



Opposition to the King

§ § 98-119

The Jewish leaders resist Jesus in many conflicts over his person and miracles as they question his authority as God

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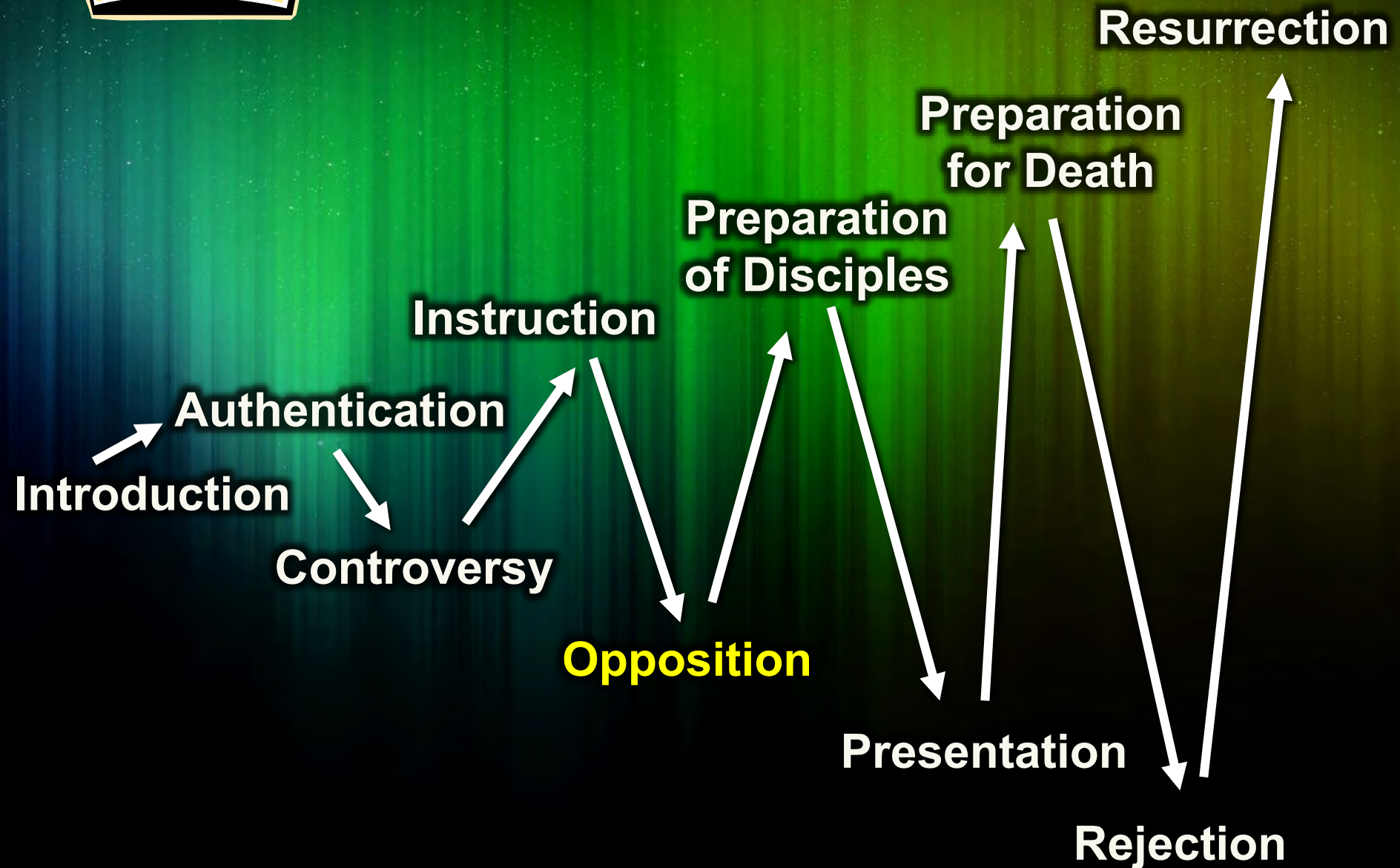


Pentecost Outline

1. Introduction of the King
2. Authentication of the King
3. Controversy over the King
4. Instruction of the Twelve by the King
5. **Opposition to the King**
6. Preparation of the Disciples by the King
7. Official Presentation of the King
8. Preparation for the Death of the King
9. Rejection of the King
10. Resurrection of the King

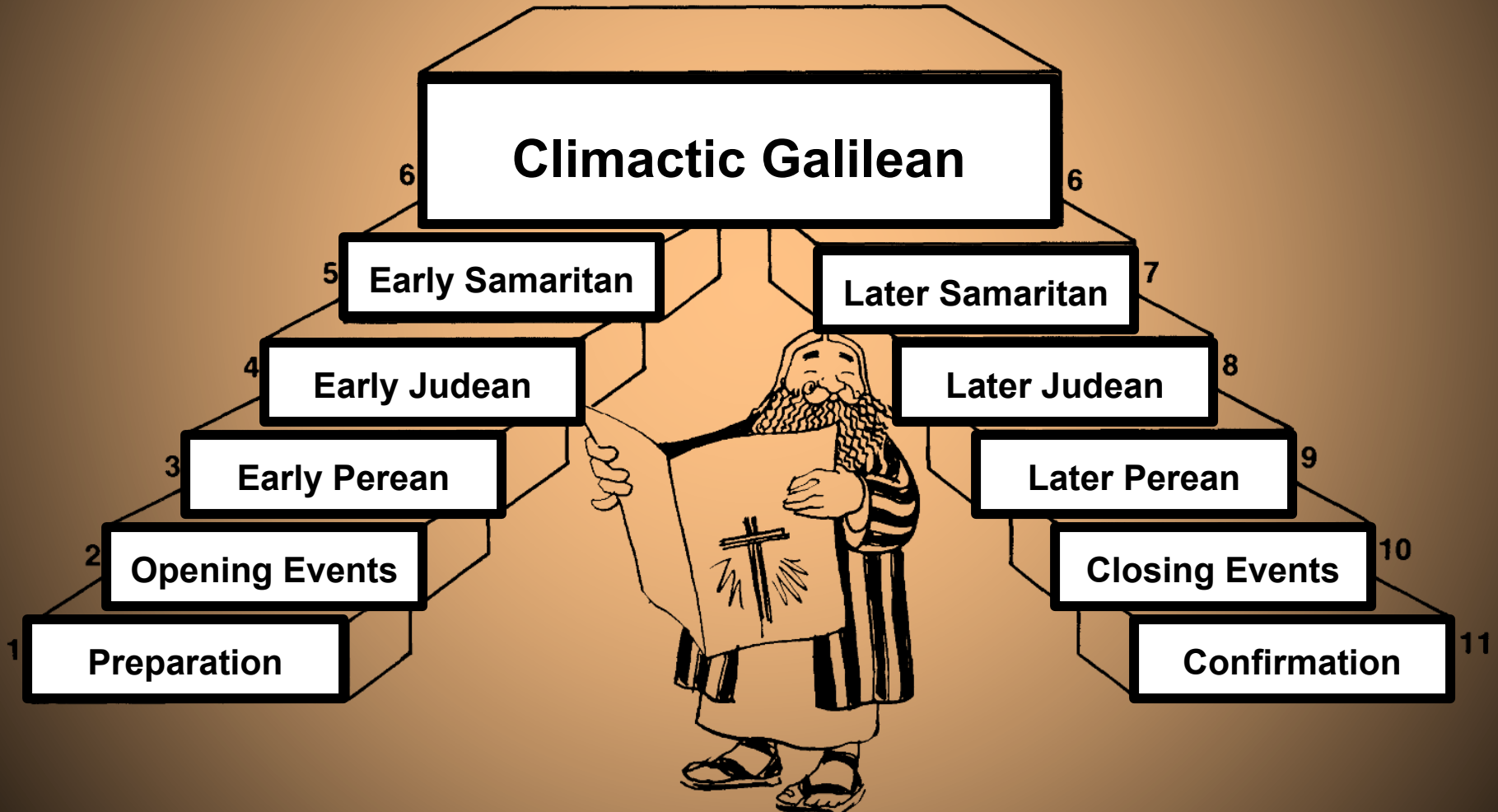


Increasing Polarization



Great Periods in the Life of Christ

“The Son of Man... came to minister and to give his life a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45)



A. Conflict At the Feast of Tabernacles

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John 7:11-52

**Jesus defends His authority and person at the
Feast of Tabernacles, giving the unbelieving
Jews further motivation to kill Him**

1. Christ's Authority Questioned

John 7:11-15

Jerusalem crowds wonder how Christ could teach with authority without rabbinic training to prepare for Him to reveal His true nature

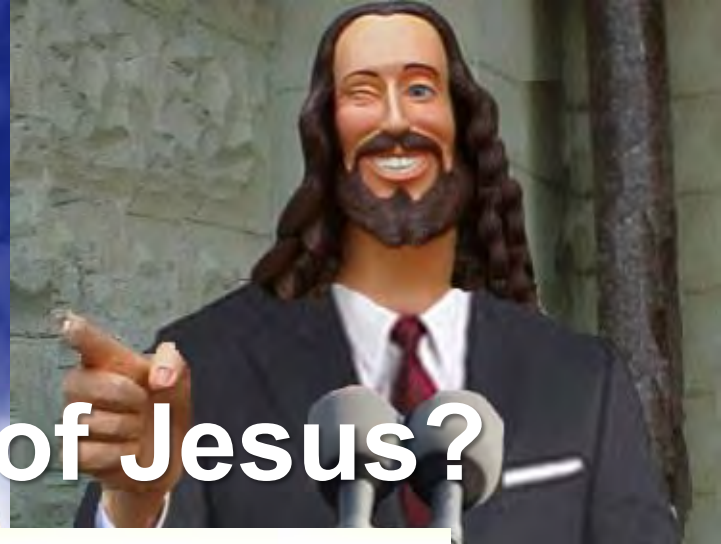
JOHN 7

Divided Opinions

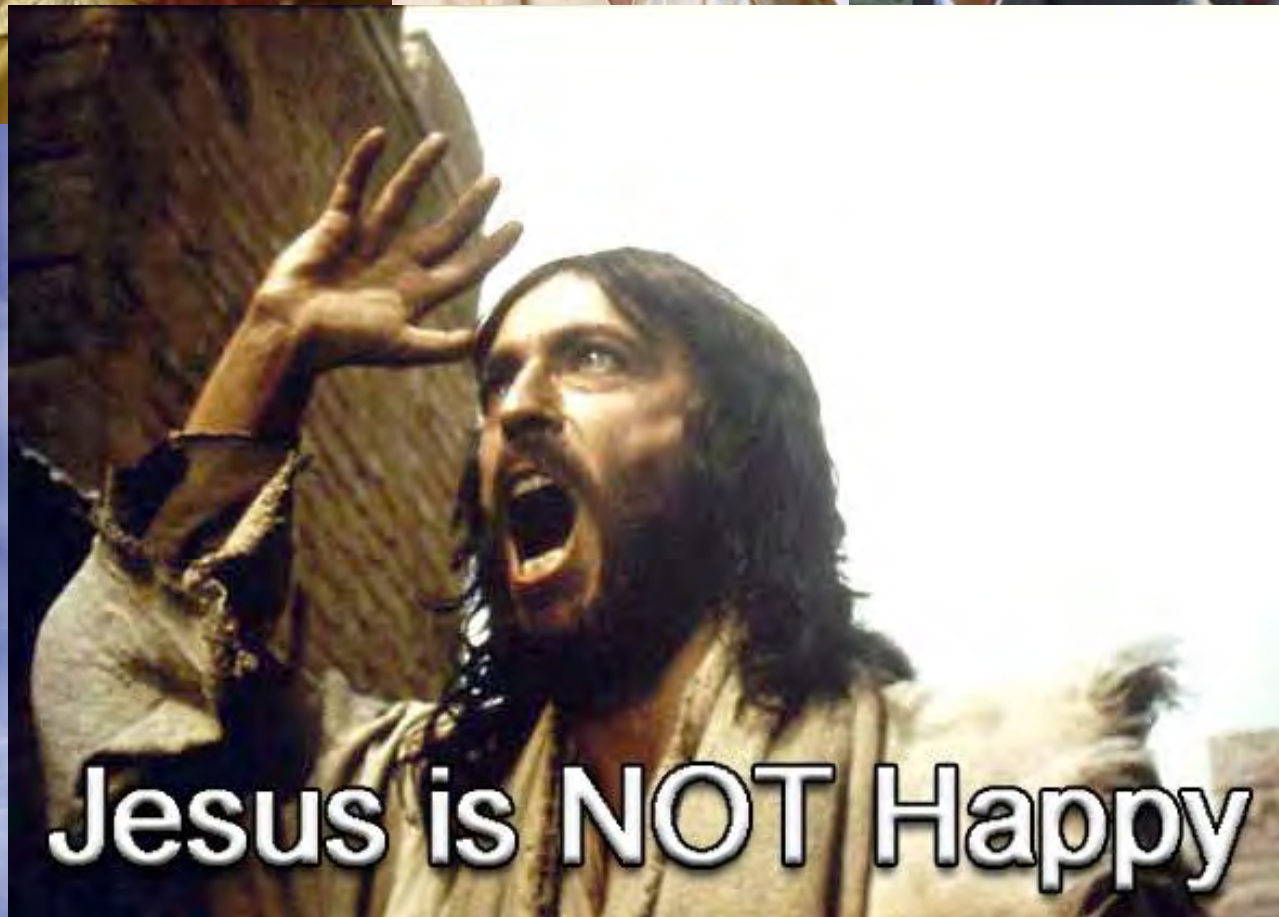




**Who is
this?**



What do you think of Jesus?



