



SNOLLYGOSTER

Snollygoster /snŏl'ē-gŏs''tər/ noun

- ❖ One, especially a politician, who is guided by personal advantage rather than by consistent, respectable principles.
- ❖ A politician who cares more for personal gain than serving the people



From *The Jesus Film*



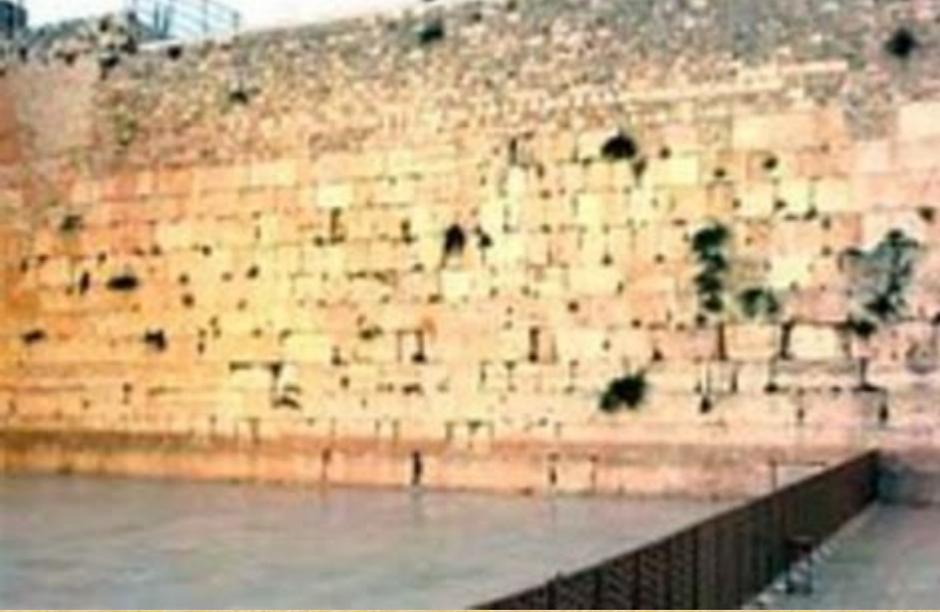




**Walls of houses
in Capernaum
made of basalt**



Western Wall

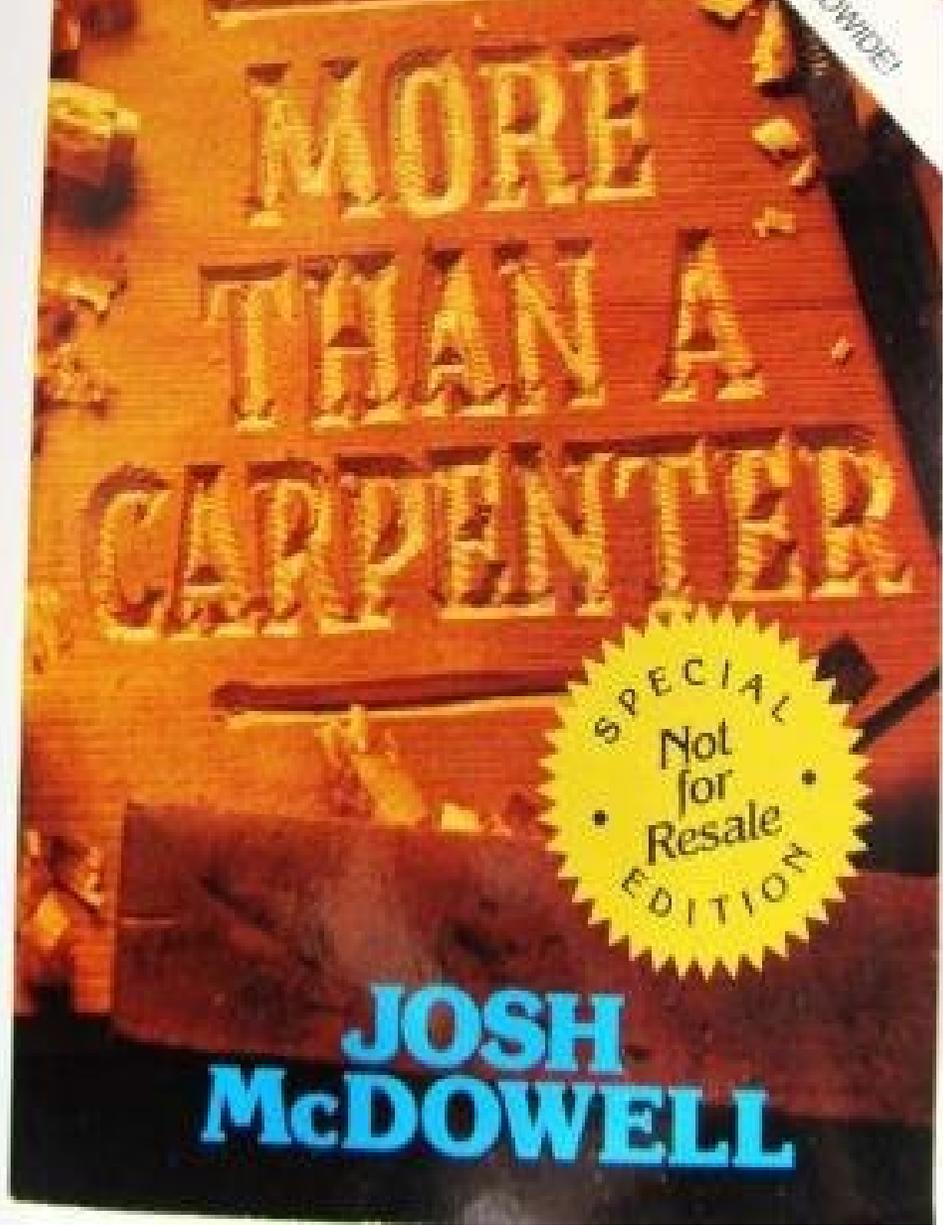


Limestone quarry





Nazareth limestone house



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Τέκτων = Tekton

**one who constructs: *builder, carpenter,*
*a worker in stone***

Is not this the **carpenter**, the son of Mary, and brother of James, and Joses, and Judas, and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?” And they took offense at Him. Mark 6:3

Is this not the **carpenter's** son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? Matthew 13:55

The Use Of *Tekton* In The Greek Old Testament (LXX)

