

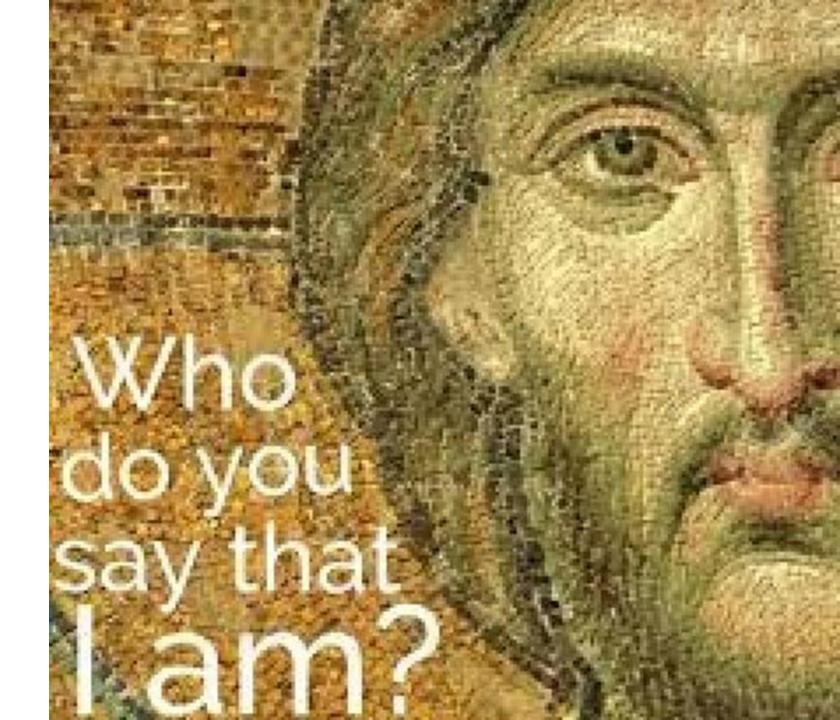






## NEWCOMERS LUNCH

SMALL GROUP SUNDAY 7TH MAY







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#### **HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR SUDAN?**

- Pray for the safety of all citizens affected by this crisis.
- Pray for those in the most intense areas of fighting to be able to relocate to another part of the country.
- Pray for provision of basic needs, such as drinking water and food.
- Pray for Sudan's leaders and international peacemakers to end this crisis and prevent further humanitarian suffering.
- Pray for the fighting to stop immediately and for lasting peace in Sudan.





### Scripture reading

Jn 10:1-6





19And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

<sup>20</sup>In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

# GENESIS I:I In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.



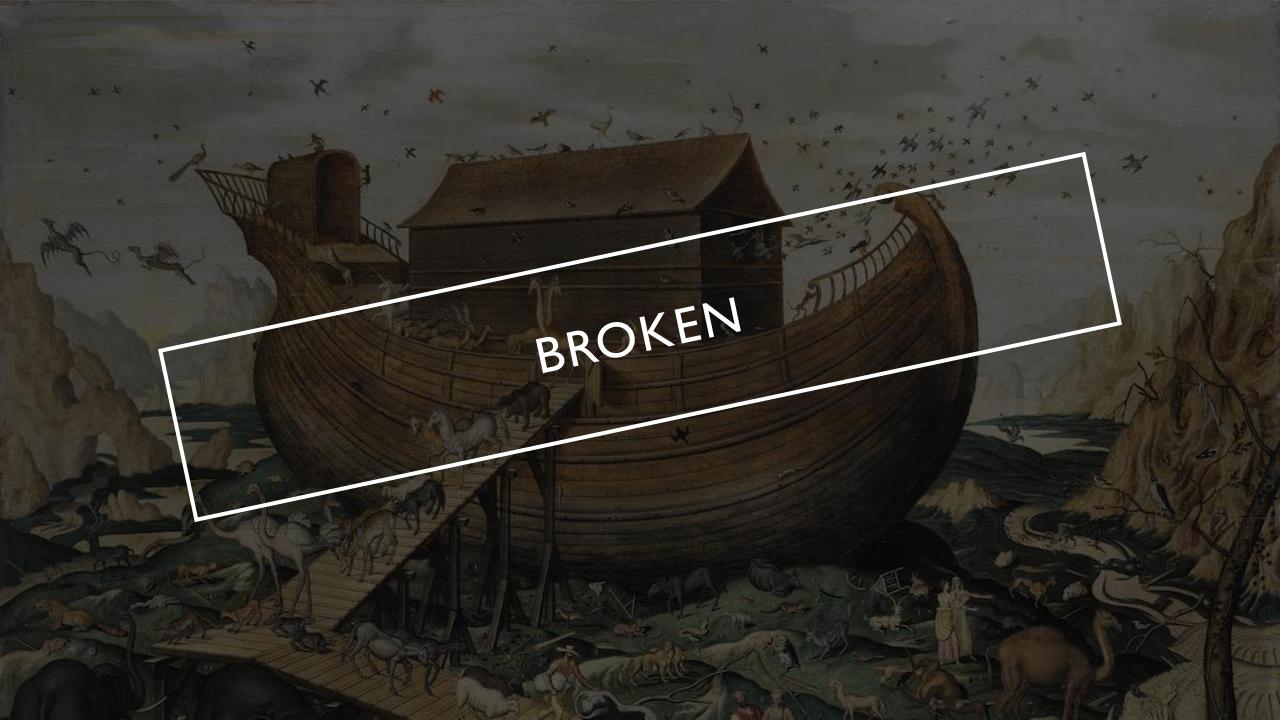
A covenant is a relational and personal commitment to one another. A partnership to reach together a common goal.