Jesus is NOT Happy



The popular TV series "Touched by an Angel" is filled with spirituality but never mentions Jesus



And
Christians
are considered
stupid?!

Vince
Vaughn

Reese
Witherspoon

His father,
her mother,
his mother
and her father
all in one day.

A promotional image for the movie 'Four Christmases'. Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon are standing back-to-back, wrapped in thick red ribbon. They are wearing black clothing. At their feet are several green Christmas gift boxes, some with gold bows, and a large red bow is tied around one of the boxes. The background is plain white.

FOUR CHRISTMASSES

In Theaters November 26



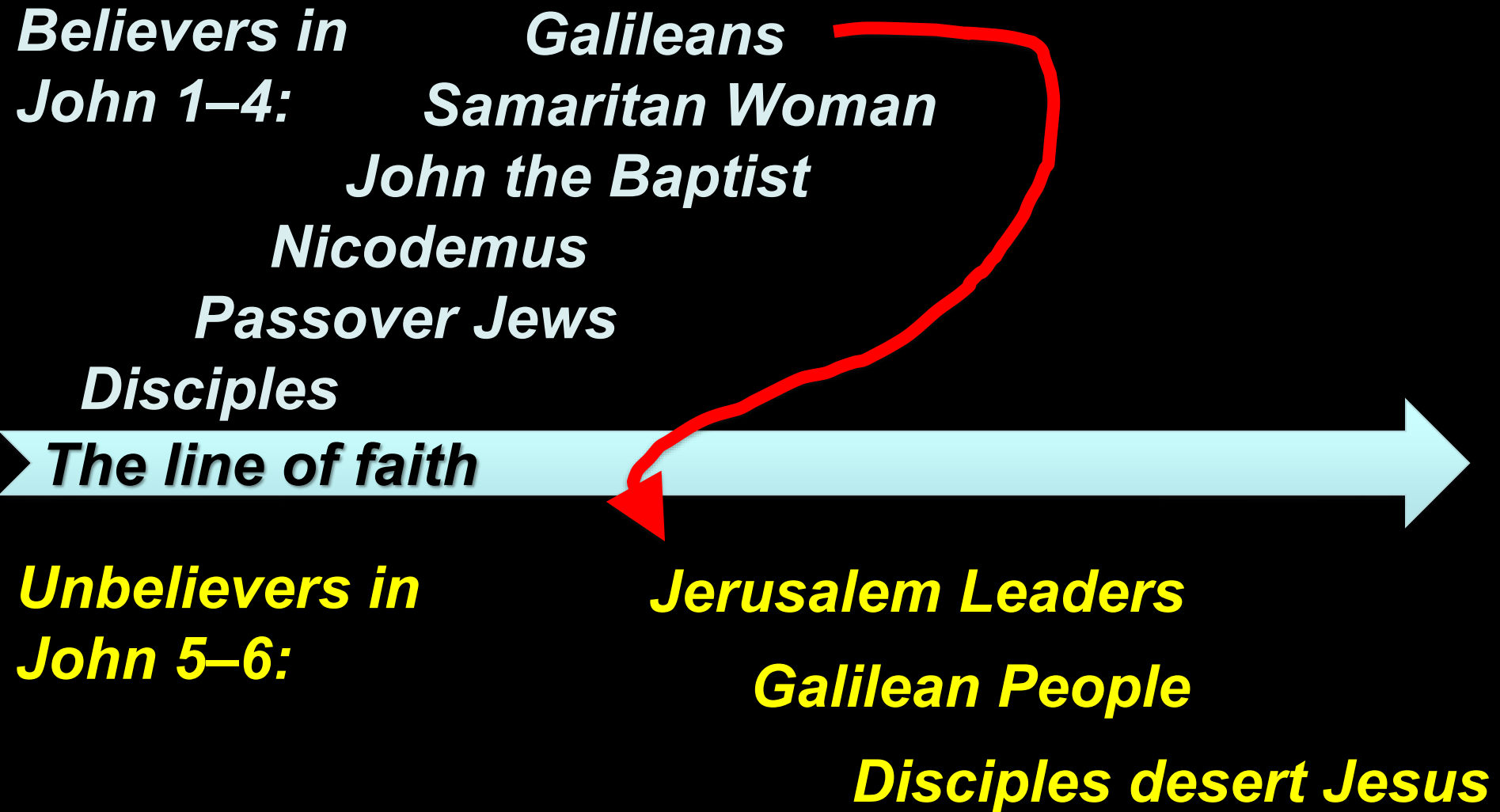
“Four Christmases” Pastor Phil

Our Subject Today



**Why do
people have
such **divided**
opinions
about Christ?**

A Controversial Figure in John 1–6



Our Subject Today



3 reasons!

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about Christ?**



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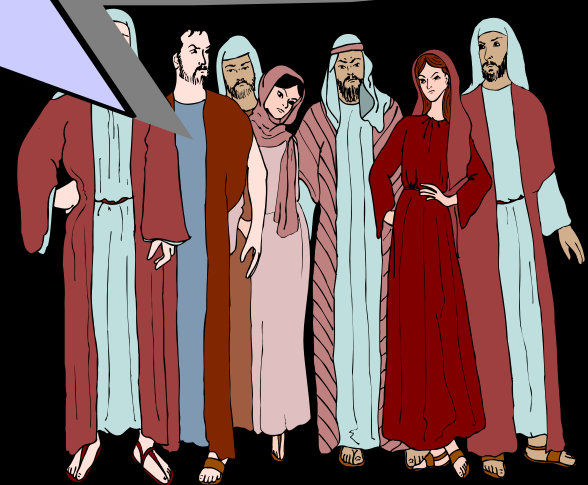
Why do people have such divided opinions about Christ?

Transition between Galilean ministry and Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem

But when the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near...
(7:2)

“No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world” (7:4).

Brothers of Jesus



My time is not yet come; for
you any time is right

...because for me the right
time has not yet come.





“Hour” in John’s Gospel

NASB Occurrences (Greek are all *hora* except 7:6, 8):

2:4 “My **hour** has not yet come”

7:6 “My **time** (Gr. *kairos*) is not yet here”

7:8 “My **time** (Gr. *kairos*) has not yet fully come”

7:30 “His **hour** had not yet come”

**We must *each* decide who Christ is—
and also give that choice to others.**

"For the grace of
GOD hath appeared...

bringing salvation to all men..."

A close-up photograph of a person's eyes, which are looking through a magnifying glass. The magnifying glass is positioned over the eyes, making them appear significantly larger. The background is a warm, reddish-brown color. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

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Why do people have such divided opinions about Christ?

2. Christ's Explanation

John 7:16-24

Christ tells the Pharisees to submit to his teaching as authoritative as was Moses since the Father (not rabbis) taught Jesus

3. Christ's Person Questioned

John 7:25-27

The crowds disbelieve Jesus is Messiah since the Pharisees do not arrest Him and since they assume he was born in Nazareth

4. Christ's Explanation

John 7:28-30

Christ claims that his origin is heaven (not Nazareth) and God is His Father (not Joseph) so that His identity is the Son of God

5. Response

John 7:31-36

The response to Christ is that while some believe, the leaders commit even more to kill Him for blasphemy, even if He tries to escape

II. People reject Christ's teaching because they reject God (7:14-36).



**I've got nothing
against God**

**It's his Fan Club I
can't stand**



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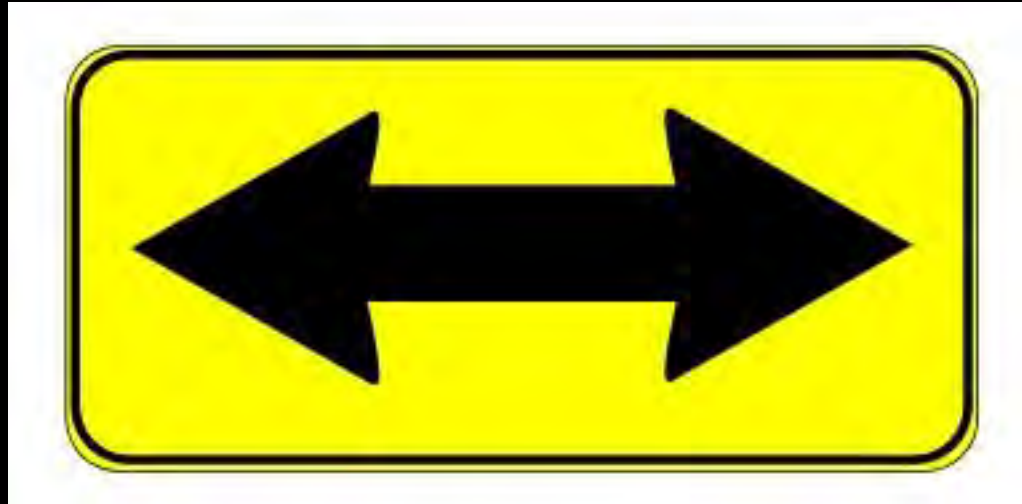


6. Christ's Invitation

John 7:37-52

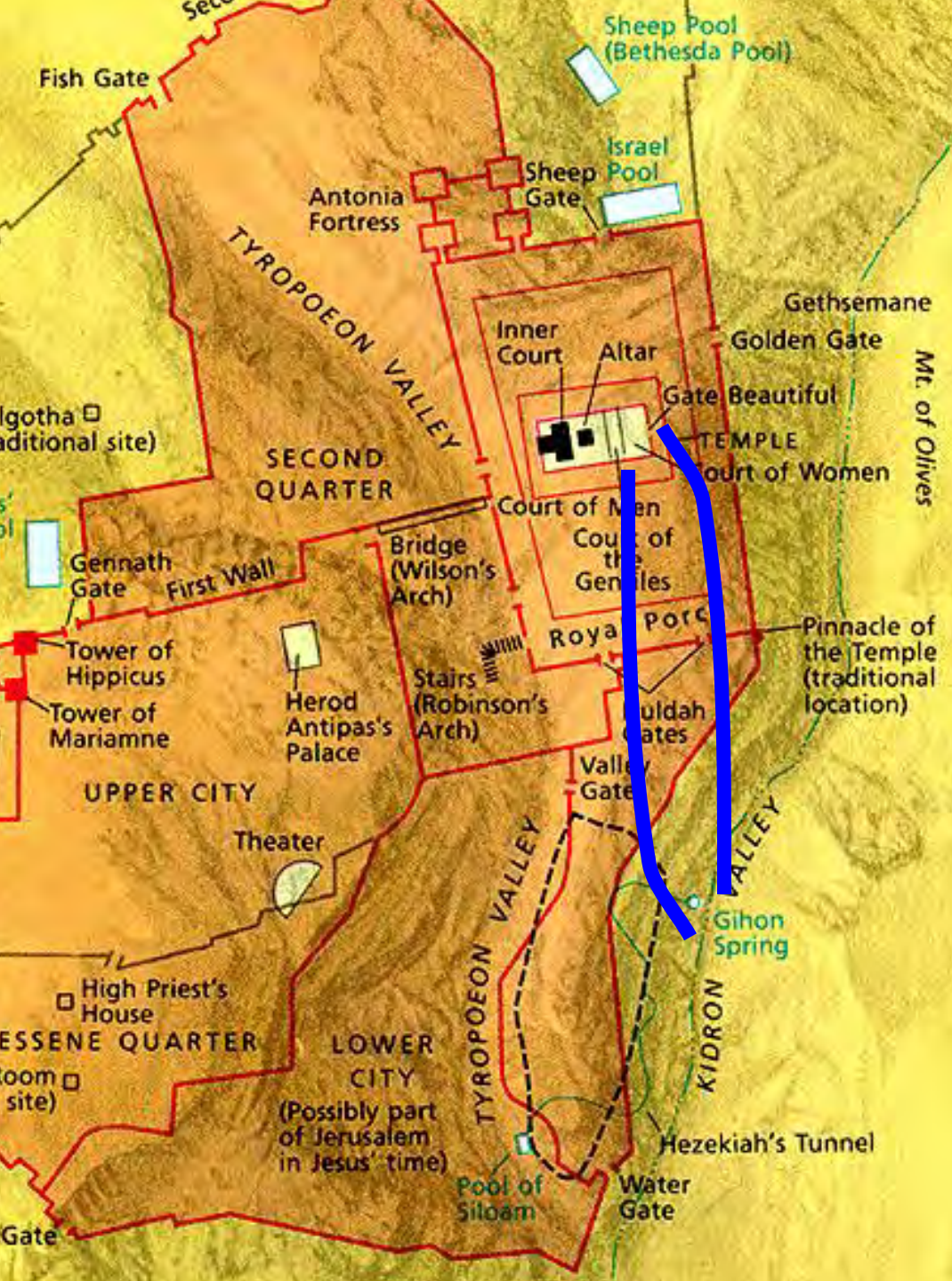
Jesus' use of the Feast's golden pitcher ceremony (= God giving water to Israel) shows that he can satisfy their spiritual thirst