2 Samuel 5:11 Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and **carpenters** and **masons**. And they built David a house.

In the LXX: Carpenters = craftsmen of wood.

Masons = craftsmen of stone

The **craftsman** stretches out his rule, He marks one out with chalk; He fashions it with a plane, He marks it out with the compass, And makes it like the figure of a man, According to the beauty of a man, that it may remain in the house. **Isaiah 44:13**

In the LXX the word craftsman is literally, “the craftsman of wood.”

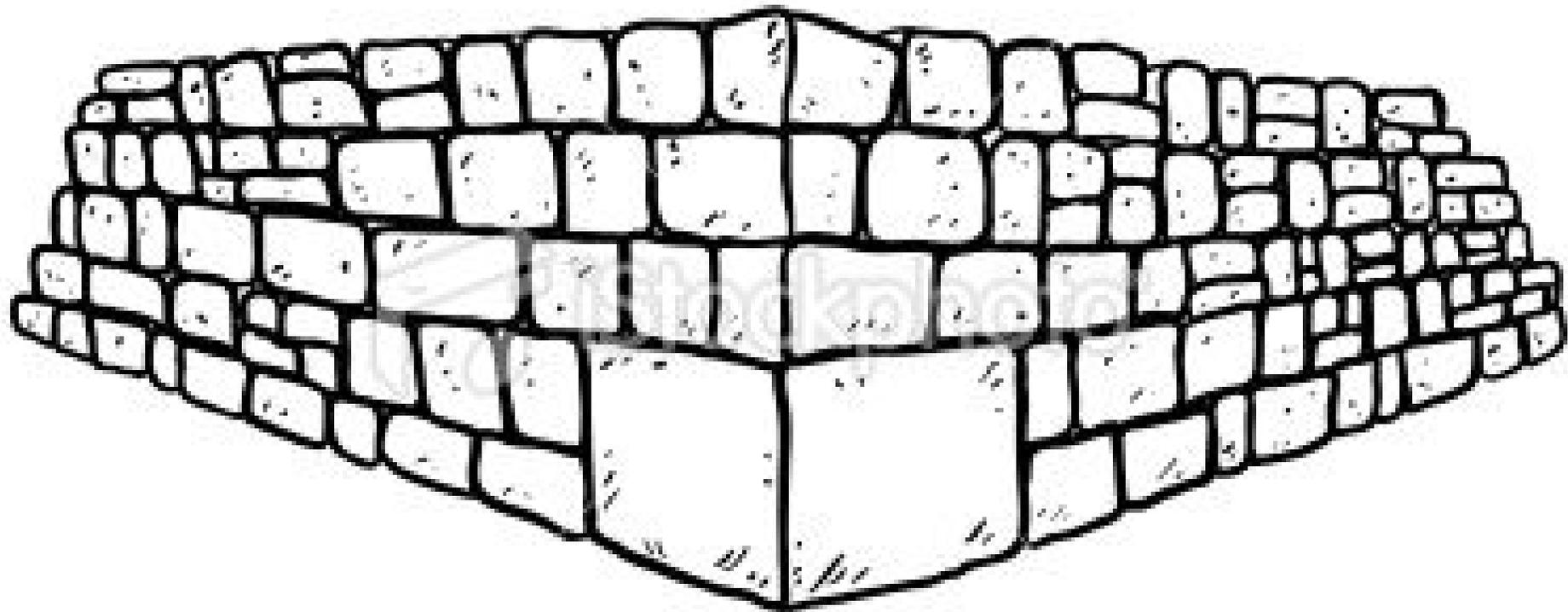
Then they gave the money, which had been apportioned, into the hands of those who did the work, who had the oversight of the house of the LORD; and they paid it out to the **carpenters** and builders who worked on the house of the LORD, ¹² and to **masons and stonecutters**, and for buying timber and hewn stone, to repair the damage of the house of the LORD, and for all that was paid out to repair the temple. 2 Kings 12:11-12