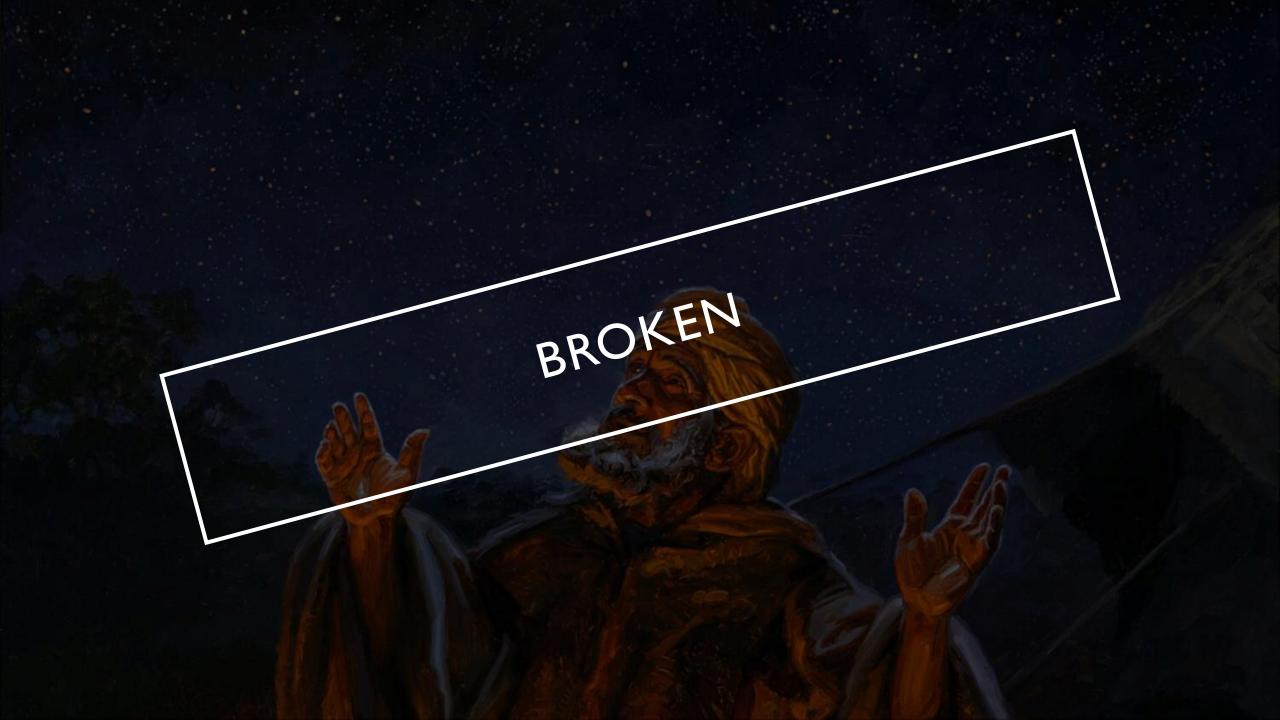




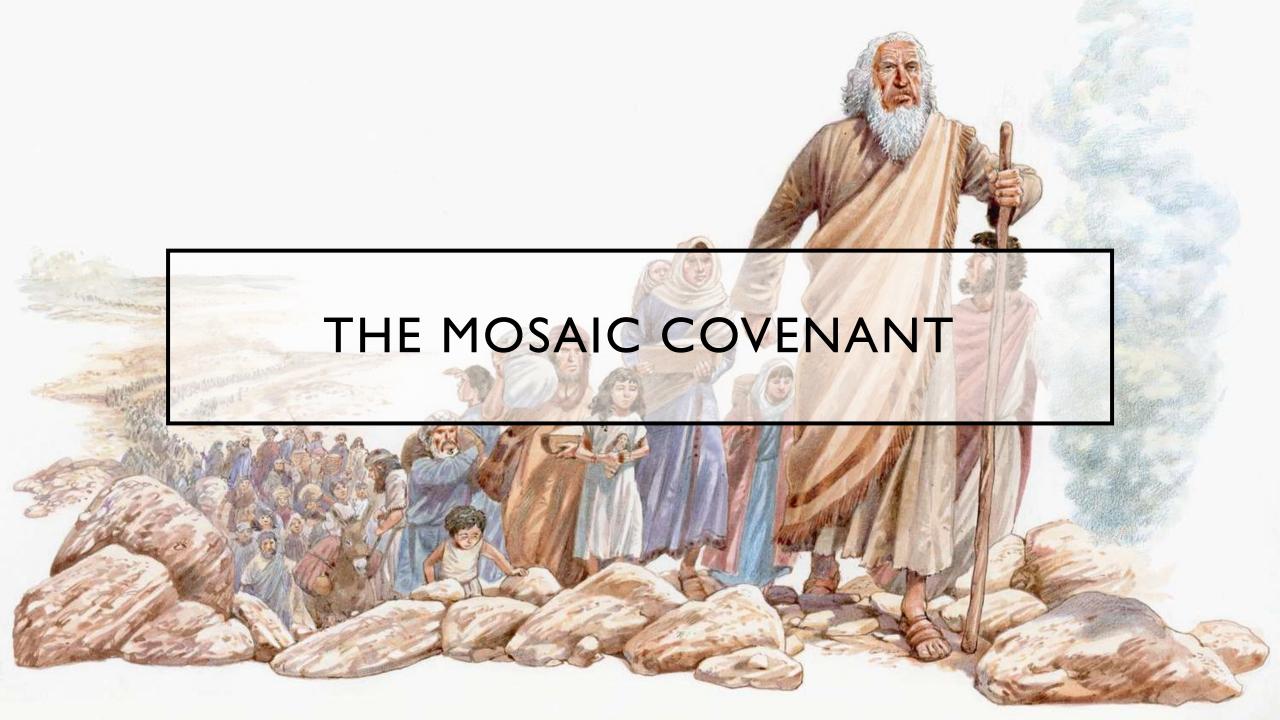


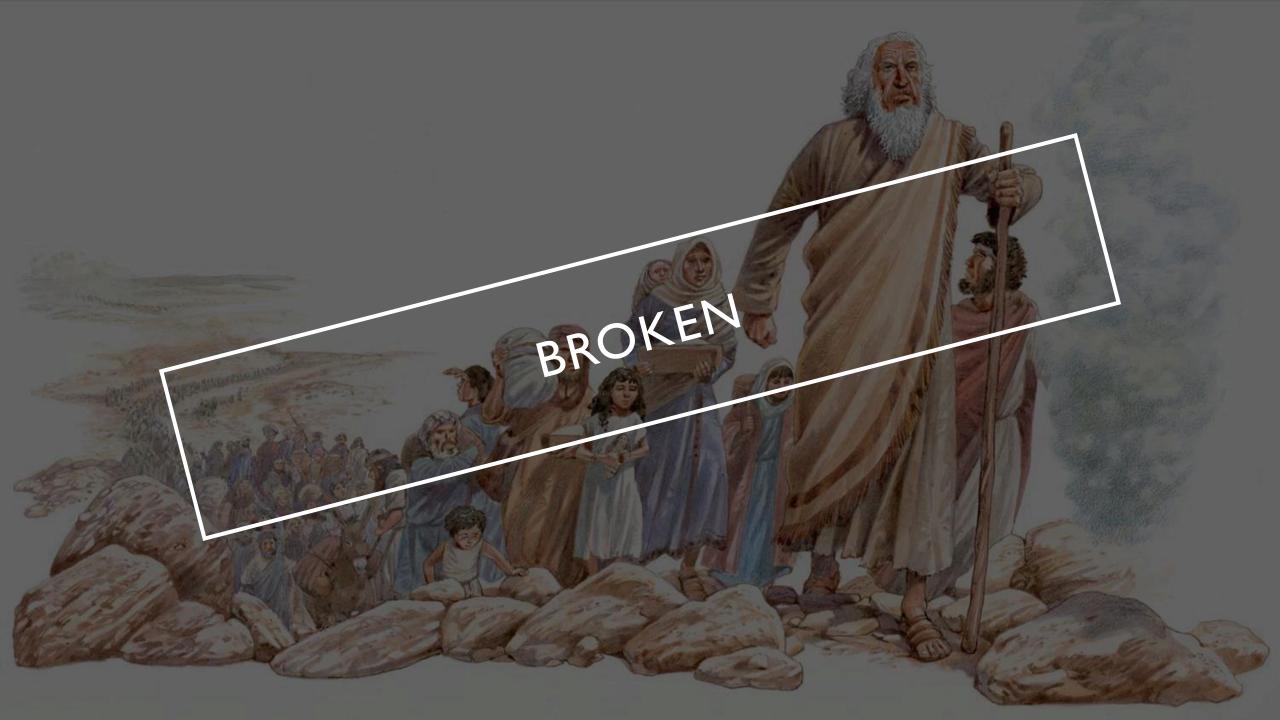




















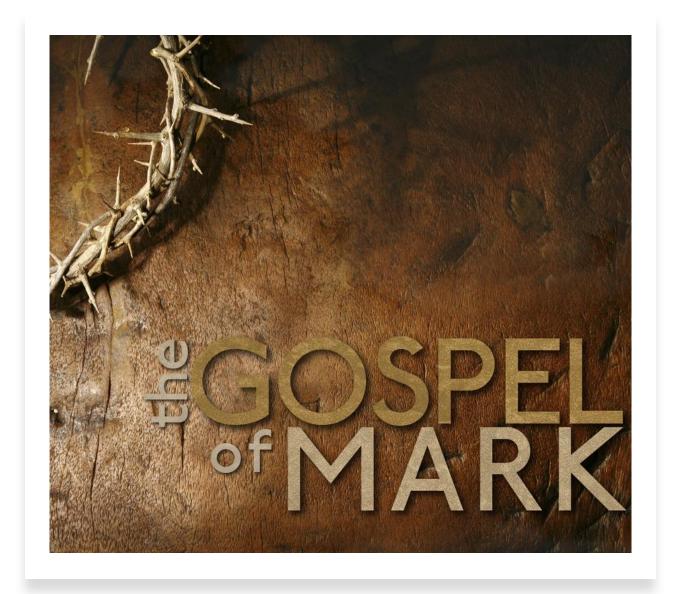




### Church is going to the dogs!

Walking with Jesus through the book of Mark

Chapter 7



#### Mark 7:1-8

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed.

(The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)





#### Mark 7:1-8

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?"

He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

"These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.'