**III. Jesus' claim to give eternal life
always has mixed responses
(7:37-52).**



**Why do people have such divided
opinions about Christ?**

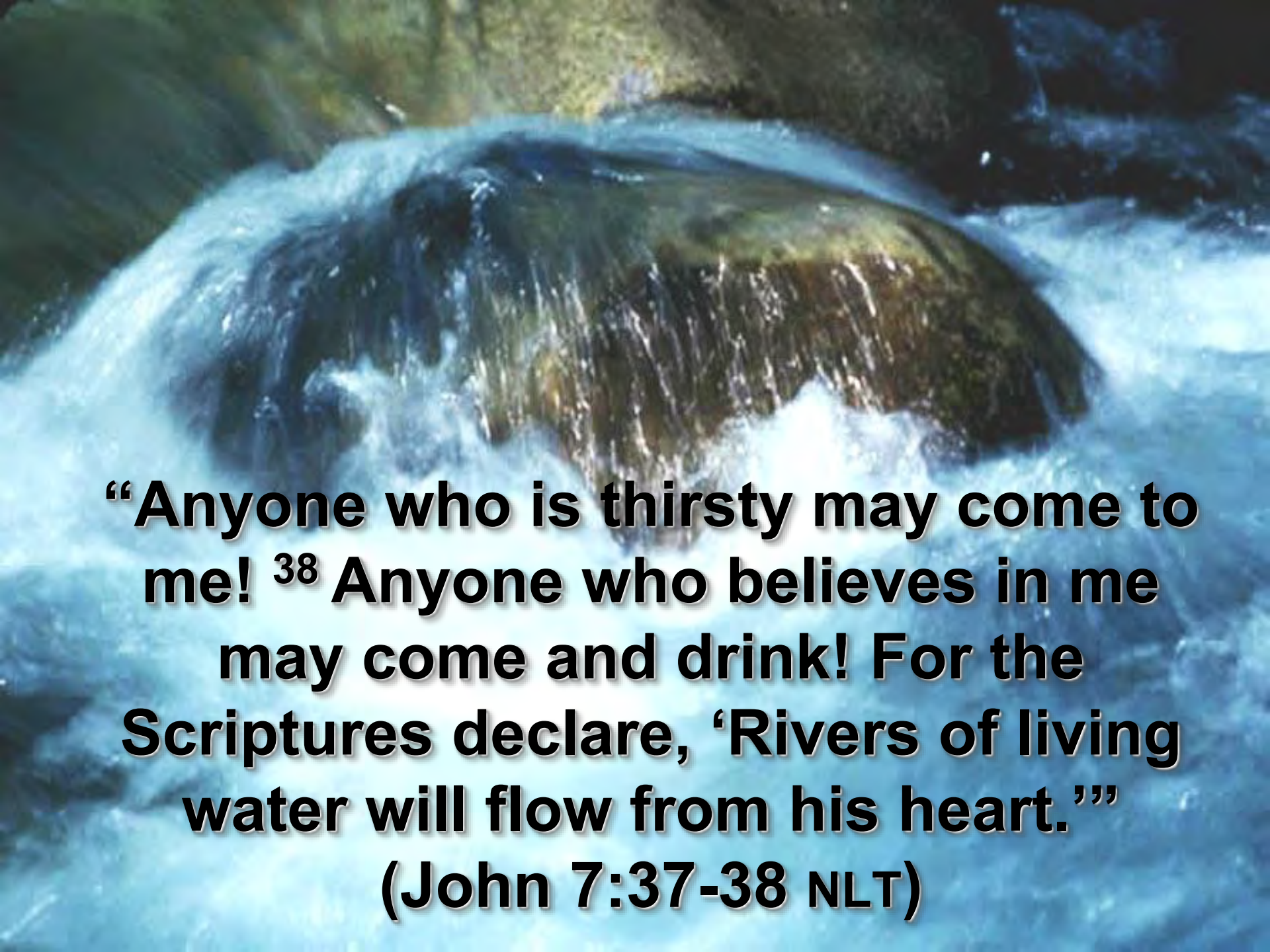
The Feast of Tabernacles



Water from a Rock



Numbers 20:8-11



“Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! ³⁸ Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.’”
(John 7:37-38 NLT)



WATER POWER
CRAIG PATRICK REPORTING

FOX 26
NEWS

Q & A

Curious: “Where did he get all this knowledge?” (14-15).

Jesus’ Answer: “God gave it to me.”

Offended: “You’re demon possessed! Who’s trying to kill you?” (20).

Jesus’ Answer: “Hypocrites care more for circumcision than for people.”

Q & A

Uninformed: “Isn’t this the man they are trying to kill? But the Messiah will simply appear...” (25).

Jesus’ Answer: “You know where I’m from—but you don’t know God!”

Believing: “Will the Messiah do more miracles than Jesus?” (31).

Jesus’ Answer: “I will be with you only for a short time more [about 6 months] but you won’t find me and can’t follow me.”

Which are You?

- **Curious?**
- **Offended?**
- **Uninformed?**
- **Believing?**

Main Idea of John 7

**People reject Christ
because they don't
accept God's authority
over their lives.**



JESUS **PAID** IT ALL

ISAIAH 53:5

Why not believe today?



B. Conflict Over the Law

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John 7:53–8:11

Jesus avoids a Pharisee trap by not judging an adulterous woman to judge the Law too stringent or accept their disdain for the Law

John 8:2-11
**JESUS AND THE WOMAN
ACCUSED OF ADULTERY**

























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How can we
show God's
compassion in
a world where
people think
Christianity
only **judges**
us?



The Text of John 7:53–8:11



**Inspired
or Not?**

Divided

Opinions

“Most scholars seem to agree that the passage **is a part of inspired Scripture** [e.g., F. F. Bruce]. In fact, the development of the entire chapter can easily be seen to grow out of this striking event in the temple... The transition from John 7:52 to 8:12 would be too abrupt without a transitional section.”

—Warren Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*

“Almost all textual scholars agree that these verses were **not part of the original**... The style and vocabulary of this passage differ from the rest of the Gospel, and the passage interrupts the sequence from 7:52–8:12. It is probably a part of true oral tradition which was added to later Greek manuscripts by copyists.”

—Edwin A. Blum, in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*

Western



Later (AD 600)
manuscripts keep it

Byzantine



Latest (AD 1000)
manuscripts keep it

3 Text Types

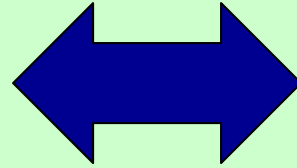
Alexandrian



Earliest (AD 200-400)
manuscripts omit it

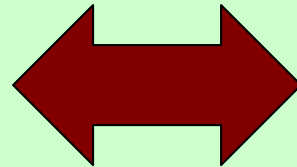
Note the Flow...

Jesus exposes
evil intent of the
Pharisees (8:10)



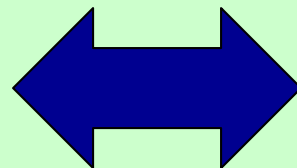
Jesus is the
Light of the
World (8:12)

Pharisees made
a false judgment
(8:15)



Jesus makes a
right judgment
(8:16)

Pharisees tried
to stone her
(8:5)

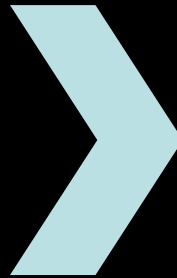


Pharisees tried
to stone Jesus
(8:59)

Where we're going today...



Passage



Applications



What's the Point?

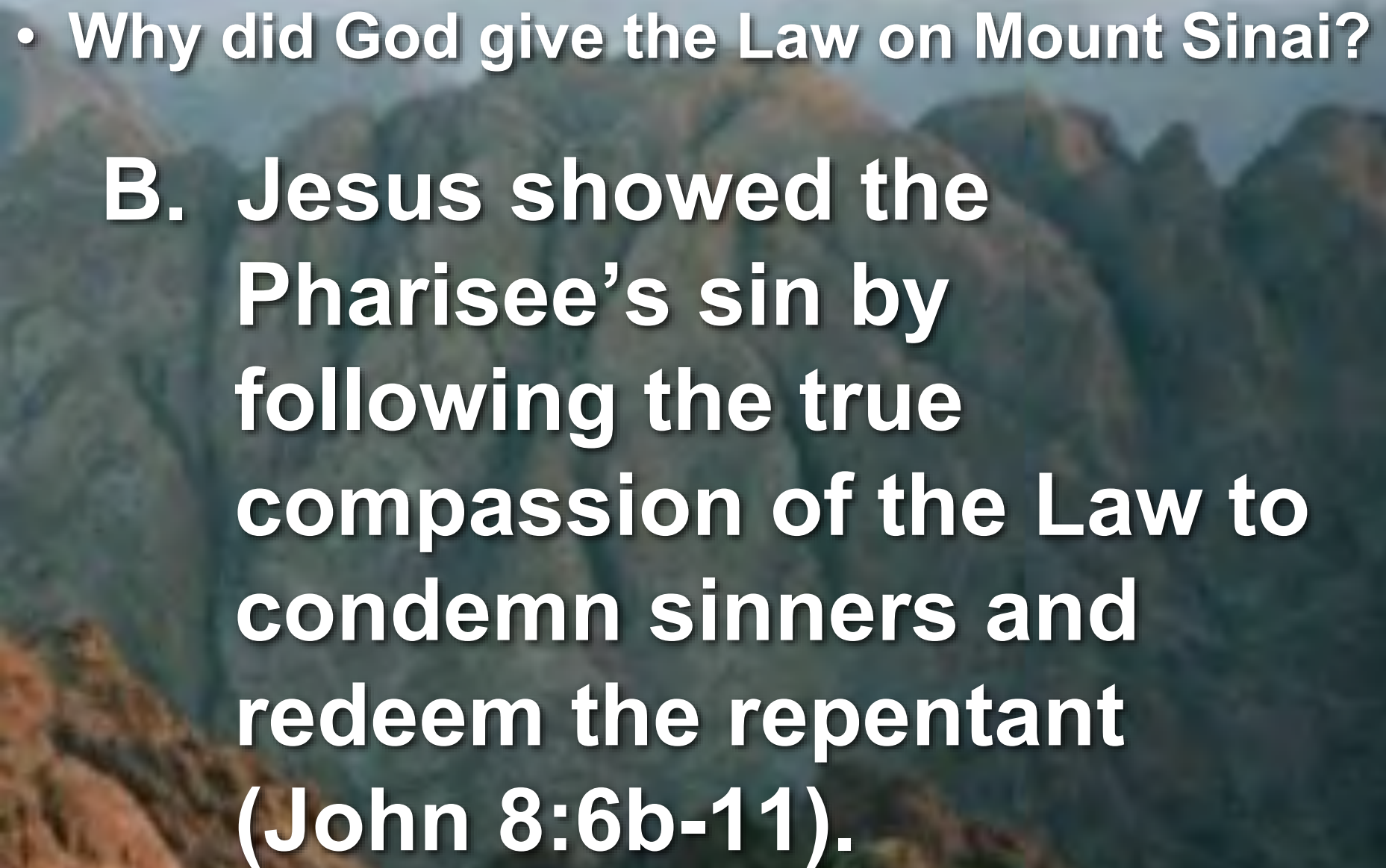
- **Show mercy to the repentant!**
- **Don't let people trap you!**
- **Be smart when you commit adultery, so you don't get caught!**
- **Jesus didn't really follow the Law.**
- **Forgive people before they repent—that's what Jesus does!**
- **Don't be too quick to throw stones.**
- **God isn't serious about sin after all.**

I. Jesus showed the true compassion of the Law by **forgiving** an adulterous woman (John 7:53–8:11).



A. Pharisees brought an adulterous woman to Jesus to retain their power by having Jesus condemn Himself (John 7:53–8:6a).



