, backed away turned and moved swiftly down the main path and into her dwelling. Several of the villagers made offerings of their homes and Rampa decided on one. He and Yeshua who now carried the blanket roll walked into one of the homes and to the offered space and sat down. Yeshua rolled open the blanket and couldn't believe his eyes. There were cloth boot, heavy cloth pants, and a shirt of woven material, a heavy coat and a fur hat. Everything that Yeshua could have hoped for. He kneeled and thanked the Father. Then began to dress himself in his new garments.

> RAMPA The Father certainly has good taste does he not?

YESHUA

(extremely happy) I simply cannot believe this. The boots fit me perfectly and look the pants are perfect. The shirt fits nicely and look the coat is just right. Now the hat, Ah just right. Thank you Father. You know Rampa I was prepared to walk through the frigid cold to please my Father, but now I am starting to understand that I am not here to go through unnecessary suffering. I have a mission to accomplish here which is to gain knowledge and obviously the Father wants me to enjoy the process.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - SIX MONTHS SINCE THE START OF THEIR JOURNEY - MORNING SUNLIGHT - WHITE TOPPED MOUNTAINS IN THE DISTANCE - ELEVATION ELEVEN THOUSAND FEET - SCARCE VEGETATION - LONG HAIRED OXEN SCRAPPING FOR GRASSY SPOTS - TEMPLE BUILDINGS AND OTHER DWELLINGS JUST AHEAD.

Yeshua looked up at the wide expanse of land ahead as he and Rampa came around a bend on the narrow path. The cool dry air blew through his brown curly hair and now full beard.

> YESHUA My dear Rampa I have never seen hills so high before. These are definitely the White Mountains as they were called that had been described to him by the old priests in Egypt. However to view those with one's own eyes is very startling. (MORE)

YESHUA (CONT'D)

I can see they are covered with white which is the snow they talked about and they continue in an endless line. We have finally entered your land in the sky called Tibet Rampa. Now we can explore those ancient secrets of life that the Egyptian priests talked about.

RAMPA You will be amazed at what you find here my friend.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - DAY - CLOUDY - LIGHT SNOW FALLING

The two travelers had travelled for an additional two weeks on mountain paths that moved alongside roaring rivers and up the side and around mountains which when one look down right off the paths these roaring rivers appeared to be tiny streamlets. Finally they approached a city in the distance that appeared to be built on the side of a mountain with huge buildings of stone rising immense heights up the side. Yeshua wide eyed had never seen anything like this. They seemed larger than the pyramids he had left behind. As they approached the gates to a particular temple a good half mile in the distance a very large group of people dressed in the same orange and yellow robes rushed out of the temple gates The two travelers met the onrushing orange and to meet them. yellow robes at about a hundred yards from the gate.

RAMPA

My dear friend Yeshua you are about to meet many of my students and friends and they will show you your place of rest while you stay with us.

FIRST ONRUSHING ORANGE AND YELLOW ROBE Lopsang you have found your mission and brought him to us, how exciting.

SECOND ONRUSHING ORANGE AND YELLOW ROBE

Congratulations my dear friend. Your success has been brought to us days ago by many messengers from the different towns and villages you have stopped in on your way back to us with your mission in hand. The orange and yellow robes surrounded the two travelers hugging Lopsang Rampa and taking Yeshua by the hand and pulling him towards the temple gates. Yeshua turned and laughingly looked at Rampa behind him who he could barely see since he was surrounded by robes which blended with his. Rampa yelled out to Yeshua.

> RAMPA My dear Yeshua, welcome to my home and temple Llasa.

> > DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER THEIR SECOND MEETING IN ACCO - DAY - SUN - AL MAGHTAS NEAR THE RIVER JORDON

Judah had by now sold all of his goods and possessions and sadly given his camel to his assistant. They had shared many adventures together and that was most difficult. He gave the funds to Yeshua which over whelmed the group followers purse. Yeshua gave the purse to Judah to care and account for.

YESHUA

Judah my friend I have decided to become baptized by the priest John by the river as I feel it would be wise to cover all tracks in my spiritual life's course. After that I intend to enter the desert and meditate and fast as I learned in Tibet for a period of days. Ι do not know how long I will be but I would like you to insure that my followers are fed and cared for as our purse is overflowing I do not feel this should be a problem. Ι will be back I assure you. I will talk to the others and tell them you will supply them with the coins that are necessary for them to live by.

JUDAH

(worried)

Yeshua are you sure it is wise to enter the desert unarmed. There are lions and wild dogs out there and I am sure many bandits hiding.

YESHUA

(laughing) Listen Judah, if I made it to Tibet and back I will be fine here. (MORE)

YESHUA (CONT'D)

Do not worry. I will be back. I move as my Father wishes me to.

With that Yeshua walked towards the others in the group to tell them of his plans.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - MORNING SUN - BAPTISM SIGHT

Yeshua is seen standing in the water with John the Baptist as John pushes Yeshua underwater for a short time speaking words of the Father. As Yeshua rises he thanks John and steps up on the bank grabs his clothing and water flask lying on the bank and moves off towards the desert. Yeshua walks through the day and most of the night then sits against a large outcropping and falls asleep.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - MORNING SUN - DRY DESERT LAND

Yeshua rose and started to walk. He had no destination in mind and figured that the Father would show him where to go.

YESHUA (to himself) It certainly is a beautiful day for a walk.

He had walked for about two hours and noticed a group of lions lying in a group some distance to his right. They simply looked at him in an uninterested way. He remembered what Rampa had said about having no fear for then they cannot pick up a scent. It is the fear that motivates them. He did however notice a cliff in the distance and felt the urge to move in that direction. It was getting dark when he arrived and decided to rest until morning.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - MORNING SUN - HIGH CLIFFS ABOVE HIM

When he awoke he drank from his flask and stood to look up at the cliffs.

YESHUA (to himself) Hmm, I have an urge to climb up that cliff. (MORE) YESHUA (CONT'D) I think I will look around to see what the best way to do that is.

Yeshua walked along the base of the cliff first in one direction then in the other and at one point he stopped and stared at one portion of the outcropping.

> YESHUA (CONT'D) (to himself) My God, that looks like a series of footsteps up the cliff. Let me try that and see how it goes.

Yeshua started to climb successfully up the cliff using the series of footsteps until he reached a point just below the top where there was a ledge with a cave that appeared to be deep. He stopped and rested there for a moment and realized he could see for miles below him. It was a beautiful spot and he decided to stay and meditate here. He turned to look into the cave which had to be entered on his hands and knees.

> YESHUA (CONT'D) (to himself) Lets see if anything is in here. Ow, what is that under my knee. Why it is an arrowhead and look here a stone blade. Obviously this place has been used before and what is this. Dear Father it is a spring coming out of the rock and draining away through a hole. Thank you Father for all the gifts you bestow upon me.

After drinking some of the spring water and filling his flask he crawled back to the ledge, sat cross legged, closed his eyes and meditated. He occasionally opened his eyes to gaze and marvel and the wonders of nature that he beheld. Then closed them once more to marvel at the wonders of the Father that the spiritual world beheld.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - SUN - TWO WEEKS LATER

Yeshua was sitting in his meditation posture when he heard a voice above his head.

VOICE ABOVE HIS HEAD (rough, demanding) Hey you, what are you doing down there. Looking down at Yeshua was a tough looking heavily bearded man dressed in dirty clothes. A scimitar hung from his side and a dagger was in his belt. He was a bandit who hid in this desert and who would pounce and rob any unfortunate traveler he thought he could dominate.

YESHUA

I am meditating.

VOICE ABOVE HIS HEAD

What are you talking about. Give me your money or I will come down there and cut off your head.

YESHUA

I have no money, but I do have water and I will give you all of that you want.

