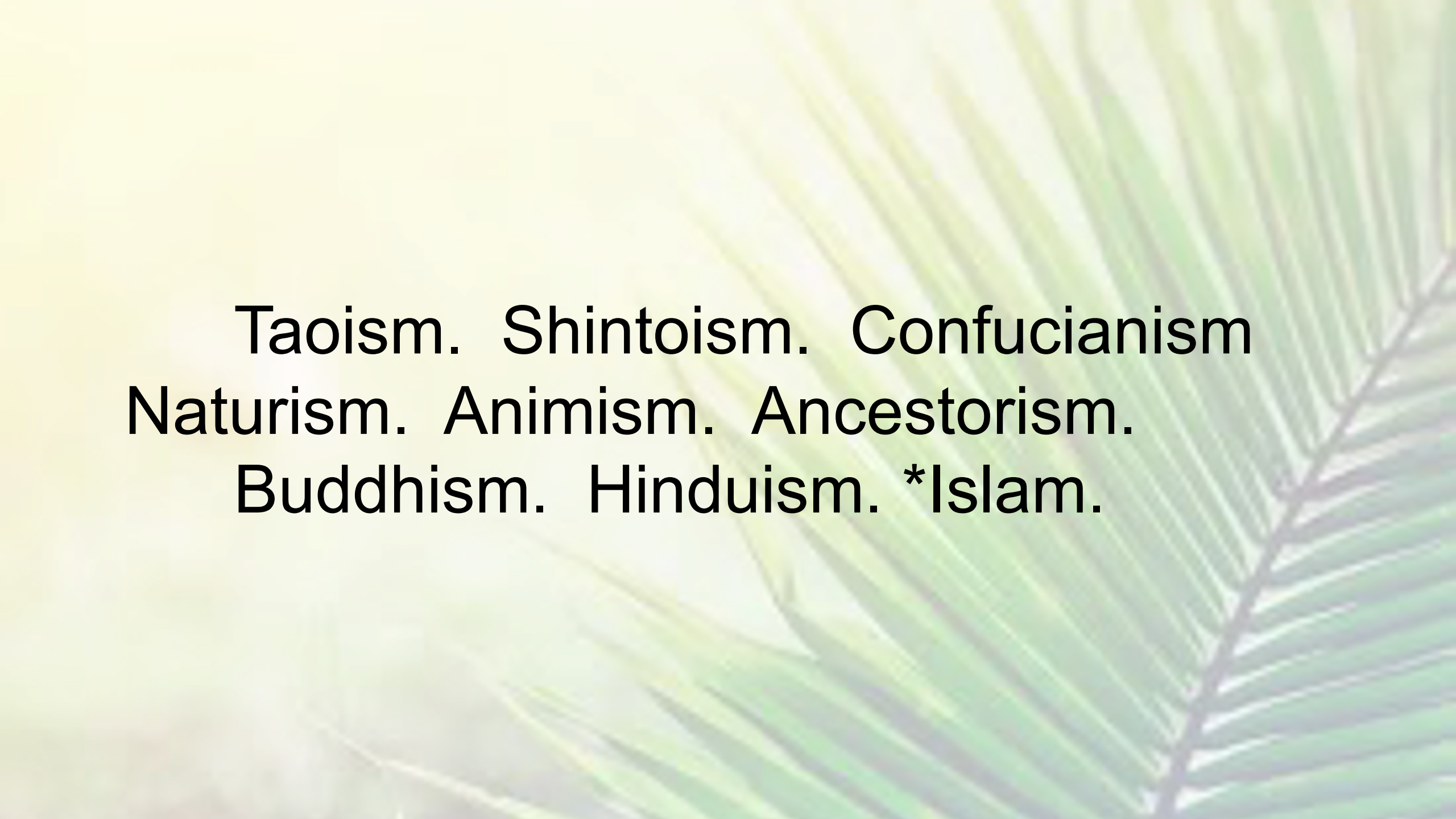


RIDE ON KING JESUS



Taoism. Shintoism. Confucianism
Naturism. Animism. Ancestorism.
Buddhism. Hinduism. *Islam.

Only the Jewish > Christian scriptures
give prophetic details of a coming
Messiah that would be God's Son
(Psalm 110)
and through suffering (Isaiah 53)
would prove himself to be God's
Savior (Isaiah 62).



Three OT quotations from Matthew 21
(triumphal entry story).