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- **Why did God give the Law on Mount Sinai?**
 - B. Jesus showed the Pharisee's sin by following the true compassion of the Law to condemn sinners and redeem the repentant (John 8:6b-11).**

**II. Show God's compassion by
helping people **repent**
(Main Idea of John 7:53–8:11).**



C. Conflict Over the Light

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John 8:12-20

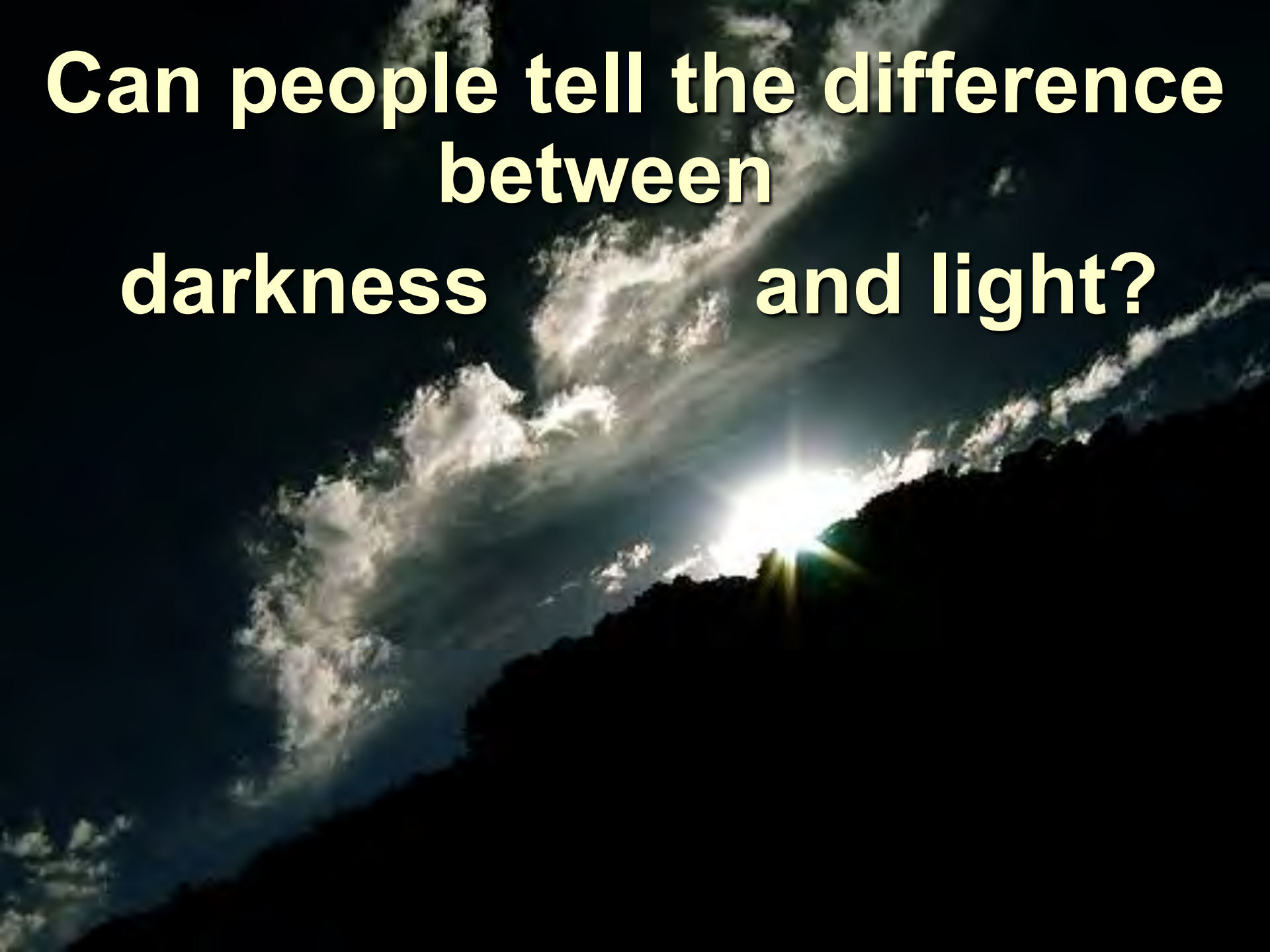
The Pharisees reject Jesus as the Light of the World as witnessing of himself, so He says that Tabernacles and the Father testify of him

The Light of the World

A sunset scene over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a bright glow and reflecting on the water. The sky is filled with colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and purple. In the foreground, a pier with several vertical posts extends into the water. A bright beam of light, resembling a lighthouse beam, originates from the sun and reflects on the water, creating a path of light.

John 8:12-59

**Can people tell the difference
between
darkness and light?**



28 Sep 2010

Edwin Paul





Jesus has always been God

**"In the beginning
was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God"**

(John 1:1)

The Great Transfer

A person is walking away from the viewer on a dark, wet surface at night. The person's reflection is clearly visible in a puddle on the ground. The scene is dimly lit, with a bright light source creating a strong reflection on the wet pavement.

For he has
rescued us
from the
kingdom of
darkness

and
transferred
us into the
Kingdom of
his dear Son

¹⁴ who purchased
our freedom and
forgave our sins
(Col 1:13-14)

How should we expect people to **respond** to Christ's claim to be eternal God?

Jesus

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John 6–8



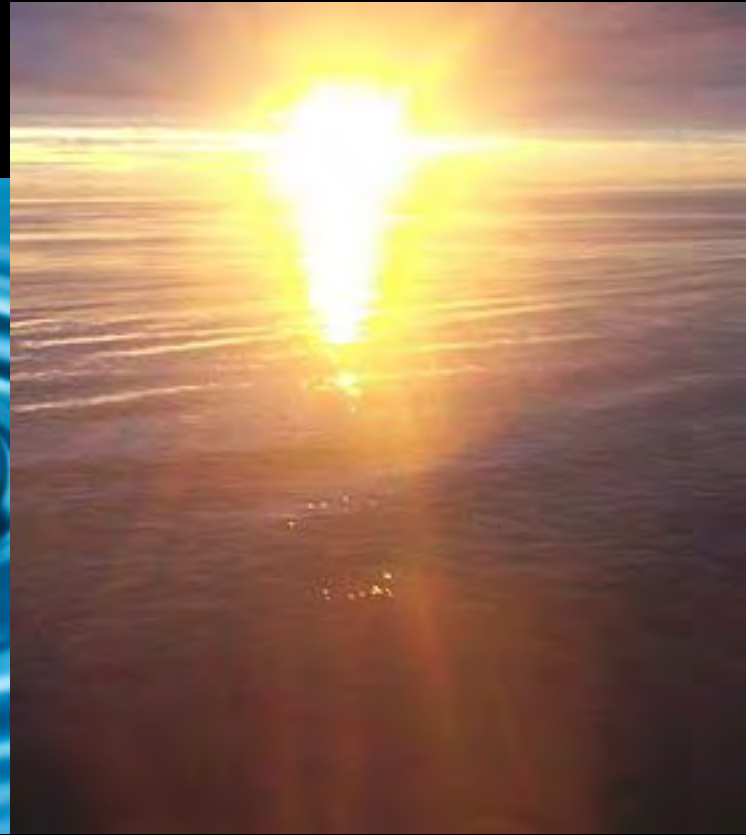
Bread

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Water

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Light

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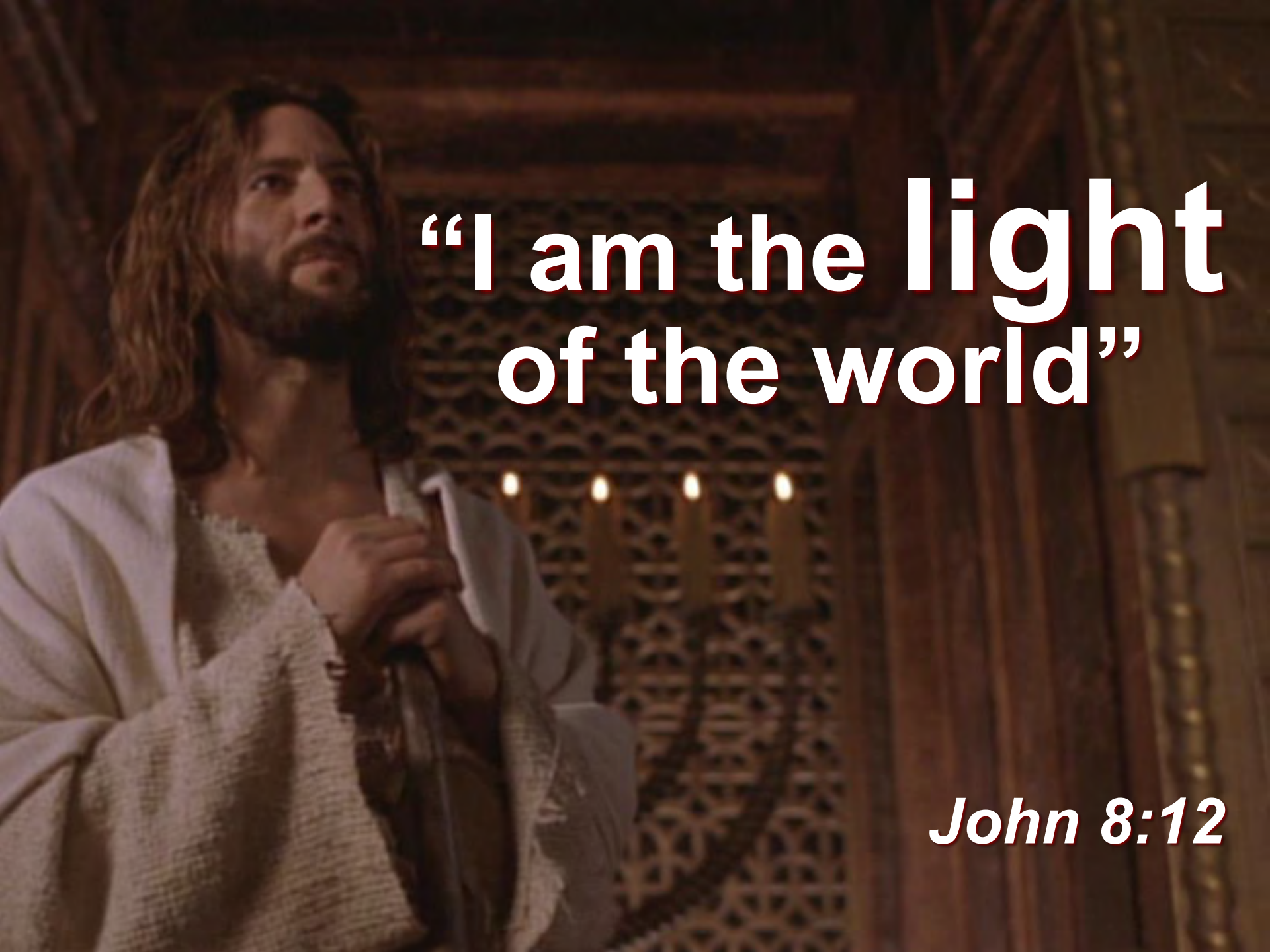
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QUESTIONS

3 responses...