VOICE ABOVE HIS HEAD I don't need any water, I want your money.

YESHUA

I don't have any money or really anything of value I only have the clothes I wear.

VOICE ABOVE HIS HEAD I don't want your clothes. How do you live if you have no money?

YESHUA

My Father provides all that I need.

VOICE ABOVE HIS HEAD

Where is your father? Will he give me money?

YESHUA

My Father is in Heaven and I'm sure when you die he will give you what ever you want.

VOICE ABOVE HIS HEAD What are you talking about when I die. How can I get money if I'm dead? YESHUA

Well if you come with me when I leave this place I will show you how to find the Father so that you can live in his house with every thing that you need.

VOICE ABOVE HIS HEAD Come with you, show me now how to find this father of yours. Who is this father of yours.

YESHUA

He is God.

VOICE ABOVE HIS HEAD (exasperated) Your telling me your father is God?

YESHUA

Yes.

VOICE ABOVE HIS HEAD If your father is God then prove it to me. Jump off that ledge your on and lets see if your father saves you.

YESHUA Why should I do that?

VOICE ABOVE HIS HEAD If you do that I will believe you and follow you.

YESHUA

My Father provides for me every day of my life. If my Father wants me to die then I willingly give my life to him when and only when he wants me to. I wake up everyday and do what I find myself doing. Ι do not plan what I will do. I live in the present not in the future or the past. Since you are not my Father then I could never do what you ask of me. It would be a silly thing to do. When my Father wants me to come home to His house he will let me know.

VOICE ABOVE HIS HEAD Ah, your crazy as those lions out there. Your wasting my time. Go back to whatever you are doing.

With that the bandit left and Yeshua closed his eyes once more with a slight smile on his lips.

YESHUA Thank you Father for that little test.

DISSOLVE TO:

SEVERAL DAYS LATER YESHUA CLIMBED DOWN FROM HIS LEDGE AND STARTED HIS JOURNEY BACK TO HIS ANXIOUSLY WAITING GROUP.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - DAY - PARTLY CLOUDY

Judah is sitting on a stone wall in front of a dwelling in the town of Al Maghtas near the river jordon looking in his money purse. He is still wearing his scimitar under his cloak. PETER - CEPHAS is standing in front of him along with several others of Yeshua's group.

CEPHAS

(annoyed)

I have no idea why the Master decided to give you the money purse to hold. I could have done the job easily.

JUDAH

Probably because I have a lot of experience keeping track of money Cephas. Yeshua said to pass out money to you folks for food and whatever, so that is what I am doing. I am also keeping track of how much and to whom I give it to so I can show Yeshua when he returns.

CEPHAS Okay, just give me my coin so I can eat.

Judah hands him a coin of the realm and Cephas turns and walks away, while MARY - MIRYAM approaches him next.

MIRYAM I have not the slightest idea why he acts like that towards you Judah. For some reason I just don't think he likes you. He really is a nice person, perhaps a little rough around the edges.

Miryam is the only woman in the close inner circle of the group. She and Yeshua are lovers and it is thought they will eventually marry. He had rescued her months ago when the group came upon her about to be stoned for adultery by a group of men and women. It seems she had been accused of this by an abusive husband when she tried to escape from him.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - DAYLIGHT - MORNING - OPEN COURTYARD BESIDE PATHWAY IN JERUSALEM

A crowd had gathered to watch a stoning of an adulteress. The main culprit of this affair was the husband who was accusing a woman crouching huddled against a stone wall. She was bleeding from the face the result of a beating he had just given her. Yeshua and his group had just came upon this scene. When he saw her he rushed over to her and prevented the crowd from throwing the stones they had in their hands.

> YESHUA (whispering in her ear) Do not worry, we will protect you.

MIRYAM (scared and crying) Who are you? They will kill you too.

YESHUA No they won't.

Yeshua stood up turning to the crowd with Miryam behind him. His group moved closer to him their hands on their swords.

> ONE OF THE CROWD (angry) Get away from that slut so we can give her the punishment she deserves.

OTHERS IN THE CROWD (yelling in approval) Yes, get away from her. ONE OF THE CROWD I know who you are Rabbi, stand aside she does not deserve your protection.

Yeshua refused to move and the crowd starting to become aware of Yeshua's group moving closer with their hands on their swords. The husband a coward starts to slink away from this confrontation he has started. By now Judah, JOHN - Yochanan and PETER - CEPHAS have walked over to the wall and are standing beside Yeshua.

> YESHUA (speaking forcibly) Let those of you who are without sin throw the first stone.

The crowd grew silent and looked at each other.

ONE OF THE CROWD Ah, what's the use.

He threw his stone on the ground, turned his back and walked away. The rest of the crowd disappointed from not having their fun moment turned and followed him out of the courtyard until only Yeshua and his group of followers were alone with Miryam.

> YESHUA (in soft gentle kind voice) Stand and come with us my dear. We will care and protect you.

Miryam crouched and huddled against the wall in the courtyard slowly raised her head and looked at Yeshua and then at the others who surrounded her. They all had kind looks on their faces. She first sat up then began to stand.

> MIRYAM (tears still in her eyes spoke quietly) Are you the Rabbi that speaks of the Father?

YESHUA Yes I am my dear.

MIRYAM

I had heard of you and wanted to listen to you speak when I heard you were here, but my husband threatened to kill me if I did and so I was afraid. Yet, here you are. It must be a miracle.

YESHUA

The Father works in mysterious ways. Come walk besides me for we are hungry and are about to buy food for a meal and eat at a friend's dwelling.

MIRYAM Thank you so much sir. I am...

Yeshua interrupted her.

YESHUA

We do have rules here and the first one is never to call me sir. I am your friend and you may call me Yeshua.

MIRYAM

Oh, okay Yeshua.

Yeshua then started to walk out of the courtyard with the other members of his group following him. Miryam followed walking right behind Yeshua who immediately turned and faced Miryam.

YESHUA

The second rule is to always walk beside me as I am your friend and shall be forever.

MIRYAM

Oh, I'm sorry. I watched the others follow you and assumed I would do the same.

YESHUA

I have told them numerous times to not follow me, but it does no good. They want to call me their master and follow me. It drives me crazy because I want them to walk besides me, but they refuse. MIRYAM Oh, I will walk besides you. What is your name again?

YESHUA My name is Yeshua and yours?

MIRYAM My name is Miryam. Are you a Rabbi?

Saying this she moved up to walk beside Yeshua.

YESHUA No, I am my Father's servant.

MIRYAM Who is your Father Yeshua.

YESHUA My Father is our God Miryam

After that comment Miryam walked along quietly with Yeshua for a time mulling it over in her mind. Behind her she could hear some of the groups followers complaining about her walking beside Yeshua. She ignored their comments. They walked through a marketplace and Judah paid for several items of food and drink. Then they came to the doorway of a dwelling owned by a friend of Yeshua's family. They knocked and were invited in and gathered about a large table to eat their dinner's inviting their host to join them which he did. Miryam moved to sit beside Yeshua, much to the disconcerting of some of the others in the group. This did not seem to bother her. As she was determined to stay as close to her savior as she could and was this day also determined to continue this behavior to her death.

> MIRYAM (thinking to herself) I will never leave the side of this wonderful man. I will believe in his Father forever.

She leaned against Yeshua and she could feel him lean on her back.

MIRYAM (CONT'D) (thinking to herself) My God I think I am in love with this man. I've just met him, but I feel inside my heart that he is the most wonderful person I've ever met. It is amazing. Miryam did not know it at the time but Yeshua was a man who lived a life of unconditional love for all who existed in this world. It was his mantra. In the days that followed she walked besides him and stood with him while he talked and healed. She marveled at his abilities. She also noticed that he loved all in his group from Judah one of the most recent to Cephas, Yochanan and the others. His love was always true to the heart.

