



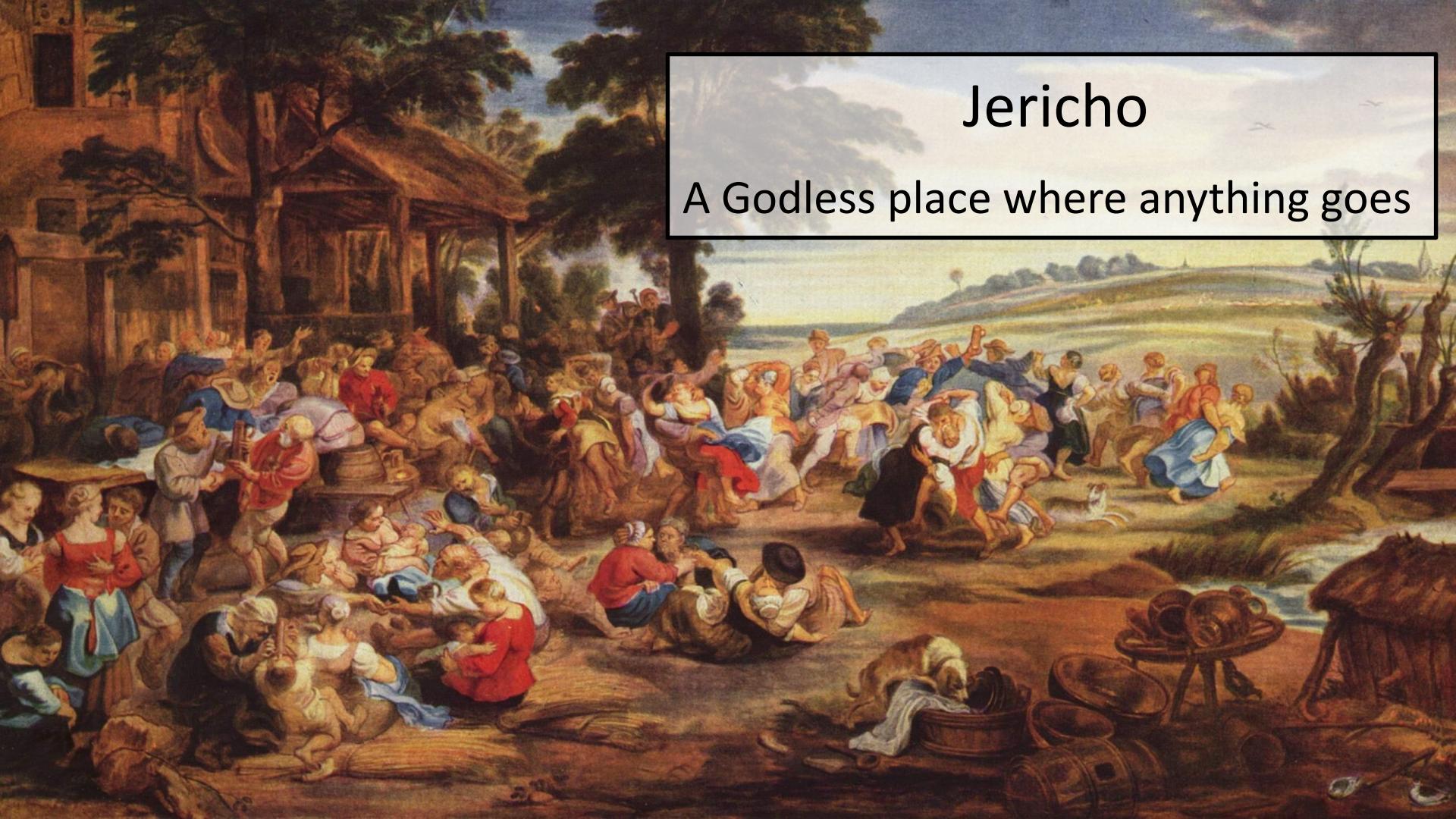
JOSHUA

*"As for me and my house,
we will serve the Lord."*



Background to Joshua:

- Books starts following the death of Moses and gives the account of the conquest of Canaan
- Timeline C.1406 BC – C.1375
- Author – Traditionally thought of as by Joshua
- Earliest Translation – 2nd century BC Greek Septuagint
- Historical – from the perspective of Israel

A painting depicting a scene from the biblical city of Jericho. In the foreground, a large crowd of people, including men, women, and children, are gathered along a riverbank. Some are washing laundry in the water, while others are standing or sitting nearby. In the background, there is a large, multi-story building with a thatched roof, possibly a temple or a palace. The sky is cloudy, and the overall atmosphere is one of a busy, crowded town.

Jericho

A Godless place where anything goes

The story of Rahab – Why?

- The Ban – Deuteronomy Ch.20 v 10-18
- ‘Detestable things they do in worship’
- No survivors
- God is a Holy God – can’t look upon sin
- 3,400 years on – He still can’t
- We’re all caught up in it
 - Romans 3.23 ‘**All** have sinned and fallen short of God’s standards’
 - 1 John 1.8 ‘If we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us’

Head ‘saddened’ to ban ‘extremist’ Christians

By Camilla Turner

EDUCATION EDITOR

A SCHOOL head has said he is “saddened” to have to ban a Christian group branded “extremist” from his Church of England primary.

Dan Turvey, of St John’s school in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, had been told by parents that the charity, called CrossTeach, had been instructing children about sin at assemblies and told them if they did not believe in God “they would not go to a good place when they died”.

Mr Turvey said he was

“deeply saddened” by the severing of relations with the group, but admitted pupils had been “upset and disturbed emotionally”.

He said: “I do not believe CrossTeach has done anything wrong. They do not deserve the tarnishing of their good name and allegations of extremism that have taken place.”

Wayne Harris, the national director of CrossTeach, said the charity worked with schools while under constant supervision, observing school policies and national guidelines.

Who was Rahab?



What were the two
Israelite spies doing in
Rahabs house?











The story of Rahab – Why?

God is ultimately...

...God of Love

...God of Mercy

...God of Grace

...Knows no bounds



...now is the time of God's favour, now is the day
of salvation

A Distinctly Christian Community at the Heart of Lymm

Reaching Neighbours

God has blessed us with a full church on Sunday mornings. He has also provided people bringing specific ministry gifts. These gifts are not for placing under bushels. This is a springboard for a new phase of outreach.

We see a church plant pushing into local areas that have minimal Christian presence. This could be a new church plant or a new work with an existing church or other church leaders.

The call to “cast into the deep” goes beyond squeezing in more seats or more services to our current set-up.

Growing Disciples

“Live your life as Jesus would live it if he was you” ...

This is a lifelong project! It includes emphasis on small groups, mentoring, prayer, immersing ourselves in scripture, ultimately ‘abiding in Christ’.

We must be devoted to the ideas that identify us and bind us together as followers of Christ.



Luke 5, 4-6



- Nobody is beyond the reach of Jesus
- Be 'Strong & Courageous'
- Share what God has done, and is doing
- Seek after God... to keep doing new and greater things
- He is Able... if We are Available?