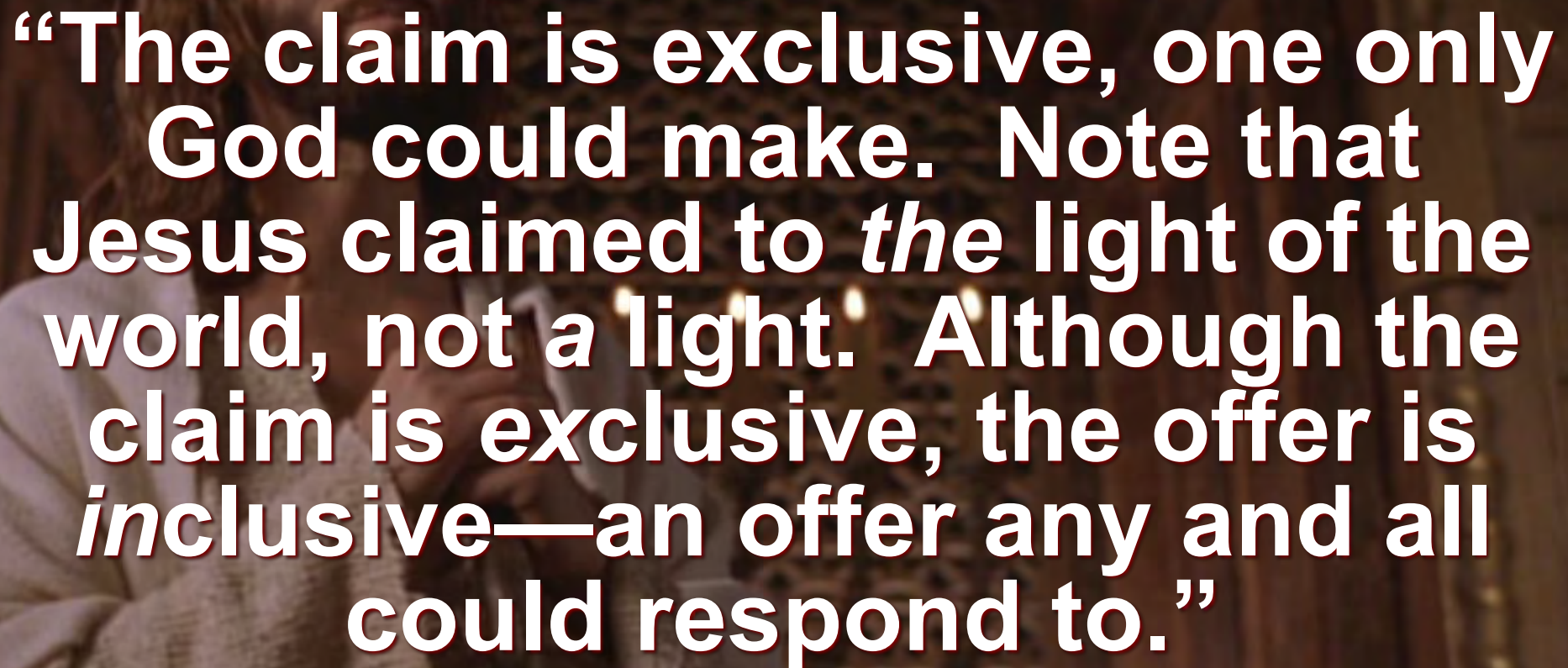
I. Some are **hostile** to Christ as the way of salvation (8:12-20).



A cinematic image of Jesus with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a white robe. He is looking upwards and to the right, holding a scroll. A bright, glowing halo surrounds his head. The background is dark with a patterned screen and several lit candles.

**“I am the light
of the world”**

John 8:12



“The claim is exclusive, one only God could make. Note that Jesus claimed to *the* light of the world, not *a* light. Although the claim is exclusive, the offer is *inclusive*—an offer any and all could respond to.”

Charles Swindoll, *Following Christ... The Man of God*, 33, emphasis his

Two Witnesses (Deut 17:6)

The background of the slide features two lit candles. The candle on the left is partially melted and has a decorative, possibly carved, top. The candle on the right is more upright and has a simpler, rectangular shape. Both candles are lit, with bright yellow flames and a warm, orange glow that fills the background.

“But never put a person to death on the testimony of only one witness. There must always be two or three witnesses.”

**Jesus is the
light of life
(12-20)**

■ **Light**

■ **Darkness**

■ **Life**

■ **Death**

Hostility!



Oprah Winfrey

“Does God
care about
your heart...
Or does God
care that you
call his son
‘Jesus’?”



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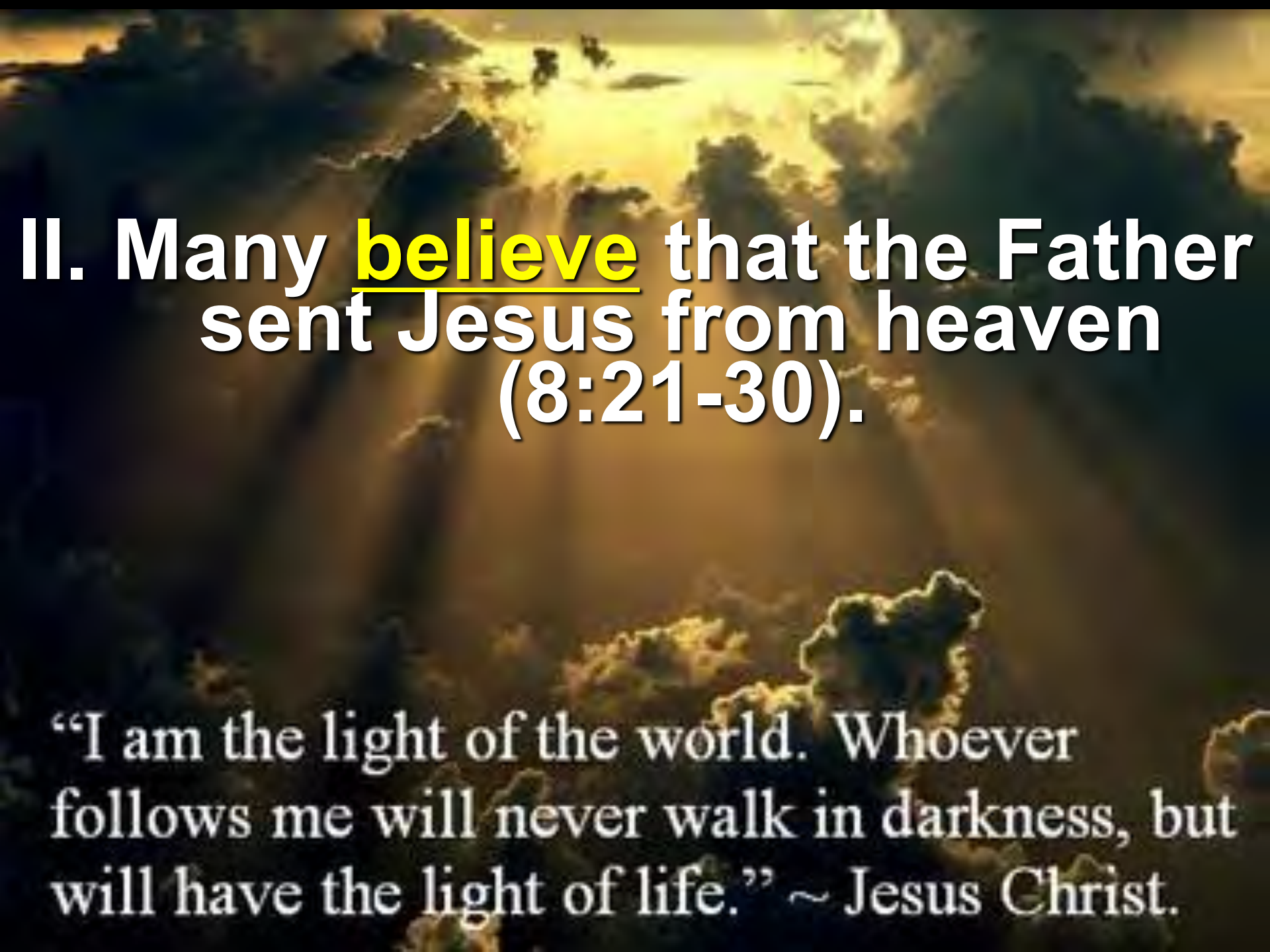


D. Conflict Over His Person

§ 101

John 8:21-59

Jesus claims to be Messiah and deity, and the Jewish leaders unsuccessfully try to kill Him by stoning for blasphemy



II. Many believe that the Father
sent Jesus from heaven
(8:21-30).

“I am the light of the world. Whoever
follows me will never walk in darkness, but
will have the light of life.” ~ Jesus Christ.



Who are you?!

John 8:25

“My identity? I am God!” (8:25-30)



Above

Below

Eternal life

Die in sins

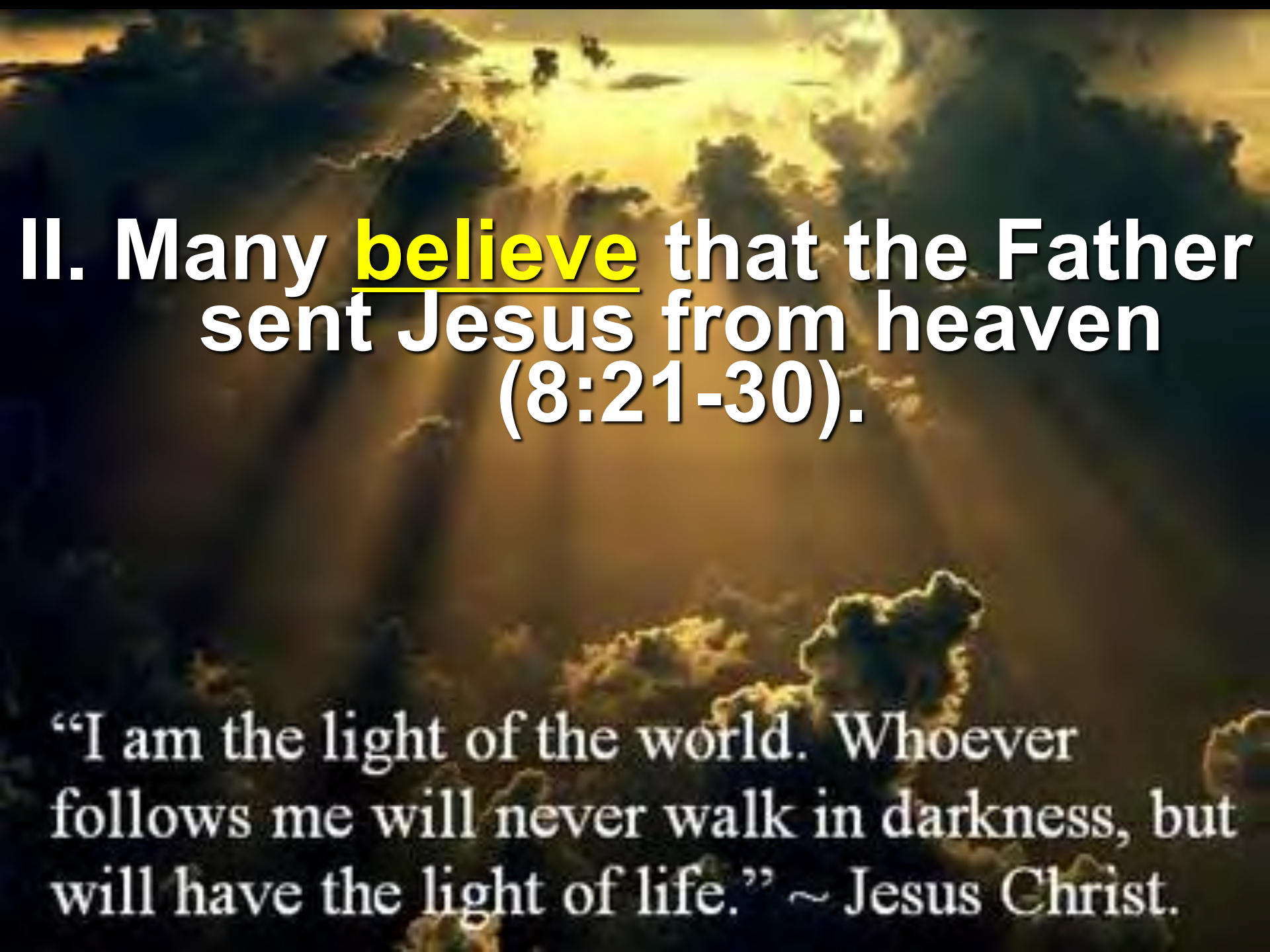
Jesus continued, “You are from below; I am from above. You belong to this world; I do not. ²⁴ That is why I said that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I Am who I claim to be, you will die in your sins” (John 8:23-24).