> MIRYAM (CONT'D) This man loves more than anyone I have ever known. I did not know that a love like this ever existed.

Yeshua who like to walk hand in hand with his followers happened to be walking hand in hand with Miryam this day on their way to Bethany to see a sick friend of the family. She decided to ask him about love.

> MIRYAM (CONT'D) Yeshua, what is love?

Yeshua stopped and turned to face Miryam. The group as always also stopped in their tracks and waited.

YESHUA

Thank you for asking that question my love. No one has done that before. Love is many things in our world but one thing is for sure. Love is our Father that shines through us. Love is the light that comes from the sun that grows the flowers. Love is the rain that comes down on us to quench our thirst. Love is the wind that blows through the sails of our boats. Love is the newborn who appears miraculous from a woman and love is the feeling that I have for you Miryam.

MIRYAM (gazing into Yeshua's eyes) And love is the feeling that come from my being to you also Yeshua. You are so wonderful. The most wonderful man I have ever known.

Yeshua grabbed both of Miryam's hands.

YESHUA And you my love are the most wonderful woman I have ever known.

With that they both turned and moved on up the road like path. This day they had been called to a house of a man who was a friend of the family that Yeshua knew who was very sick. When Yeshua went in the other's stayed outside except for Miryam who came in with Yeshua. She watched as Yeshua bent close over the sick man whose name was Lazarus. He appeared not be breathing.

> MIRYAM (speaking softly) Is he alive Yeshua? He looks passed on.

YESHUA (speaking softly) Yes he is although the family thinks he is dead. I feel sure the Father's healing powers will revive him and make him well.

With this Yeshua place his hands on Lazarus's head and chest and closed his eyes while Miryam watched.

> YESHUA (CONT'D) (speaking to the Father in his mind) Father heal this soul as he is a good man and should be healed.

MIRYAM (Thinking to herself) Dear Father I can see Yeshua surrounded in a halo of rose colored light.

Yeshua could feel the healing powers move through his arms and hands into Lazarus's body.

Suddenly Lazarus moved and opened his eyes wide open looking up a Yeshua with trembling lips.

LAZARUS What happened? Am I dead.

MIRYAM That is unbelievable. The Father really works through him. YESHUA No my friend you are not dead, but healed of the evil that befell you. Go and thank the Father.

Lazarus rose shakily and with Miryam's help walked through the door and out into the sunlight. Everyone started to cheer him. Yeshua followed and once outside he grabbed Miryam's hand.

> YESHUA (CONT'D) Thank you Miryam, I love you.

MIRYAM (thrilled and thinking to herself) The most wonderful words I have ever heard.

Word spread throughout the community and numerous people came to the group to listen to Yeshua as he talked about the Father and how they could enter the Father's house when they passed.

EXT - TWENTY TWO MONTHS LATER - DAYLIGHT - SUNNY DAY - JERUSALEM

Judah sits on a rock near Yeshua apart from the rest of Yeshua's group counting the coins in the group's purse. He is thinking about Yeshua losing his temper at the money changers outside the Temple and went wild throwing chairs and tables around. The money changers ran for their lives. He decided to ask Yeshua why he lost his temper.

> JUDAH Yeshua why did you lose your temper with the money changers? It really surprised everyone.

> > YESHUA

Understand Judah I am flesh and blood just like you with strength and weaknesses just like you. If I took that dagger you carry around your waist and pricked my finger it would bleed just like yours. It is difficult for other people to believe that because of my spiritual power to heal. But remember my powers are simply the Father working through me. My powers are not mine but His. (MORE)

YESHUA (CONT'D)

My body is but an earthly vessel which the Father uses with its own strengths and weaknesses. Does that answer your question?

JUDAH

Yes it does Yeshua, thank you.

YESHUA

(laughingly)

By the way Judah you really should stop worrying and relax about the funds and let God do the worrying for us. Remember it was God that gave the donors the coins to pass them on to us. I know that you are totally trustworthy and treat our money as you would treat your own. I knew when I passed on the responsibility you would take good care of it.

JUDAH

What ever you say Yeshua, it is just an old habit I guess. I know the others were not happy you gave me the responsibility all those months ago and watch me all the time to make a mistake, so I guess I am obsessed about being careful. I do have a question about something else though.

YESHUA

What is that my friend?

JUDAH

I've been wondering while watching you heal these people who are sick, wounded or dying which is so miraculous I am astounded. Can you teach me how to heal these people?

YESHUA

Nothing would give me more pleasure my dear friend, but I do not have the power to give that to you. (MORE)

YESHUA (CONT'D)

You see before I went to Tibet I myself was amazed that I was able to heal the sick, but when I got there it was explained to me that everyone has that potential, but it is not given by the Father until that person clears the negativity that surrounds them by doing good works of an unselfish nature. Then and only then will the Father grant the power to those who want to heal. You my friend as long as I have known you work to help the unfortunate and pass on the word of the Father to those we meet. So it is my guess that one day, probably soon you will be given that gift. Do you understand?

JUDAH Yes I believe I do

YESHUA

Remember my friend the father provides for me with all that I need in this life including what you see as my miracles, just like he provides for the bird that flies in the sky, the lion that roams the desert, and the fish that swims in the sea, and for you also my dear friend Judah. We are each what He has determined us to be. You are a very special person Judah and will and have become a very important person in my life.

JUDAH

Not me Yeshua, I am not worthy.

YESHUA

Yes Juda, you may not realize it right now, but you are worthy. Every spirit that is in this world, no matter what you or they think of themselves, good or bad is worthy. For our Father sent us all here to learn, as we all are his children, and a good Father always takes good care of his children. Does he not? JUDAH

But Yeshua what about those who are suffering for lack of things or of disease and infirmary?

YESHUA

They have come to this world to repent and pay for their sins from past stays so they will learn. However, our Father continues to provide for them, though they know it not.

JUDAH

From where did they come and where did they commit these sins?

YESHUA

Juda they committed their sins in a past stay in this world and died with the weight of these sins upon them. Later on after they had rested at our Father's house and were ready to come back to this world they returned with the understanding that by being born once again they must suffer themselves the weight of these sins of their past lives and by doing so offset the suffering they caused. They like all of us who have gone through this process are then set free to live an existence forever of peace and happiness.

JUDAH

Yeshua what is consciousness?

YESHUA

Our consciousness is like a box where our mind stores our wisdom Juda. Wisdom is the end result of the bits and pieces of knowledge that we gather throughout our travels and have placed in this box. In other words, when we put all the pieces together as we would when constructing a puzzle it becomes a picture of wisdom that we store in our consciousness.

Juda stared at Yeshua for a while, as if he was mulling over the concept that had just been given him. JUDAH

You know Yeshua, I believe I understand. I do not know why I understand, but I do understand what you just said. Our Fathers house must be really big, is it not?"

YESHUA

Yes Juda, our Father's house is very large, and every person in this world will eventually live there.

JUDAH

You mean even the bad people, who steal and kill others will also live there?

YESHUA

Try to understand my friend like I just explained to you that all people have the same pure spirit of God within. It is only the human shell in this world of those committing these impure acts that carries the impurity of their actions. That is why they return, and through the fire of their suffering in this world, they cleanse their souls by the burning of these impurities. The Rabbi in the temples talk of the flames of hell burning these poor souls for eternity. That is a myth my friend. Our Father would not burn his children in hell for eternity. Their suffering in this world is only temporary, and when they have completed their difficult task here they cast their human shell and return from whence they came, to our Father's house. They do however, carry the wisdom of this experience with them in their consciousness, so that they can return to this world in order to teach others the knowledge of correct action.