Then the LORD showed me four **craftsmen**.
Zechariah 1:20

When *tehton* and “wood” appear together, then a carpenter is clearly to be understood. If the word “wood” does not occur in the verse, it probably is used to indicate a craftsman in general.

Whenever Jesus is called a *tehton*, the word “wood” does not follow. Therefore, Jesus must have been a craftsman/builder in general (stones included). There is no clear connection to him specifically being a “woodworker.”

“Jesus said to them, ‘Did you never read in the Scriptures, “The stone (lithos) which the builders rejected, This became the chief corner stone; [head of the corner, lit.] This came about from the Lord, And it is marvelous in our eyes”?’” (Mt 21:42; cf. Mk 12:10; Lk 20:17; Acts 4:11; 1 Pt 2:7).





And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder. Matthew 21:44

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built (oikodomeo) his house upon the rock (petra)” (Mt 7:24)

[The one who listens to the words of Jesus] “is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation (themelios) upon the rock (petra); and when a flood rose, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who has heard, and has not acted accordingly, is like a man who built a house upon the ground without any foundation (themelios); and the torrent burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great” (Lk 6:48–49 NASB).

“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock (petra) I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it” (Mt 16:18 NASB).

“And why do you look at the speck (karphos) that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log (dokos) that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck (karphos) out of your eye,’ and behold, the log (dokos) is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log (dokos) out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck (karphos) out of your brother’s eye” (Mt 7:3–5 NASB; cf. Lk 6:41–42).



“And as He was going out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, ‘Teacher, behold what wonderful stones (lithos) and what wonderful buildings.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another which will not be torn down’” (Mk 13:1–2 NASB; cf. Mt 24:1–2).



Or what man is there among you, when his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone (lithos)?” (Mt 7:9 NASB).

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation (themelios) a stone, (lithos) a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation (themelios): he that believeth shall not make haste. Isaiah 28:16

Translation from the LXX

Therefore, thus says the Lord, Behold I am laying in Zion the foundations, a stone, costly, choice, a highly regarded cornerstone for its foundations, and the one believing in Him will not be ashamed [JFM].

God as a Rock

In Genesis 49:24 He is called the Stone of Israel.

Deu 32:4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.

God as a Rock

2 Sam 22:2 And he said: "The LORD *is* my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;

Psa 62:2 He only *is* my rock and my salvation; *He is* my defense; I shall not be greatly moved.

Psa 92:15 To declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

One of the last things recorded about Jesus at his burial is the fact that he was laid in a tomb cut out of rock (petra).

A huge stone (lithos) was placed over its opening (Mt 27:60).

Praise God, neither the petra nor that lithos could hold him!