**Many people there placed
their faith in him (8:30).**



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III. All are revealed as of God or Satan (31-59).



A. Believers in Jesus are freed from slavery to be the spiritual descendants of Abraham (31-38).

■ Child of God



“Believe” in John’s Gospel

“Then many who heard him say these things **believed** in him. ³¹ Jesus said to the people who **believed** in him, ‘You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. ³² And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free’” (8:30-32).



Jesus answered them,

“

Truly, truly, I say unto you,
everyone

who commits a sin is a



slave to sin.

JOHN 8:34





freedom



freedom
JOHN 8:34

B. Those who reject Jesus identify the devil as their father even to the point of trying to kill the messenger (8:39-59).



1. Those who reject Jesus identify the devil as their father (8:39-47).



“You belong to your father, the devil... He was a murderer from the beginning... When he lies, he speaks his native language...” (8:44)



YOU KNOW HOW I CAN TELL WHEN YOU LYING? ... YOUR LIPS ARE MOVING

2. Some reject God to the point that they even try to kill the messenger (8:48-59).

Somali Christian Beheaded for his Faith



*“Before Abraham
was born, I Am!”*



John 8:58

Christ's "I Am..." Claims in John's Gospel

I AM... the Bread



Shepherd... the

- *"Light of the World"*
- *"Before Abraham"*
- *"Good Shepherd"*
- *"Door"*
- *"I & Father are one"*
- *"Resurrection & Life"*
- *"Way, Truth, & Life"*
- *"True Vine"*

ate... the Good



Truth & the Life

A dense crowd of people in ancient, dusty clothing. Several individuals are holding up stones, ready to throw them. The scene is chaotic and hostile, with people looking towards a central point off-camera. The lighting is warm and somewhat dim, suggesting an outdoor setting in the late afternoon or early morning.

“They picked up stones to
throw at him”

John 8:59

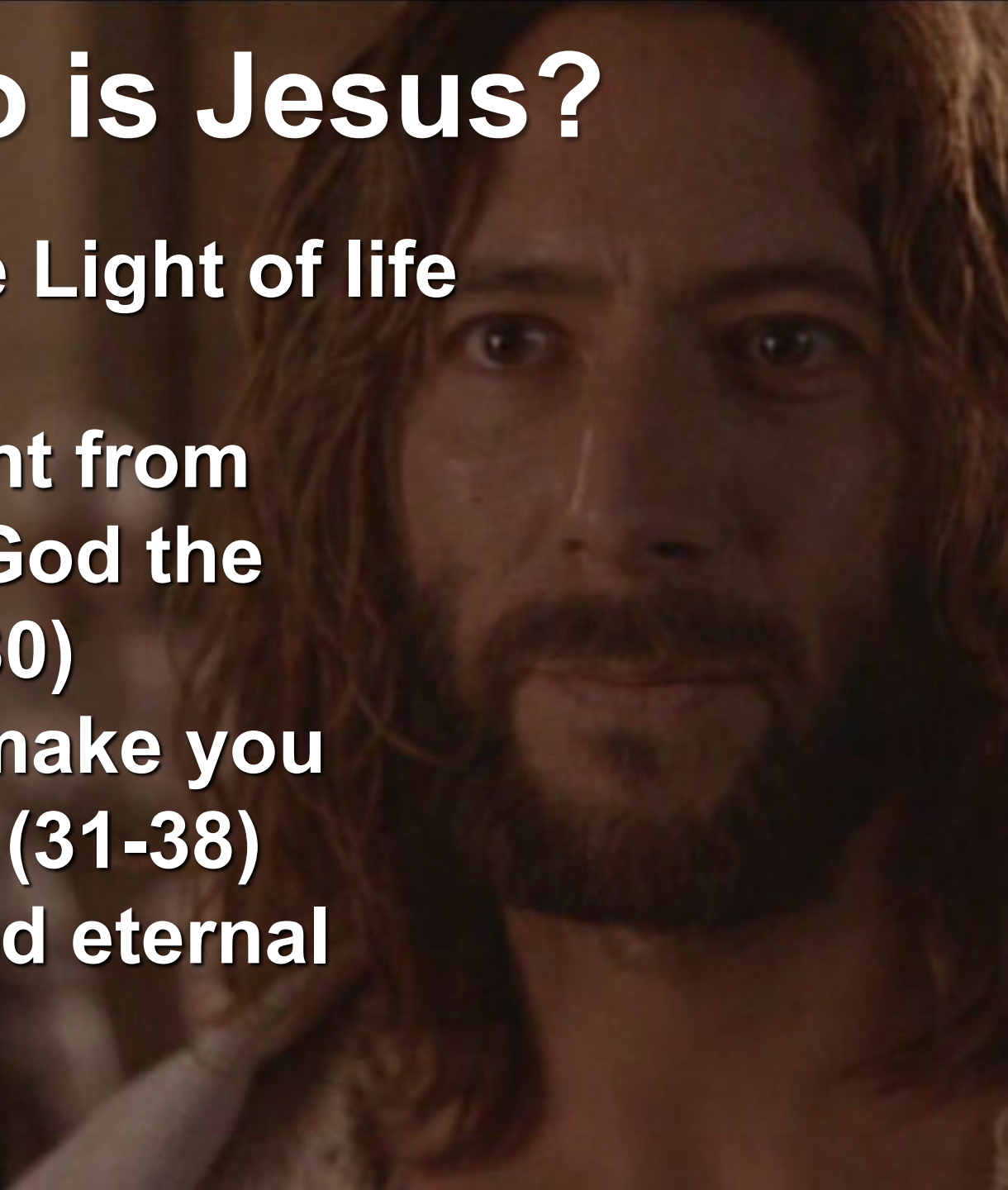
Main Idea

How should we expect people to respond to Christ's claim to be eternal God who saves us from sin?

Christ's claim to be God elicits the **best** & **worst** in us.

Who is Jesus?

1. Jesus is the Light of life
(12-20)
2. Jesus is sent from
heaven by God the
Father (21-30)
3. Jesus can make you
God's child (31-38)
4. Jesus is God eternal
(39-59)



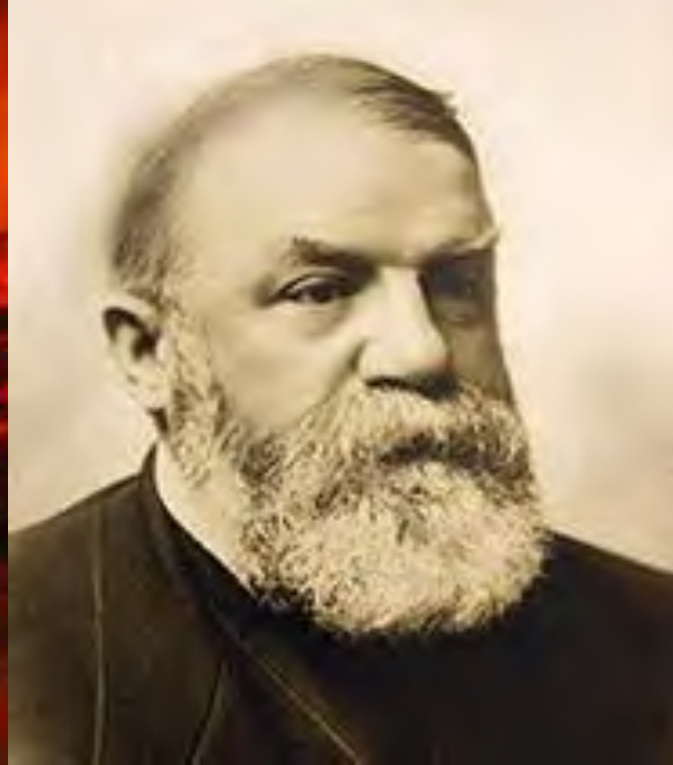
3 responses:

- Some are hostile (12-20).
- Many believe (21-30).
- All are revealed as of God or Satan (31-59).



Walk to the light!





D.L. Moody



E. Conflict Over the Healing of the Blind Man

§ 102

John 9:1-41

**By healing a man born blind on the Sabbath,
Christ authenticates His claim as Light to
those in darkness and is worshipped as God**

Don't the Blind Know They're Blind?

John 9



Spiritual Blindness

Healing from Spiritual Blindness

forgiveness

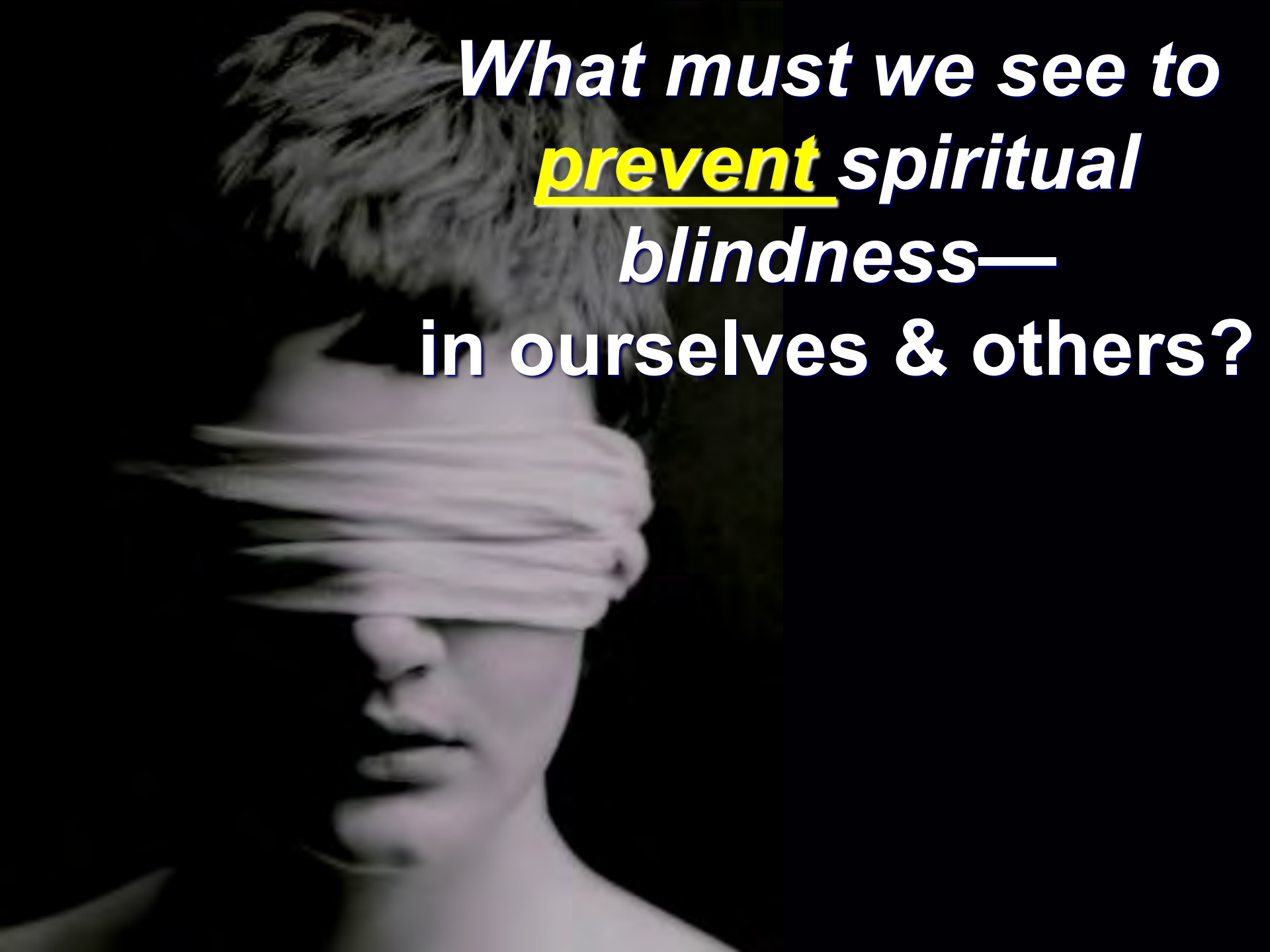


satisfying life



eternal life



A black and white photograph of a person's head and shoulders in profile, facing left. The person's eyes are completely covered by a white cloth that is wrapped around their head in multiple layers, creating a blindfold. The person has dark, curly hair. The background is dark and out of focus.