This conversation stayed with Juda for a long time.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - DAYLIGHT - MORNING - TWO WEEKS LATER

Judah had been mulling over his conversation with Yeshua and had decided to ask him some questions.

JUDAH

Yeshua I've noticed that people were drawn to you like a magnet. Women loved to be noticed by you and wise men also can always seem to know that you were wise by your demeanor and sought to speak to you even though you like us wore simple clothes. When you spoke you always stand out and a crowd would quickly form around you. It is amazing to watch. Why is that?

YESHUA

Okay then I will tell you what healing is all about, but first, let me give some background about how I came about the teachings."

JUDAH

The teachings?

YESHUA

Why yes of course. I arrived here to learn like everyone else. You see you never stop learning. You see we may have the ability, from our past lifetimes to do certain things in this world, because we were taught to do those things in those past lifetimes. But when we were born, as both you and I were in this world these bodies have to understand the processes of what is happening when we do things. If that is not done, the body cannot perform the necessary function. An example might be learning to play a lute. If you had done that in a previous lifetime then you're playing a lute in this lifetime, would come easier to you. However, you would still have to teach the body you are in to play that instrument so that your higher self, or spirit can perform at its highest level. Does that make sense to you?

JUDAH

Yes for some reason, I understand everything that you are saying.

YESHUA

That is because you and I have been together in past lifetimes, doing very much the same thing that we are doing in this lifetime, teaching the nature of our Father.

JUDAH

Since we have been together I have loved you Yeshua and felt that I have known you before. Now I understand why.

YESHUA

While we are on this subject Judah my friend let me impart something that is very important to all in this world yet for most of us very difficult to grasp. It is the main reason why everyone must go through a series of lives to truly understand it.

JUDAH (looking at yeshua in rapt attention) Yes my dear friend.

YESHUA

Of all the words I have spoken Judah this is truly the most important. True eternal life which is free from visiting and suffering in this world can be gained when one truly loves unconditionally all who live here. Once that wisdom is attained the Father lets you live in His house forever. Until we all reach that point of understanding we must continually return and learn to love all.

JUDAH

That must not include you Yeshua. You must be free from such a rule?

YESHUA Ah my friend, I am glad you asked this.

(MORE)

YESHUA (CONT'D)

Only Miryam understands what I have just spoken to you, the others do not as they have a way to go. I was asked to return, although I really did not have to. For me this was an opportunity to finally clear some issues that have been with me for a long time. My life as yours has been fixed since we both arrived to bring us forward spiritually. You will eventually understand everything that I have just said although it may not be in this lifetime.

With this Yeshua turned and quietly walked away as Judah pondered the words he had just heard.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - DAY - SUNNY - MORNING - CITY OF JERUSALEM - ONE YEAR LATER

Yeshua and Juda are walking down a worn narrow back alleyway on a step like paved stone blocks that led down to the temple. They had chosen this route because it was one of the few less crowded parts of the city during this festival day.

Juda could feel Yeshua' right arm spread across his shoulders as they walked, his hand gripping his right shoulder in a reassuring manner, while he hung on to Yeshua' waist with his left hand.

JUDAH

(thinking)

I wonder why Yeshua chose this path today. He was so precise in asking only me to accompany him. Miryam was standing there. It looked like she had been crying. The others were all their angry selves, jealous that I was going to be with Yeshua alone. I wish they would stop that foolishness.

YESHUA

Juda my friend I have a great favor to ask of you.

JUDAH ciend ask away

Yes my friend ask away. You know I would do anything for you.

YESHUA (speaking slowly and pausing at the end) I need to let you know something that I have not told the others except Miryam.

JUDAH

(excited) Yes, yes go on my friend.

YESHUA

The Father has informed me that my mission in this world is over and I must leave.

JUDA

Ah, what do you mean over and leave where?

YESHUA

(somewhat hesitant) My spirit must leave this earthly body and so that I can return home. It is that time and I need your assistance by informing the priests in the temple of my whereabouts. By doing this they no doubt would arrest me and most likely it would be followed by my execution which would release my spirit from this earthly body.

JUDAH

(thinking) Oh, God what has Yeshua asked me to do? Never would I have imagined this horrible situation.

JUDAH (CONT'D)

(upset) I cannot do that Yeshua. This is not fair. You know that I have sworn to protect you even though it would result in my death. But now you are asking me to do just the opposite. I don't believe I can do what you ask of me.

YESHUA

(with great concern) Juda you know over the past two years I have loved you dearly and have passed on to you all of the secrets that I have come to know even those not mentioned to the others with the exception of Miryam.

JUDAH (thinking - deeply troubled)

Oh my God, Yeshua wants me to betray him to the temple priests. If I do that he will be killed and he knows this. He says that both of our roles in this tragedy are fixed. I guess he knows but I have spent my existence since we first met to give my life to defend him and now he wants me to be the one responsible for his death.

YESHUA

You Juda were chosen for this role in this life before you were born and I can think of no other I would rather have to perform this critical service for me. You have much left to accomplish and it cannot be done at my side, so I ask this of you.

JUDAH

(thinking)

Never had Yeshua tested his loyalty like this. Before I met him I felt lost when I saw all the horrors of life about me and wondered what was I doing here. I had always known there was a God, but couldn't figure out why I had come here to this troubled world. I felt like a fish out of water. Then Yeshua came along and my life came alive filled with wonders. He told me what life was actually about. That we had a spirit within our bodies and if a person followed the path that was laid out for him or her, that person would go to a special place for spirits he called his Father's house.

(MORE)

JUDAH (CONT'D)

But now as I walk down this hill with my best friend, I feel like I am walking down a dark tunnel.

JUDAH (CONT'D)

(he took a deep breath and sighed while thinking) My God we are almost at the temple. I hate those priests and now Yeshua wants me to betray him to these unworthy ones. I would rather have him ask me to slay them. Is there any way I can get out of this horrible request? He believed everything that Yeshua had told him, but he was having a hard time with this one. Betraying the man he loved more than any man or woman was a terrible request for Yeshua to make.

Suddenly he felt Yeshua laughingly grab him around the neck in a playful headlock.

YESHUA

(laughing) Juda listen to me. What have I told you about pain? Have you forgot everything I have said to you? Breathe in.

JUDAH

Pain, ah yes now I remember. Pain is an opportunity for compassion, which is love.

YESHUA You have it my friend, and now you know what to do with the pain you feel right now. Is that not what I have taught you?

JUDAH

Yes, you have Yeshua. It is always so hard to remember that when your mind is in the middle of some painful thought.

With that Yeshua loosened his grip on his friends head, paused, laughed and turned to face Juda.

YESHUA (an expression of deep love on his face) (MORE)

YESHUA (CONT'D)

For a moment there I thought your head had swelled up from the last time I had to grab it. Well, you're going to have to remember it so you can pass it on. You and Miryam are the only ones who seem to get it. The others are not there yet, so they cannot grasp the principle of this healing love. It is up to you and my wife to teach this centerpiece of my teachings.

The two men started once more walking down the stone pathway.

JUDAH

Why don't the others get it Yeshua?

YESHUA

(laughing)

It is like this my dear friend the words I speak to you and others are like seeds that are planted in soil. If the mind like the soil is fertile like yours, Miryam's and perhaps a few others among our group, then my words are like the seeds and grow over time and produce fruit. This fruit of the seeds, are like the ideas of the words that I planted in your minds, as they were planted in my mind by others who were wiser than me or the Father, the same thing happened. These ideas will produce harmony and abundance for those who grow them. However, if these words fall on barren minds, then they will lie dormant, until the spirit gathers enough wisdom to fertilize Then and only then will they them. bear fruit. For some it will take many lifetimes, as it did for you and me my friend, to gather the wisdom necessary for these blossoms to appear.

