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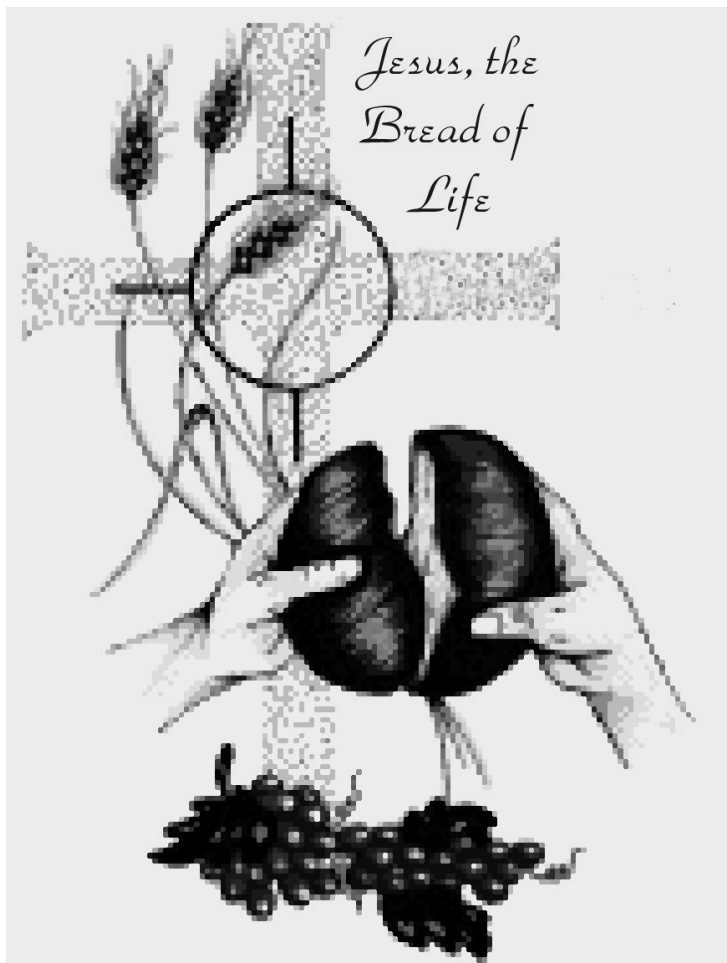
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## **Foreword**

I have enjoyed writing the poems herein for a little more than thirty years. Written out of a deep, abiding love for my GOD as I was led to write them, my sincerest hope and prayer is that you will find enjoyment in the reading of them.

*I dedicate this book of poems to all my Christian brothers and sisters in Christ...May the Light of GOD shine upon you now and forever.*

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Written out of a deep sense of love and awe  
to give all Glory and Honor to the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit...

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*Triumphant entry into Jerusalem  
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ENTRY OF JESUS INTO JERUSALEM

And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord... (Matthew 21: 9)

## **Jerusalem, the Holy City**

There is a city on a hilltop  
Built centuries ago...  
A city they named...Jerusalem.

Also called, '*the Holy City*'  
By the Chosen Ones of GOD...  
Who built a Temple there to worship Him.

And Jesus loved this old city  
That was protected by walls...  
To keep the enemies of Israel at bay.

When Jesus entered the city  
To celebrate the Passover  
Palm fronds were strewn along His way.

It was a happy celebration  
As the Messiah rode into town  
Triumphant upon a colt, foal of an ass.

Zechariah foretold of the scene  
In scriptures long before  
And his prophecy that day came to pass. \*

The Pharisees grew quite jealous  
At the adulation given  
To Jesus by the throng's joyous praise...

As they sang and danced gaily  
Amid the music and laughter  
In this celebration lasting for days.

Christ spoke harshly of Pharisees  
As He preached to the crowd...  
He made no attempt to be discreet.

In righteous indignation  
He drove the moneychangers  
From the Temple out into the street.

Quoting Isaiah the prophet, \*\*  
He lashed them with a whip  
For desecrating GOD's House of Prayer.

Chief priests and scribes hearing of this  
Then schemed to destroy Him  
So angered were they at His teachings there.

\* **Zechariah 9:9**

\*\* **Isaiah 56:7 & Psalm 69:9**

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*Christ in the clouds*



**So we do not Lose Heart**

In Paul's second letter  
To the Church at Corinth  
He offers hope to believers near death.

Giving encouragement to Christians  
Remaining faithful to Jesus  
Even as they take in their last breath.

He said of our mortal bodies,  
*"So we do not lose heart."*  
*"Though our outer nature is wasting away..."*

He spoke then of our spirits saying...  
*"Our inner nature,*  
*"Is being renewed every day."*

This brief affliction prepares us  
For an eternal weight of glory  
Beyond anything to be compared...

*"Because we look not to things  
That are seen,"* Paul continued...  
*"But to things that are unseen..."* he declared

*"For the things that are seen  
Are transient,"* wrote Paul,  
*"But the things that are unseen are eternal." \**

We can see our earthly bodies  
That houses our unseen spirits...  
Because our earthly tents are external.

*"We know while we're home in the body,  
We're away from the Lord,  
For we walk by faith, and not by sight..."*

*"So whether we are at home or away  
We make it our aim to please Him."*  
And strive always to do what is right.

For we all shall appear  
Before Christ's Judgment Seat  
To be judged by GOD's only Son...

He'll separate goats from the sheep  
And dispense Holy Justice  
In accordance to what we have done. \*\*

The good news for Christians  
Is that we have a Counselor  
In Christ Jesus...the Judge on His Throne...

He has promised Salvation  
To all believers who love Him...  
But not to scoffers who refused to atone.

**\* II Corinthians 4:16-18**

**\*\* II Corinthians 5:1-10**

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*About the author:*



I have found poetry to be a wonderfully spiritual way for me to commune with God, and it matters not whether I am writing the poems, or simply reading them; a quiet serenity comes over me during those times that is a great comfort to my soul.

I began my writings more than thirty years ago during a time in my life when I was unable to sleep well at night because of a painful back.

As a consequence, throughout the night, I would have to get up to apply a heating pad, and it was during these times that I began reading the Bible. This subsequently led me to the writing of poetry, for I have found the Holy Bible to be most effective in inspiring ideas.

I have also been moved to write by the sight of a beautiful sunrise or sunset, or a mountain view...Perhaps just a word, phrase or scene will pop into my head at times while I'm exercising. Many ideas have come to me in my sleep and at those times I am compelled to get up go to my computer or to get a pencil and paper to jot the idea down before it is forgotten.

It is my sincere hope that you will enjoy the reading of these poems and I pray that you will be blessed.

In His Service,

John A. McKee