***What must we see to
prevent spiritual
blindness—
in ourselves & others?***

John 6–8



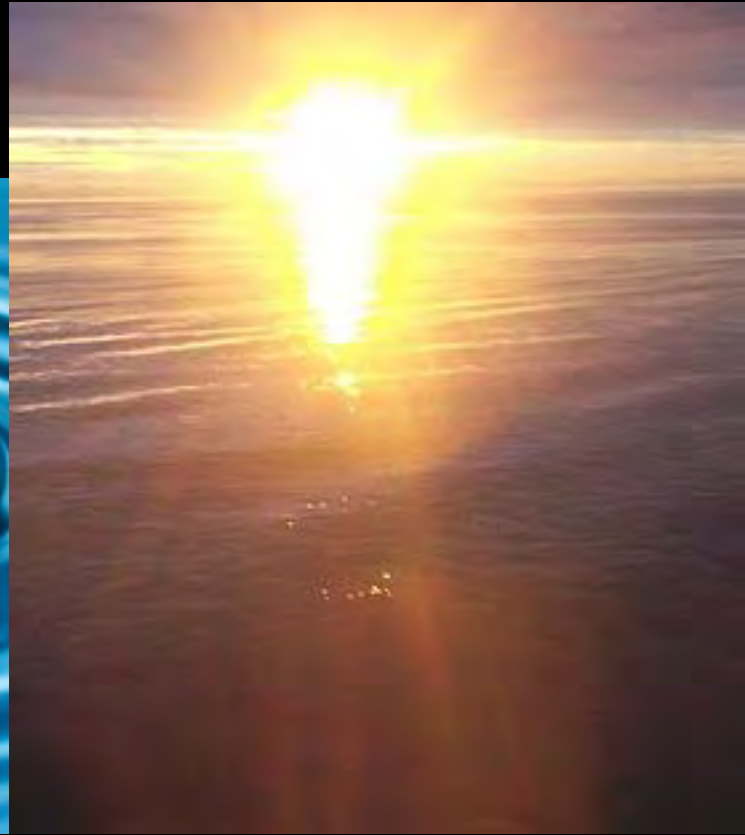
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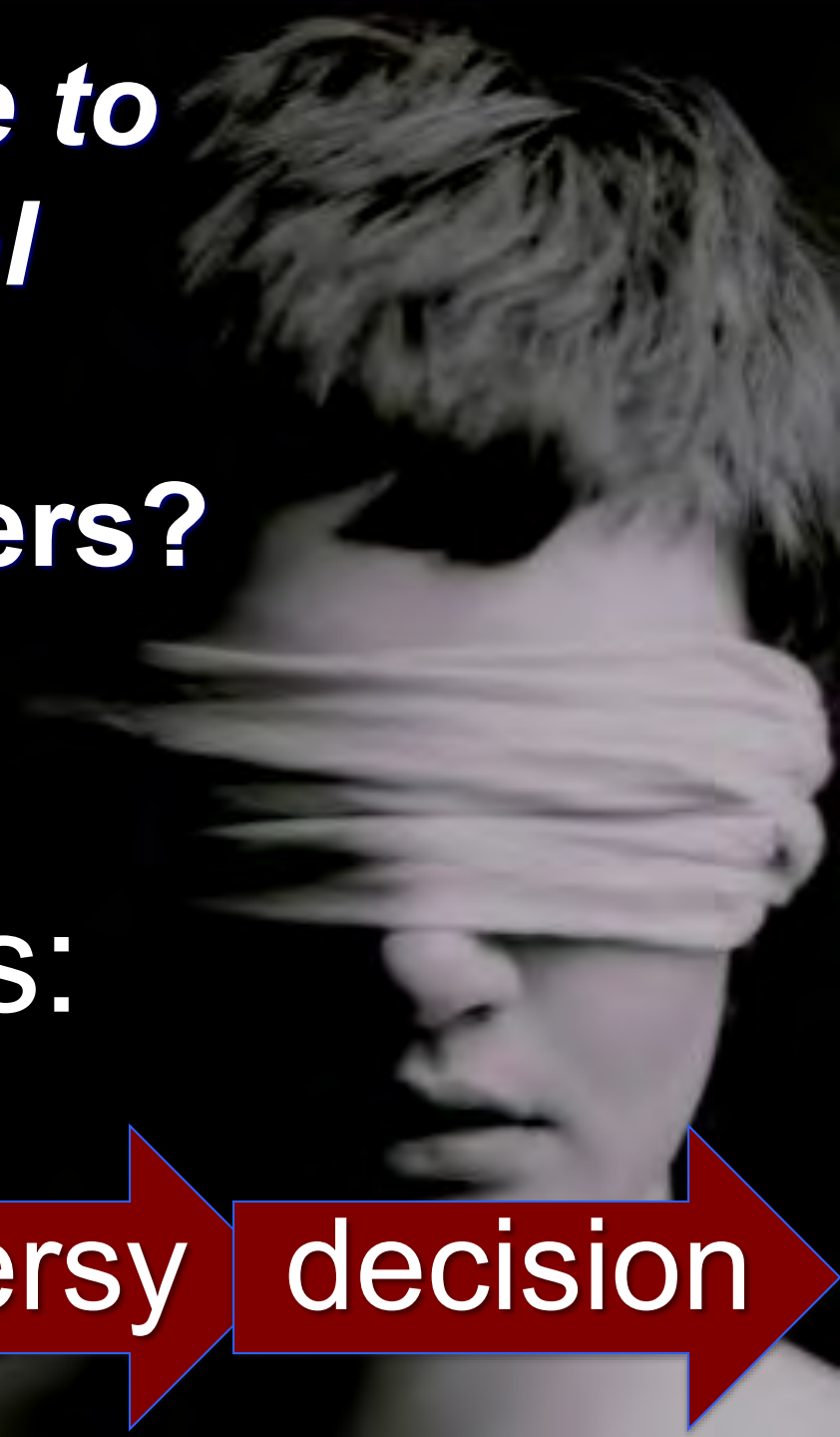
*What must we see to
prevent spiritual
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in ourselves & others?*

3 views:

miracle

controversy

decision



I. Jesus makes the
blind see.



**A. Jesus' healing a blind man
proved he gives spiritual sight
too (9:1-7).**



1. This man was born blind to show that God empowered Jesus to give eternal life (9:1-5).



Why this blindness?



Exodus 20:4-5

“You must not make for yourself an idol....⁵ You must not bow down to them or worship them, for ... I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; **the entire family is affected**—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me.”

Sin



Suffering

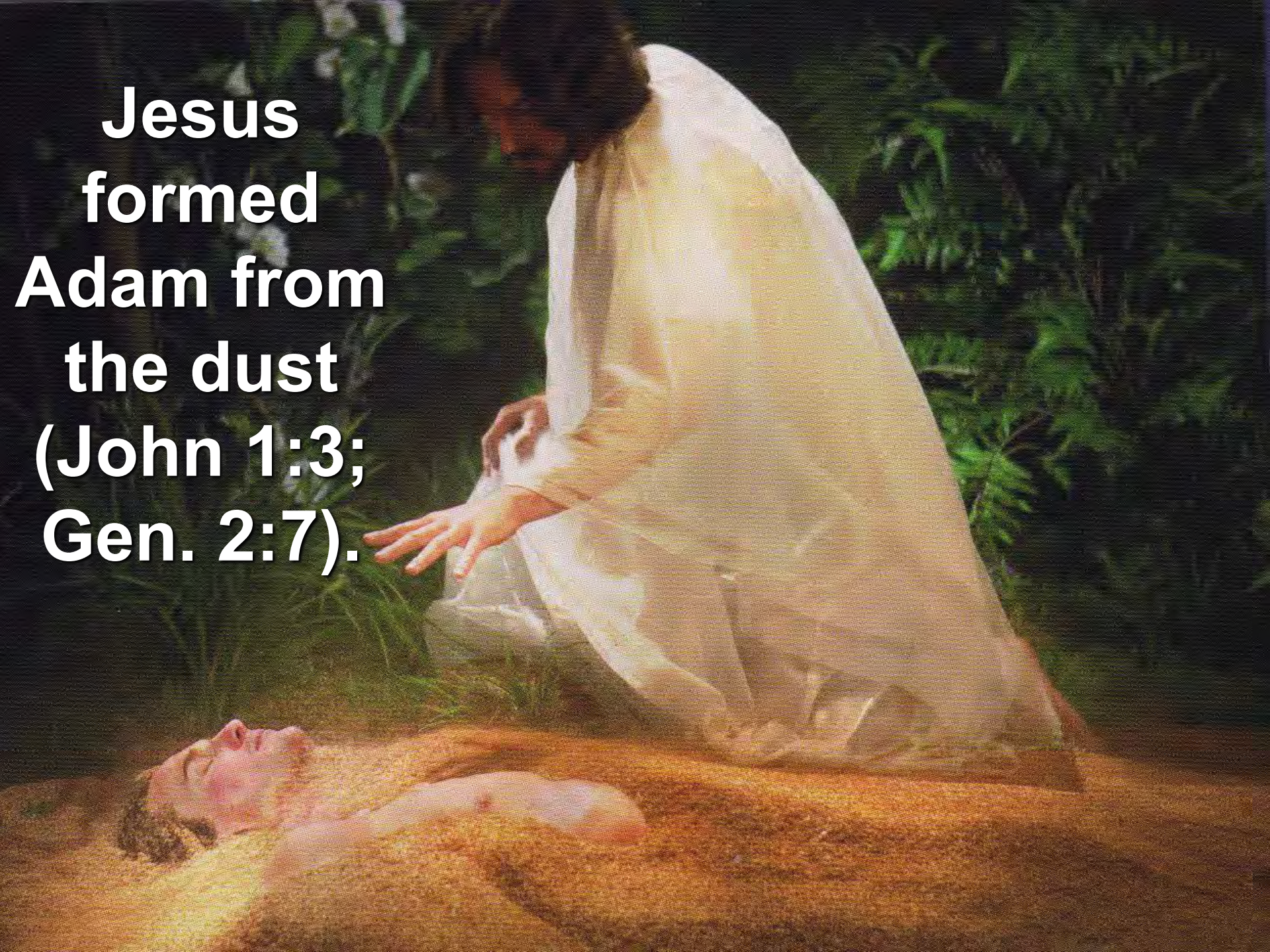
2. Jesus proved He was the way for eternal life by miraculously healing the man (9:6-7).



Why did Christ put mud on the man's eyes (9:6)?