Suddenly, Juda was startled by Yeshua gently grabbing the back of his neck, as they walked down the stone path. He felt a flow of warmth from his neck that seemed to fill his body.

YESHUA (CONT'D)

My dear friend know that I am aware of the great sacrifice that you are making this morning. My father, has a place for you in his house, when your mission on this world is finished. It is there that you and I will walk arm in arm again. But it will not be soon, as you have yet much to teach before you leave. Do not fear my friend, never fear for I will always be with you.

With that statement they stopped in front of the Temple steps. Juda looked up from the pathway turned his head and to his dismay there stood the temple steps. As he slowly walked towards the gate he heard Yeshua softly speak in his ear.

YESHUA (CONT'D)

(softly) Remember my loving friend that this is my request to you as a favor to me. You bear no responsibility for what happens beyond this point. Trust me as I have never lied to you my love. Neither of us can do other than what our Father has asked of us. Your action is for the greater good of all. Tonight after dinner this is where I need you to go and do what I am asking of you. Trust me this action will benefit us all.

EXT - EVENING - DARKENING - THE GARDEN

Yeshua is standing with Miryam, Cephas, Judah and Yochanan with other members of his group nearby. They see the Temple guards approaching and Judah reaches over and kisses Yeshua on the cheek with tears in his eyes. Yeshua gently touches his friends face with his fingers. Judah backed away and disappeared in the darkness.

> YESHUA (with a slight smile on his lips) I love you my friend.

CEPHAS (deeply worried) Yeshua, we must leave now. YESHUA (still a slight smile) No Cephas, stay please.

By now Cephas had drawn his sword and as the priest leading the soldiers reached out to grab Yeshua's arm, Peter swung his sword and cut off the man's ear.

> YESHUA (CONT'D) Peter, please stop. This is my Father's work. Do not interfere.

CEPHAS (hyperventilating) But Yeshua, we must have a holy war and protect you.

YESHUA No Cephas we must do our Father's bidding. Put your sword away.

Peter lowered his sword point until it reached the ground as Yeshua walked away in the midst of the temple guards.

> CEPHAS (looking around) Where is that betrayer Judah. I will kill him.

> > DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - EARLY MORNING SUNRISE

Cephas and a few of the other disciples are gathered together in a back alley with Miryam.

> CEPHAS (showing extreme anger) Where is that betraying coward? I will slice him in half.

> > MIRYAM

(emotional) Stop that talk Cephas. I have told you that Yeshua asked him to do it.

CEPHAS I don't believe you Miryam. You always sided up with him. I bet those priests paid him to do it. He probably asked for the money. (MORE)

CEPHAS (CONT'D)

I used to watch him always hungrily counting the purse while we were always hungry.

YOCHANAN

(interrupting) I believe what Miryam is saying Cephas. Just lay off of him. I'm sure he is hurting just like the rest of us. In fact yesterday I saw him crying and wondered about it. I asked him if he was all right and he just shook his head.

MIRYAM

(tears flowing from her eyes)

Thank you Yochanan. See Cephas you are just supposing something that is not true. I know he was asked by Yeshua to do it because Yeshua told me he was going to tell Judah to inform the priests of his whereabouts because it was his time to return to the Father.

CEPHAS

Ah, I don't believe either of you. I don't know why your trying to protect the coward, but I will find him and do him in.

YOCHANAN

I don't know why your so intent on doing Judah in, why I heard you even denied even knowing him today. So instead lets try to find out what is happening to Yeshua.

CEPHAS

Ah, you and Miryam can go and do whatever. Those priests have the crowds so riled up they will probably crucify both of you also. As for me I am with the help of the others are going to find that little creep and make him pay for what he did. Then I'm headed north. Its too crazy around here for me. THE OTHER FOLLOWERS (a murmur of approval passes among the group behind Cephas)

Miryam and Yochanan stand there in there in the back alley and watch as Cephas marches out with his sword in hand followed by a group of Yeshua's followers some armed with sticks and stones.

MIRYAM

Let them go Yochanan. Neither of us can stop them. They are intent on bloodletting their grief and fear of their own lives and the loss of their protector Yeshua. Let us go and find out if we can help Yeshua or at least find Judah and tell him we understand why he did it.

YOCHANAN

Okay Miryam

EXT - DAY - PARTLY CLOUDY - OCCASIONALLY LIGHT SPRINKLING RAIN - THUNDER IN THE DISTANT DARKENING HORIZON

Judah is seen sadly walking away from the city gates. He turns around and gazes back at the walls and gates. His mind racing about the last day's developments.

JUDAH

(thinking) My dear God what have I done. Yesterday, out of the blue my best friend Yeshua asked me to point him out in the crowd to the temple guards. We both knew the priests hated him because he stood in the way of their political ambitions, and would jump at this chance, as they wanted Yeshua out of the way in any way they could bring about. He also told me that this event of his death would forever change the course of world history. I do not know how he could know such a thing. Why did Yeshua ask me of all his friends to do such a thing? I know he loved me as much as I loved him.

(MORE)

JUDAH (CONT'D) I must write all this down. There has to be an answer here. I have to figure this out.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - STREETS OF JERUSELUM - MOSTLY CLOUDY - THREAT OF RAIN - DARKENING CLOUDS

The trial and execution had been a nasty affair with the aggressive actions of the haters stimulated by the Rabbi's overwhelmed the voices of those who believed in what Yeshua had said about love and the Father who waits for all and in the end the violent mob ruled the day. Those who were the voices of the believers looked upon the actions of the mob as though the scenes were not real. How could they hate this man so much that they wanted to kill him because he taught peace and love. Yet in the end what the haters did to Yeshua did not overpower the faith of the believers in the Father He taught them to love. Instead they felt his suffering and that lesson would be the catalyst that would hurl throughout history his teachings.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - SUN - CLOUDLESS - WARM SPRING DAY

Judah had been walking for several days now. Many of those who passed him recognized him as a companion of the now quite famous Yeshua. They had not heard the news of the execution since they had not yet reached the city where the trial and execution of Yeshua had taken place. The sky was slowly darkening as he walked just as he had done each day and night for the past three days thinking and constantly mulling over about Yeshua and his own actions. Then he suddenly stopped in his tracks when he heard a voice within.

> GOD (voice over within) You are My Son Judah.

He suddenly fell on his knees closed his eyes and prayed.

JUDAH (silently within) Oh God, I love you so, please forgive what I have done to Yeshua. I wouldn't have done it if he hadn't asked me to. GOD What you have done My Son was done at My request through Yeshua. It was time for Yeshua to come home to Me.

JUDAH You asked him to ask me?

GOD

Yes.

JUDAH

Why?

GOD Because you at the time were not ready to hear Me.

JUDAH What do you mean I was not ready.

GOD

To reach Me a human such as yourself must walk through the fires of this world many times so that the gross material that has accumulated through your various stays here will burn off. Once that has been done we can speak to each other.

JUDAH

You mean not just me but anyone in this world?

GOD Yes My Son, anyone. That is what Yeshua taught.

JUDAH But how come I can speak and hear you now Father.

GOD No greater suffering can any person behold except what you have suffered in what appeared to others as a betrayal of your loving friend.

(MORE)

GOD (CONT'D)

Those fires that have enveloped you for the past several days have burned away the last vestiges of the negativity that had prevented the light of your spirit to shine and be seen by the souls of those in your presence.

JUDAH

And that is what Yeshua taught? Simply to love others and suffer that which you have brought on to yourself by past actions and eventually when all the suffering burns away those past actions, you will talk to them all.

GOD

Yes Judah My Son, that is exactly correct. It is as simple as that.

JUDAH

It seems crazy that I couldn't understand that before. It just seems so simple.

GOD

It will take many stays in this world before most will be able to understand this.