You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."





### Tradition

"this criticism of the disciple's cleanliness had nothing to do with the men eating with dirty hands. This 'uncleanness' of their hands was to do with ritual purity, not personal hygiene."

"the Pharisees were focusing on outward conformity rather than an inward reform(ity)."





#### Mark 7:24-30

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret.

In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet.

The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.



#### Mark 7:24-30

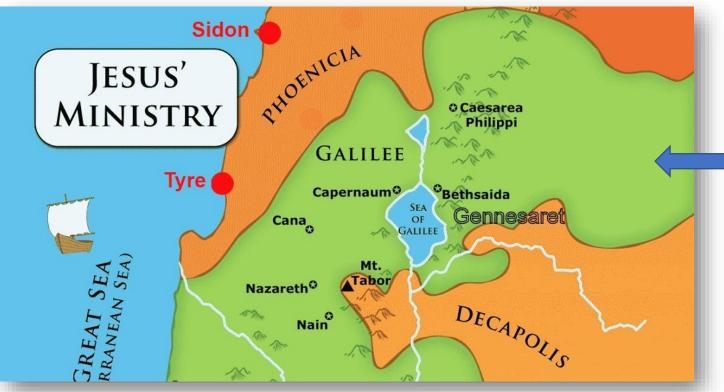
"First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

"Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

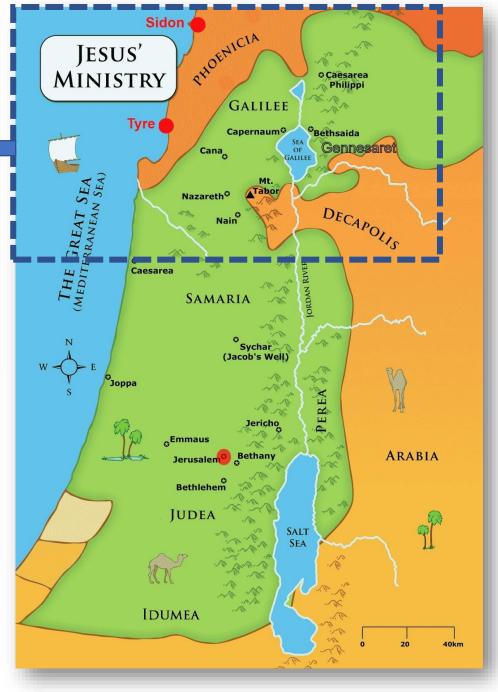
Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."

She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone









### What behaviours or attitudes is Jesus challenging us about today?

The way we divide people into worthy and unworthy groups?

How we decide who is worth time, effort and being shown God's love?

The outward behaviours we insist on whilst ignoring what's inside?





#### Let's catch up!

Grab a cuppa spend some time catching up with one another in person!