Zechariah 9:9 > Matthew 21:5

- A **king** (strong!) on a **donkey** (weak)
proclaiming his **rule** (peace)

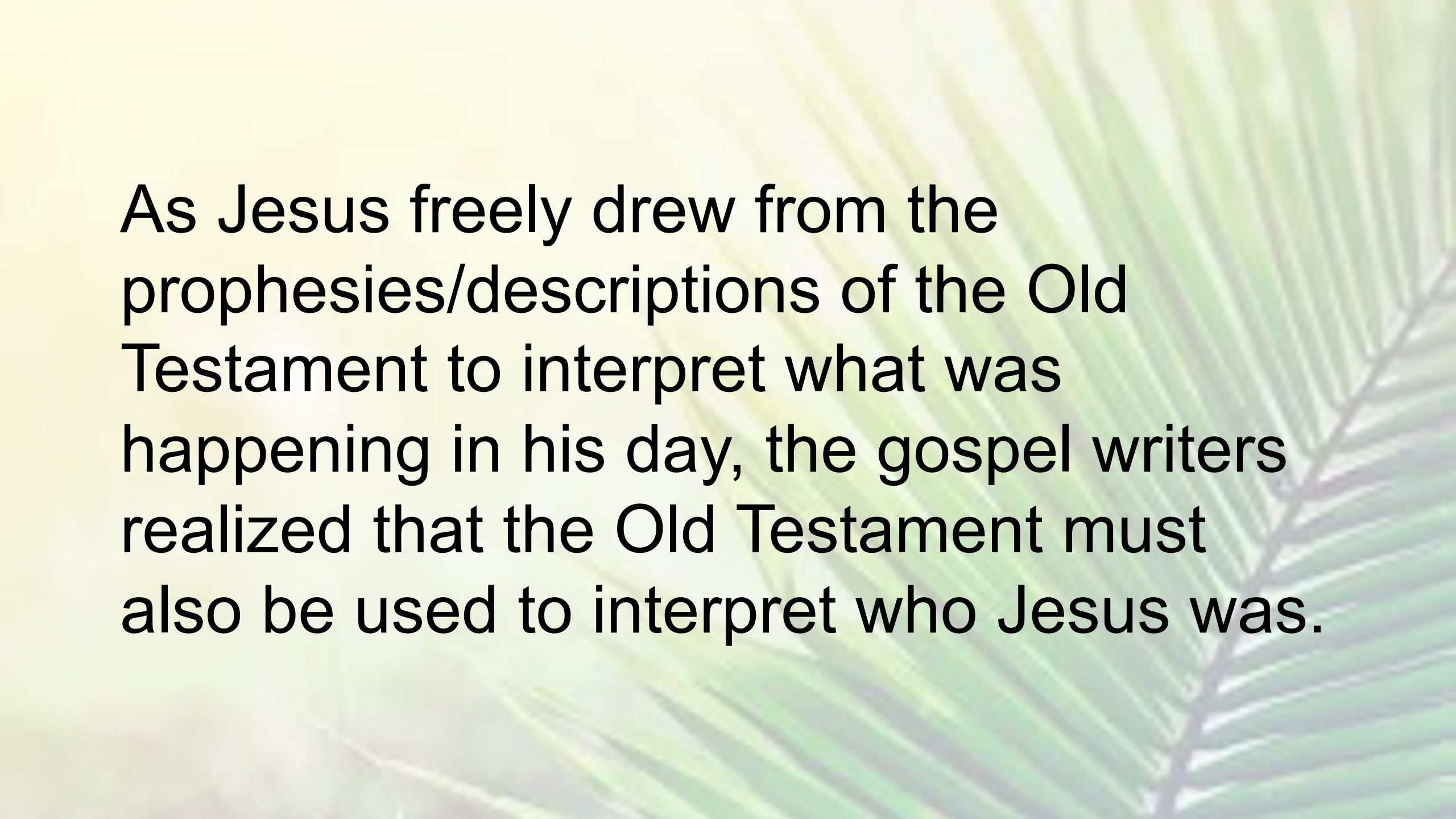
Isaiah 56:7 > Matthew 21:13

- A **house** (place) of **prayer** (intimacy with God) for **all** nations (everyone)

Psalm 8:2 > Matthew 21:16

- the **anomaly** (surprise!) of **children** (nontechnical) exalting God, by God's own **design** (intention)

Three Old Testament quotations ...
Only one of them has anything to do
with the identity of Jesus or his
entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey.
The other two quotations are spoken
by Jesus and seem to randomly arise
from the circumstance.



As Jesus freely drew from the prophecies/descriptions of the Old Testament to interpret what was happening in his day, the gospel writers realized that the Old Testament must also be used to interpret who Jesus was.



The Old Testament quotations **from**
Jesus LEGITIMIZE the Old Testament
quotations **about** Jesus.

RIDE ON KING JESUS!

- The crowds **cheered** but did not truly **understand**
- The Jewish leaders **understood** but they did not **cheer**
- The decision of what to **believe** and **do** about Jesus was put to everyone on that day



INTERESTED in Jesus?

BELIEVE in Jesus?

FOLLOW Jesus?

Jesus chose a colt no one had ever ridden on because no one had ever gone where he was going ... to the grace and through the grave!