JUDAH Why is that Father?

GOD

Because they are attached to the things of this world and it will take many experiences for them to tire of these things.

JUDAH I now understand Father. What would you like me to do now?

GOD

I want you to go and teach what I have told you today. Do just as Yeshua did.

JUDAH

I would like to do that Father, but why would they listen to me since they cannot hear you. GOD Because your recent suffering has allowed my light to shine through you to them.

JUDAH Your light Father, not mine?

GOD

Your light is my light my Son. Your words are now My Words through you. I have always been a part of you and you always have been a part of Me. We are and always have been One. You see the light that shines through all the Souls in this world is the Love that comes from My Heart. The world and I are One.

JUDAH

I do understand Father. It is amazing that I do understand. I will go and tell others what you have taught me today. I hope I remember when I open my eyes what you have said.

GOD

I will always be with you for every moment forever. You also may talk with Me whenever you wish. It is now time for you to rest. Remember this always Judah that when you speak it is I that is speaking through you.

JUDAH I understand God and I will rest. Thank you for the gifts that you have bestowed on me today.

Judah slowly opened his eyes to now darkening skies. He leaned over to sit by the side of the road but instead lied down and fell asleep.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - MORNING SUNRISE - SMALL PUFFY CLOUDS - WARM - SLIGHT BREEZE

When Judah opened his eyes he felt that he was in another world.

He no longer felt the guilt and grief that had overcome him for the last few days. In fact he felt quite good. He could remember the entire conversation he had with God the day before. Juda was lying down on his back and looking up at the sky with a smile on his face. He rolled over to get up and was surprised to see several men and women sitting around him.

> ONE OF THE WOMEN (speaking quietly) He is wakening.

Judah sat up to a sitting position and looked around at those who were sitting by him. While he did this another man had come to sit by him. He noticed that there were more women then men around him.

> ONE OF THE MEN You are the one called Judah are you not. The one who followed the Master Yeshua.

JUDAH (wondering if he was about to be attacked) Yes, I am he.

A murmur rolled through the group surrounding Judah.

ONE OF THE MEN

Well most of us if not all were in the city hoping to hear the Master speak when we heard he was arrested and then quickly crucified. We could hear all the unbelievers around us speaking excitedly and congratulating themselves for a job well done. It sickened all of us and we left the city saddened and wondered what we were to do when we came upon you on the road. At first we thought you had been killed by the unbelievers, but then realized you were asleep. So we picked you up and moved you to this safe place. Some of us are armed and will protect you from the unbelievers if you will allow us.

Tears rolled from the eyes of Judah as he felt in his heart the love that these believers shared with him. He was immediately taken by them and swore at that moment to follow the instructions of his Father. He stood with his arms outstretched towards them as if in an attempt to embrace them.

JUDAH The Father has sent us to be together my friends. Come stand and let us embrace and for now on that will be our greeting.

The group of men and women with sudden happy smiling faces stood and moved closer to Judah holding in an embrace that lasted for several minutes. Finally one of the men spoke.

> ONE OF THE MEN My name is Alon and on my ass I have food which I had brought for the festival but because of the trouble not used. So it can now be eaten as a celebration of us.

The group broke up and suddenly everyone took up chores although they for the most part were strangers of each other being that had all recently met at Judah's sleeping form. Although they had come from different parts of the country, but upon the trouble they had for some reason all left by the southern gate of the city and had moved on a southern course, not really knowing why, but somewhat confused about the crucifixion of their beloved Master. Some were couples although others were single men and women all of which were seeking spiritual answers. Finding the sleeping Judah was for each of them a glorious find.

Judah watched as the gatherers of wood for the fires were placed in the center of the group. Women spread linen on the ground and mats and cups for the food and drink as it was brought not only by Alon but others also. It seemed many had not used the food brought for the festival.

He also noticed a couple of men who by their faces were unbelievers passed by and recognized him. They paused in their tracks with mean looking intent. At this Alon and a number of other men in Judah's group stood with hands on their weapons leaning towards the unbelievers. Seeing this the unbelievers took off on an astonishing rate never to be seen again.

During the feast Judah spoke.

JUDAH My friends, God the Father has sent you to me for us to be together. So therefore I am yours. (MORE)

JUDAH (CONT'D)

From this moment on if any of you have any questions that you want to ask then by all means ask me. I will answer them to the best of my ability.

A woman near the rear of the group held up her hand.

JUDAH (CONT'D) Yes my dear what is your question?

ONE OF THE WOMEN Judah, my name is Bayla and my question is, are you circumcised?

JUDAH (laughingly) Yes I am.

A murmur of approval moved about the women in the group.

A man in the front gestured with his hand and Judah nodded.

ONE OF THE MEN

My name is Gidon. I know why they killed the Master Judah. My own family disowned me when I said I wanted to follow Yeshua. They said I was sinning. It is people like them that killed the Master. I hate them. Will God forgive me?

JUDAH

Of course God will forgive you. But more important is that you must not only forgive your family, but also forgive those who took the life of our Master. It is only then will you be free of the chains of hate that has enveloped you. If God can forgive you, you should be able to forgive those who have hurt you. Is that not fair?

GIDON

That will be very hard to do Judah. But I promise you this day I will work on it every day forward until I succeed in forgiving. Thank you. You are in my prayers. JUDAH

Since meeting all of you wonderful friends I have come to strongly feel which direction we should head Because of the problems that in. have occurred in Jerusalem for us it is my feeling that we should move towards Egypt. I know that area well. But before we attempt that journey let us first go to Acco. I have many old business contacts there and we will be better able to organize ourselves. Is that all right with everyone.

There was a joyous approval among the gathering group which by now had grown to more than two dozen happy participants who were at last looking forward to the future with those who thought like themselves.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - OUTSKIRTS OF ACCO - SUNNY DAY

As they reached Acco Judah was able to re-contact many of his old business associates. When Judah had decided to stay with Yeshua he would have been considered a wealthy man and it was so sudden that many of those he had sold goods to never had the chance to pay him their debts which were considerable or for the camels he had used for his caravans that were left in their care. Now they were joyously happy to pay him what was owed in spite of his reluctance to accept so much coin. The result was that he was able to obtain several camels and asses that were able to carry all of the supplies that were required. This along with the horses that some of his group had brought with them had completed all that was needed.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT - INSIDE A MARKET SHOP - CITY OF ACCO

Juda had just completed putting together all the necessities for his group trip with one of his old business contact Marco who was a trader born on the island of Crete but through his shipping and trading had established a business in Acco.

> MARCO (warm and friendly) So how have you been Judah? (MORE)

MARCO (CONT'D)

I have been wondering on your welfare ever since you decided to follow the Jewish fellow and just left all your money and belongings here.

JUDAH Oh a few ups and downs Marco but all in all today I think things are going to be all right.

MARCO

I heard about your teacher friend there Judah. I'm sorry about that. Those Jewish fellows get really uptight about who believes what. But I can see that you are all right and that makes me glad.

JUDAH Your a good friend Marco. May God bless you always.

Judah turned and walked out into the marketplace.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - ACCO BUSY MARKET PLACE - SUNNY DAY

The marketplace was crowded with buyers and sellers with their stands and carts. Other shop keepers were yelling at those who came by trying to entice them inside. Judah was feeling good. Suddenly behind him a voice.

> A VOICE (loud feminine) JUDAH!

Juda turned to look and saw Shadi.

SHADI

Oh my God it is you Judah. People were saying you hung yourself but I refused to believe it. I knew you couldn't do such a thing. It would be an act against God and I know deep in my heart you love God too much. It would be against your grain. This one person I knew really well told me she saw you leaving through the south gate. (MORE)

SHADI (CONT'D) I knew she wouldn't lie to me so I decided to travel south to see if I could find you and you are here.

