



***SONS of  
THUNDER***



# ***Mark 3:17***

**James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which means, “Sons of Thunder”)**

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- Jacob (Israel) is another example. “He who wrestles with God” is a fitting moniker for someone who needed to be reminded what a headache he had been to so many (Gen. 32)!





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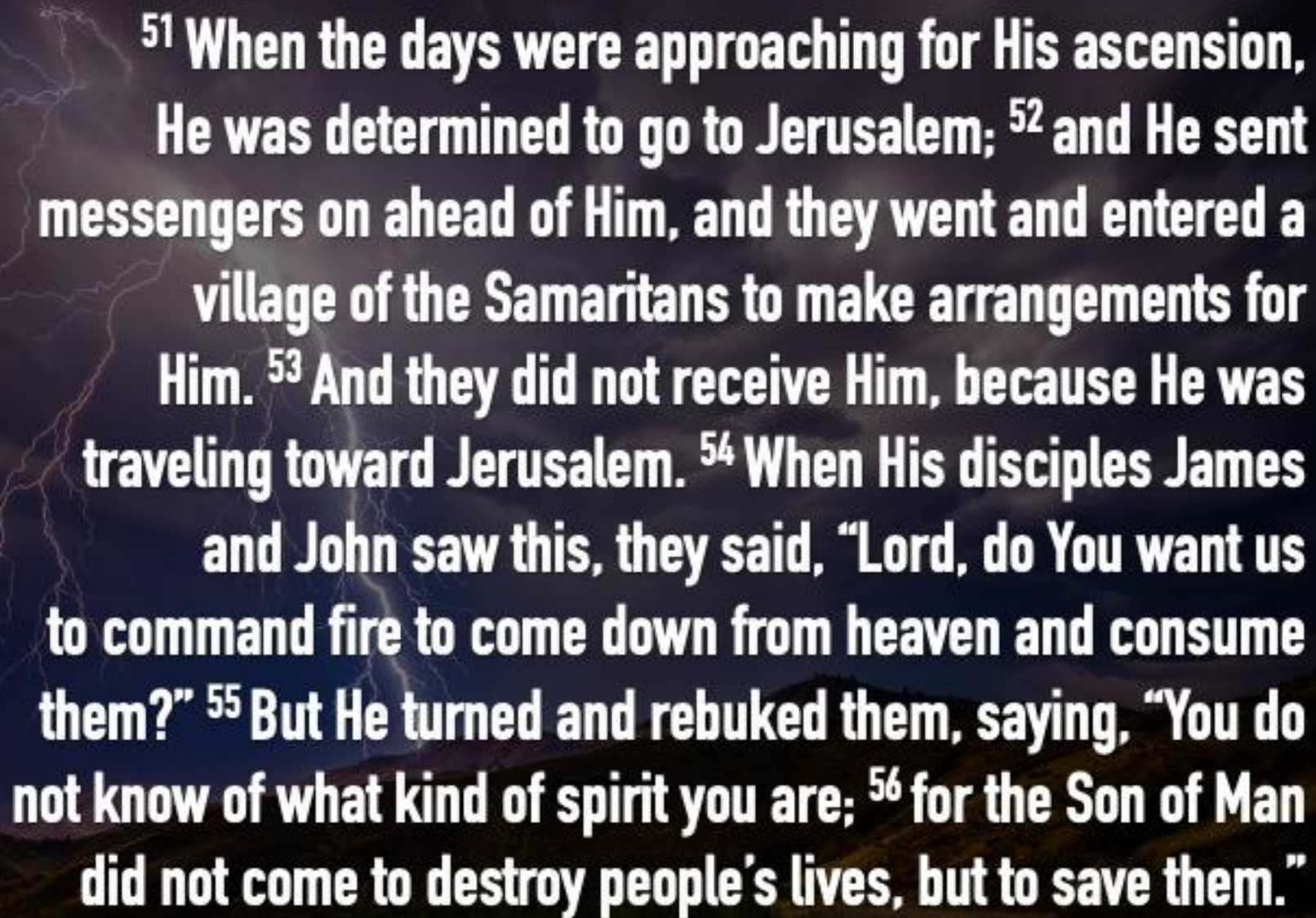
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- **Likely, it had a lot to do with the brothers' fiery, passionate personalities.**





**<sup>51</sup> When the days were approaching for His ascension, He was determined to go to Jerusalem; <sup>52</sup> and He sent messengers on ahead of Him, and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make arrangements for Him. <sup>53</sup> And they did not receive Him, because He was traveling toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When His disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup> But He turned and rebuked them, saying, “You do not know of what kind of spirit you are; <sup>56</sup> for the Son of Man did not come to destroy people’s lives, but to save them.”**

***Luke 9:51-56***



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- **Feelings don't mean you're right. Be careful that your "righteous indignation" isn't just plain old indignation (Rom. 2:8, Gal. 5:20 & 22-23, Col. 3:8 & 12-15).**



***Being a Son of  
Thunder is fine,  
unless it's not  
what God needs  
you to be!***





# ***Sons of Thunder don't know how to...***

- **Speak gently to a young couple struggling to find their way**
- **Unlock a hard heart that has been hurt by abuse**
- **Be patient with the ignorant**
- **Submit when they disagree**
- **Be the cooler head that prevails**



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***BIG PICTURE***