Judah and Shadi embraced each other kissing each others cheek.

JUDAH

Oh I am so glad we met. I have been praying that this be so since I have so much to tell you about what happened and for you to tell me about what happened that you saw and heard about. Let us find a place to sit and talk.

Judah grabbed Shadi's hand and they walked down towards the ocean where there was a small restaurant by the docks which they entered, sat at a table and ordered drinks.

JUDAH (CONT'D) Well let me start by telling you what happened at the garden and why...

Shadi held up her hand for him to stop talking.

SHADI I know what happened. You do not have to tell me.

Judah stunned sat silently for a few moments.

JUDAH Who told you?

SHADI

God told me. Listen Judah when I first found you I was asked by you how did I know where to find you. Do you remember.

JUDAH

Oh, that is right you can speak with God. Just a few days ago after I left Jerusalem God spoke to me for the first time, so now I can understand what you are saying. Yeshua used to talk about it and when I asked him about me he said it would happen when I was ready and it did. It really makes a difference in how you see things in this world.

SHADI

I know Yeshua wanted to go home and asked you to be the deliverer. When your group was at my house eating dinner I saw him ask you to get on with it. I feared for you but was frozen in my chair. My dear child God arranged it all and we all were actors in this play he directed.

JUDAH

So you were observing it all but could do nothing to interfere.

SHADI

Yes my dear that is correct. You see we who are the believers are asked to serve God in many ways and if we do it well, then we become closer to him and he will talk with us. I saw the look in your face that evening and I saw terrible suffering. I spoke to Mary about it who also speaks with God and she felt your terrible pain. However, you did so well that God rewarded you by speaking to you.

JUDAH

So that is why I can now speak with God. It was my suffering that burned away the remaining gross that prevented my God spirit from flowing into this world.

SHADI

That is correct my dear.

JUDAH

How is Miryam Shadi? She must be suffering deeply.

SHADI

She did understand your role in this play Judah and why she was losing her life partner because his mission was done and that he must return home but it was difficult especially how he was treated and then killed by the unbelievers. She has decided to travel west by sea to the land of the Ten Tribes. (MORE)

SHADI (CONT'D)

God has asked her to undertake this journey telling her that she will find solace there. She has already left.

JUDAH

I was told by one of my group that Cephas was searching for me and telling everyone that he was going to slit my throat. Is he still mad at me?

SHADI

I was told by a friend that Cephas was disarmed by a group of temple guards and beat up. He has gone into hiding. He is totally confused. He is not in direct contact with God, like you and I and Miryam. He still has grossness preventing his spirit from coming through. I believe this won't be until he finds himself forgiving you which may take years no matter how he preaches Yeshua's teachings.

JUDAH

Hmm, God does work in mysterious ways. How is Yochanan? He was always kind to me.

SHADI

Yeshua had asked him to take care of his mother Miryam and he is making plans to take her west to the Greek islands. He is a good man as Yeshua recognized and believed that whatever you did was God's will and not really your fault. So he has prayed for your welfare.

JUDAH And what about the others?

SHADI

That evening of the dinner after you had left he told your group that they should now go and leave the land of Herod and minister to the Gentiles in the land of the Ten Tribes. So they have their work cut out for them and shouldn't be thinking about you Judah. JUDAH

I hadn't known about that. Thank you my love for all that you have told me. May God bless you.

SHADI I am so glad that I found you and find you well. I must now return to my family for they need me and at last I will be able to sleep well.

JUDAH Bless you my love and take care. You will be in my dreams. If I can I will come and visit.

They embraced and Shadi turned and walked back up the hill to the marketplace as Judah watched. They never saw each other again.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - DAY - PARTLY CLOUDY - MORNING - CAMEL TRAIL

Judah's caravan moved slowly over the various desert hills and flats steadily. His group had now grown over a hundred strong and there were no bandit groups that would even dare to bother them. Judah would normally ride his camel near the front but at times would fall to the rear or in the middle to talk to the various members of his group. After leaving Acco he noticed one particular woman who rode a horse, She had come alone on her horse one day and asked if she could join them and of course Judah said yes. Ironically, her name was Shadi which made Judah wonder if this was God's work. She was very pleasant gave off a spiritual aura that was quite pleasing to Judah and other members of his group. She always appeared around where Judah was and Judah noticed she was armed with a long knife. One day Judah asked.

> JUDAH My dear why do you carry such a long knife?

> > SHADI

I carry this weapon to protect you with. I have been trained in the art of war, so I know how to use it.

JUDAH There is no need for that my dear. We have plenty of men that are also trained in the art of war.

SHADI But I will always be at your side, they may not be.

JUDAH Why do you do this Shadi?

SHADI Because God asked me to.

Shadi remained at his side for the remainder of his life.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - ENTERING NILE VALLEY FERTILE LANDS - SUN - DAY - AD 33

After a travel of several days they entered the fertile lands of Egypt. Judah knew these lands well and had travelled over them for many years before meeting Yeshua. For his group to put down roots he knew that he must get permission from the Roman Office that ruled Egypt which he did not believe would be a problem. He had coin in which to buy land and the majority of his group were men and women who were talented in many professions and would be an asset to any community. But first he must decide exactly where it would be best to settle. Over the next month he took council from various members of his group and from the Romans found what land was available. It was decided to buy one section and they settled in. It wasn't long before Judah and Shadi decided they should be married and did so. Life became peaceful.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT - OVER VIEW OF FERTILE LANDS LYING EAST OF THE NILE DELTA

Several years had passed and their community had grown quickly and many in the surrounding communities found that Judah's teachings were not threatening and easily assimilated them into their own lives. Judah taught exactly as he had been taught. Which was somewhat contrary to the other disciples who had spread out to minister what they believed were Yeshua's teaching. For many of them still had not been able to reach and communicate with God so they gave their opinions of what they thought Yeshua said. Of course what they said was usually contrary to what Yeshua had actually said.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT - MEETING HOUSE IN CENTER OF COMMUNITY - AD 44

It was a large plain mud and brick dwelling with a straw roof that through a number of mud and brick stanchions could hold a large number of people. Inside circled a group of seven members of the community which included Judah and Shadi. A member named Malkiel who asked that Judah and the other members be present spoke.

MALKIEL

(concerned) Judah as you know I have the responsibility of trading west of our community to bring foods and other needs here.

JUDAH Yes Malkiel and you have done an excellent job in this task.

MALKIEL

(somewhat almost fearful) Well, when I was in Alexandria I was told that this fellow named Mark who I never heard of claims to have been a disciple of Yeshua and is therefore claiming that all of the continent we are on is his domain of Christianity. I had never heard of him and wonder where he got the power to do this. I did hear while I was there that the Emperor Nero had crucified Cephas.

JUDAH

Oh, I hadn't heard that about Cephas, but that does explain what Mark is doing in Alexandria. No Mark was not one of the twelve disciples. But because he spoke Latin I guess he became Peter's interpreter when speaking to the Romans whose area he was sent by Yeshua the night of the last dinner at my mother Shadi's house.

MALKIEL

It seems from what I heard is that he is saying that he has the only true word and that others will be sent to the fires of hell who do not accept his teachings.

JUDAH

Well let me assure you Malkiel Yeshua never said anything like that and if Mark is saying that it is probably something Peter told him. I know because I spent two years every day with Yeshua and he never said anything like that.

MALKIEL

God Judah I am glad to hear you say that. I was really worried about all of us.

JUDAH

That is the problem when one who is not ready obtains the power over others. Yeshua was aware of this and really trusted very few. Myself, Yochanan and his wife Miryam were two of the few.

MALKIEL

I also heard something else Judah. Something which I am afraid to repeat, but that I think you should know what is being said by these Christians who are following this Mark fellow.

JUDAH

Go ahead Malkiel. Do not be afraid to speak to me.

MALKIEL

(haltingly)

Well they are saying that you Judah are the one that told the Temple guards where to find Yeshua so that they could arrest him and crucify him... Is this true.

JUDAH

Yes, that is true Malkiel. Yeshua asked me to tell the Priests where to find him. (MORE)

JUDAH (CONT'D)

I didn't want to do it and it was one of the hardest things in my life to do. But Yeshua said God wants him to come home. That his job here was done.

MALKIEL

They also said that you had hung yourself. I was afraid to say anything. They spoke so hateful of you. I have known you for a long time now and I love you like I have loved no man before. So their words hurt me. So Yeshua asked you to tell the guards where he was...

JUDAH

Yes he did Malkiel and I love you also like I love all of our group. This is what Yeshua taught me. How to love. Why did he choose me? I believe that I was chosen because he knew that I would have given my life in a second to protect him and that he knew although this act would present me with my greatest challenge that I would perform it out of my love for him. He was correct there.

There was a mumble of approval by the others seated in the circle and Shadi was crying.

JUDAH (CONT'D) I think it is time for the community to meet later today so that I can brings this latest news to the forefront and let them all decide what they would like to do or see done. Could you Malkiel see that the group is informed. We will meet here just before sunset.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT - MEETING HOUSE IN CENTER OF COMMUNITY - SUNSET

The meeting house was filled to capacity and everyone had taken a seated position on the sand floor. A small fire had been lit in the center and the smoke trailed up and thru a small hole in the roof that had a small roof above it. Judah stood in the center next to the fire. Beside him sat Malkiel. JUDAH

My dear friends I am very pleased to see that you are all here. I have called this meeting so that you will be brought up to date with the latest developments that have been brought to my attention by my friend Malkiel here.

Judah gestured to Malkiel.

JUDAH (CONT'D) I am not sure how much you know but I will tell you what I know and more. Cephas one of Yeshua's disciples was crucified and that his Latin interpreter Mark who was not one of the twelve disciples and whose name is not Jewish but Latin or Roman has settled in Alexandria and has claimed all of this continent that we are standing on as his domain of Christianity. I'm sure the Romans are not happy about that turn of events.

A murmur travels throughout the room.

JUDAH (CONT'D) Also there are statement concerning me traveling with these folks who call themselves Christians that I was the one who told the temple guards where to find Yeshua so that he could be arrested.

The crowd started to talk among themselves at a noisy rate and Judah motioned his hands to settle down.

JUDAH (CONT'D) The answer to that last question is yes I was the one who informed the temple guards because Yeshua asked me to. He told me that God wanted him to come home and so I performed that act. If you want more details Malkiel will be available to tell you more after we are done here.

There was total silence in the room.

JUDAH (CONT'D) Now I want to talk with you about some very important things that Yeshua taught me and that I want to pass on to you so that you can make your decision as to what you should do. Is that okay?

There was various voices of approval throughout the room.

JUDAH (CONT'D) First of all Yeshua told me to love all humans whether they be poor, rich, good or bad for we were all God's children and God loved all of his children. Secondly he told me that if someone hurts me then I should forgive that person because if I didn't I would have to carry my hate around and that would weigh me down and prevent me from seeing the truth. Third he said that to believe in God is good, but one should strive to know there is a God. He called God his Father, but he told me that God wasn't only his Father but every body's. That was what he was always trying to teach us and everyone he talked to.

A man's voice from the center of the group said out loud.

A VOICE FROM THE CENTER OF THE ROOM A Christian told me a while back that Yeshua said he was a king and God's Son.

JUDAH That is not what Yeshua said to me and I was with him every day for two years. He said we all were God the Father's children and if we believed in God the Father then we would all live in the Father's Kingdom. That is the problem when words are copied.

A VOICE FROM THE CENTER OF THE ROOM Thank you that makes me feel better.

JUDAH

So what Yeshua told me is that all you have to do is believe in the Father and if you need to you can believe in him Yeshua and by doing so when you do your final sleep you will find yourself with Yeshua at your side in our Father's Kingdom. So I have led my life ever since the day my eyes set on Yeshua to believe in the Father so when I do my final sleep I can be with him in my Father's house.

ANOTHER VOICE

Judah I met a man from India the other day and we were discussing our religions and he said that in his religions people can be reborn as an animal. Is that true.

JUDAH

I can only repeat exactly what Yeshua said to me and that was that it takes many stays in this world before we can stay in the Father's house forever. That is what he said when I asked him.

A WOMAN'S VOICE FROM THE BACK OF THE ROOM

I believe in the Father, but I also believe in Yeshua and you Judah, yet there are times when I doubt and I feel my faith is weak.

This questions brought a rise of talking amongst the group.

JUDAH

Let me assure you only have to believe to go to the Father's house when you sleep for the final time. So rest easy about that. All the Father wants is for us to try and for the Father that is good enough. That is what faith is all about, believing. That is why we are called believers. You don't have to be called a Christian to believe in the Father. God does not discriminate between a person who calls themselves a Christian and one who does not. To God they are both of his children. (MORE)

There were a lot of smiles throughout the room.

JUDAH (CONT'D) One last thing and then we can go about our business. There is a state of mind that I became aware of Yeshua having and wondered if I would ever have. I asked Yeshua about it and he said all of us would eventually have the same state of mind. He said that it was like an olive seed that was placed in the ground. When the Father's words are planted in our minds by myself or as with me by Yeshua things happen. If our minds are fertile then those words will grow to become reality just like the olive seed becomes a tree. If our minds are not fertile then it will take more stays in our world before those words or seed sprout. Think on this and you will come to understand. It took me a long time to understand and it was only after I had suffered with quilt over my actions telling the guards about Yeshua and only shortly before I met the first of our group was I blessed to received this state of mind in which I knew there was a God the Father. I no longer just believed, I knew. The bonus was that I now could speak one on one with God the Father. It is a gift that the Father gives us for doing his work as his Servant. Have a good night...

With that he grabbed Shadi's hand and they walked out of the meeting house to their own dwelling. He had said all that was to be said. The community that began with Judah would now know forever that they could never really join the Christians for the Christians had now become a Latin religion interpreted by men who followed the thoughts of their own minds and not of the Father's.

The beginnings of Judah's followers would forever remain as the Jewish followers of Yeshua's teaching and only Yeshua's teachings.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. YEAR ANNO DOMINI 102 - EARLY MORNING SUN - SUMMER -INSIDE A SIMPLE STONE DWELLING SITUATED IN THE FERTILE LAND OF THE EGYPTIAN NILE DELTA AND WITHIN SIGHT OF THE SOUTHERN SHORE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA.

The morning sun's rays filter through a rough-hewn brown cloth covering a bronze clay window opening reflecting off a collection of papyrus scripts laying randomly on a wooden It was as if a hand had suddenly brushed them counter. aside. Beside the scripts burned a small flickering flame rising from a polished metal bowl. Near the lamp was an ancient hand with skin stretched and cracked like the papyrus that lay beside it. The hand loosely grasped a guill. The hand and fingers did not move, nor did the arms or head covered with long white hair sprawled across the much of the papyrus pages. The spirit had left and this human body was now only a shell. A hint of a smile could be seen emanating from his cracked thin lips as they lay against the wooden table. He had passed his hundredth and finished after many years the last page of his letters that chronicled his long life. His last thoughts before his eyes closed to the flame of the lamp and life, were of his friend who he knew would be proud of him and his accomplishments. He would shortly leave his body with no regrets. Lying by the pen laying between his fingers one could see on the top page of papyrus the words stylized in ancient Coptic Greek.

> JUDAH (O.V. of Judah) My name is Judah and this is my story.

> > FADE OUT.