**Jesus
formed
Adam from
the dust
(John 1:3;
Gen. 2:7).**



Washing developed his faith



Journey to the Pool of Siloam

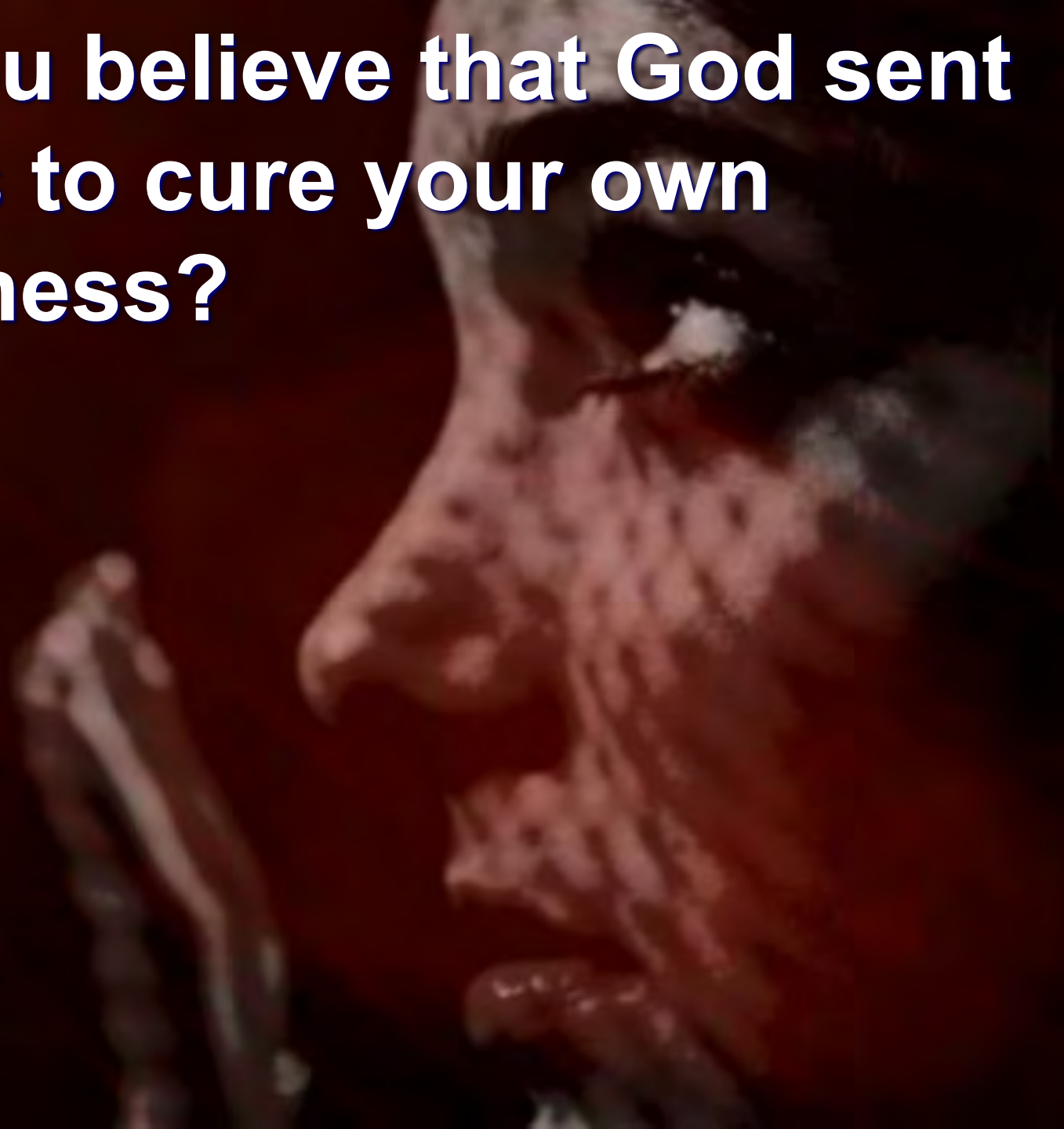
Temple

The North and Northwest extent of the city after the time of Solomon is unknown.



Pool of Siloam

**B. Do you believe that God sent
Jesus to cure your own
blindness?**



Signs in John's Gospel

Signs unique to John's Gospel in yellow (6 of the 9 miracles)

**WATER
TO WINE**
2:1-11

**HEALING
OFFICIAL'S
SON**
4:46-54

**HEALING
PARALYTIC**
5:1-18

**FEEDING
5000**
6:1-15

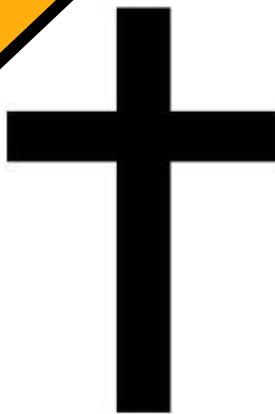
**WALKING
ON WATER**
6:16-24

**HEALING
BLIND MAN**
9:1-7

**RAISING
LAZARUS**
11:1-45

**CHRIST'S
RESURRECTION**
20:1-31

**FISH
CATCH**
21:1-3



I. Jesus makes the
blind see.



II. Jesus changes people's lives (9:8-34).



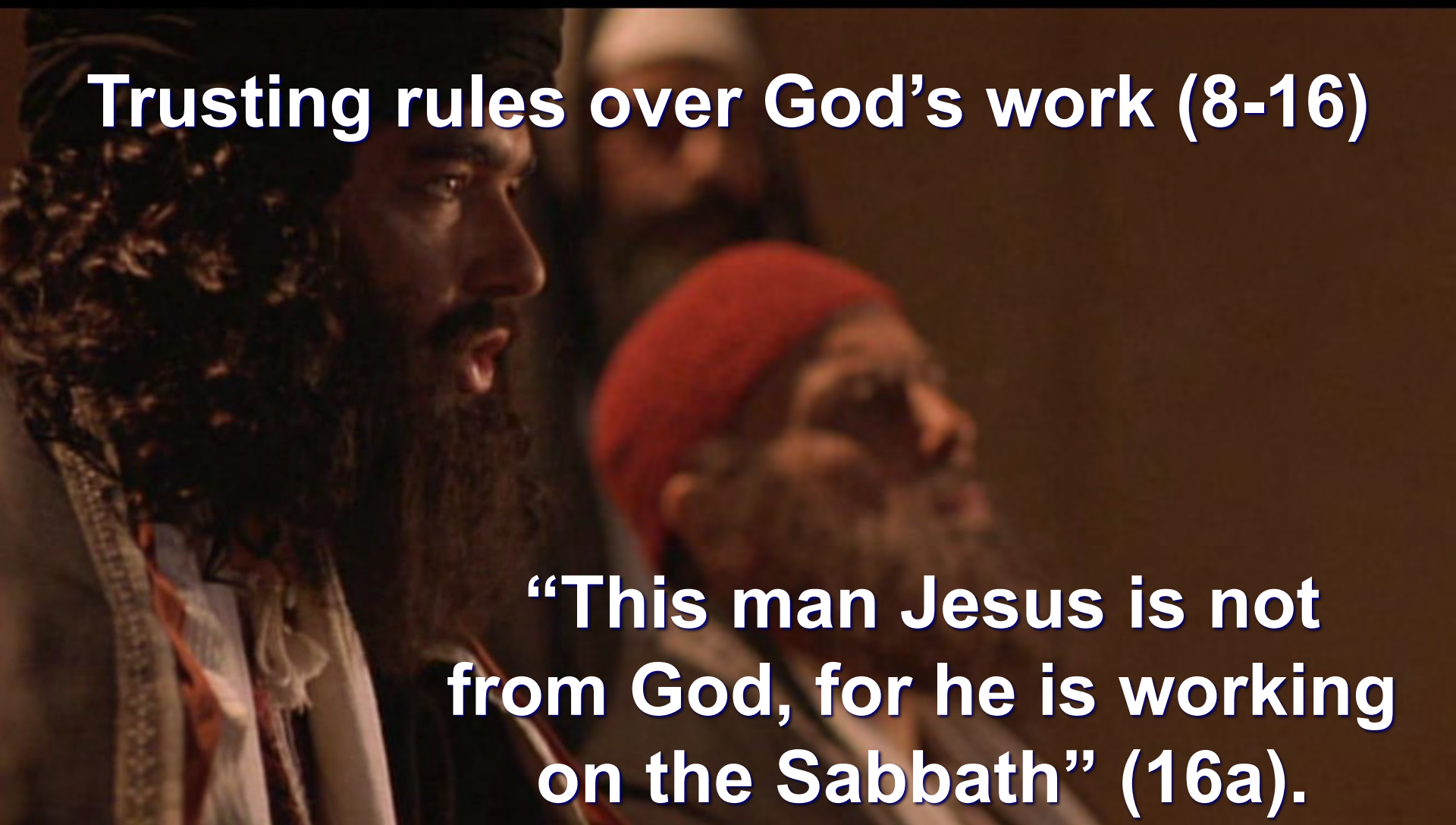
A. The blind man increasingly gained spiritual insight...

... while the Pharisees increasingly rejected his testimony and became more spiritually blind (8-34).



Evidence of Spiritual Blindness

Trusting rules over God's work (8-16)



“This man Jesus is not from God, for he is working on the Sabbath” (16a).

Evidence of Spiritual Blindness

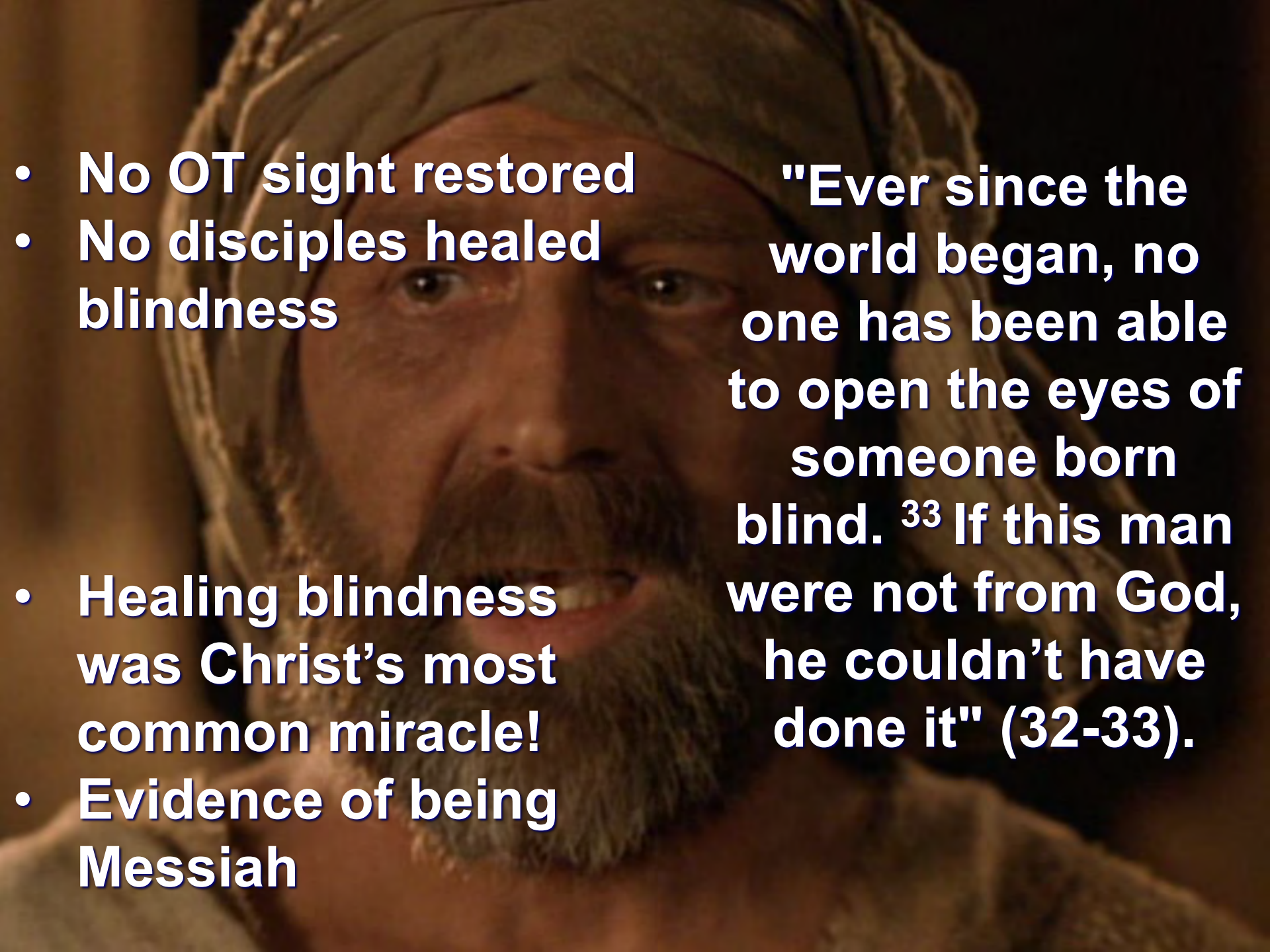
Persecuting God's witnesses (17-23)



Evidence of Spiritual Blindness

Rejecting Christ despite evidence (24-34)



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- No OT sight restored
 - No disciples healed blindness
 - Healing blindness was Christ's most common miracle!
 - Evidence of being Messiah

"Ever since the world began, no one has been able to open the eyes of someone born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he couldn't have done it" (32-33).

The background of the slide is a movie poster for the film 'Blindness'. It features a close-up of a person's hand reaching out, with a blue and white color scheme. The title 'BLINDNESS' is prominently displayed in the center-right.

B. Does seeing evidence for Jesus help you gain or lose spiritual insight?

JULIANNE MOORE MARK RUFFALO WITH DANNY GLOVER AND GAEL GARCÍA BERNAL

BLINDNESS

FROM FERNANDO MEIRELLES THE ACCLAIMED DIRECTOR OF THE CONSTANT GARDENER AND CITY OF GOD

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HUMILITY

I'm not so arrogant to think I've arrived at the truth about anything, but I'm pretty sure everything *you* say is not only dead wrong, but really, really stupid, too.

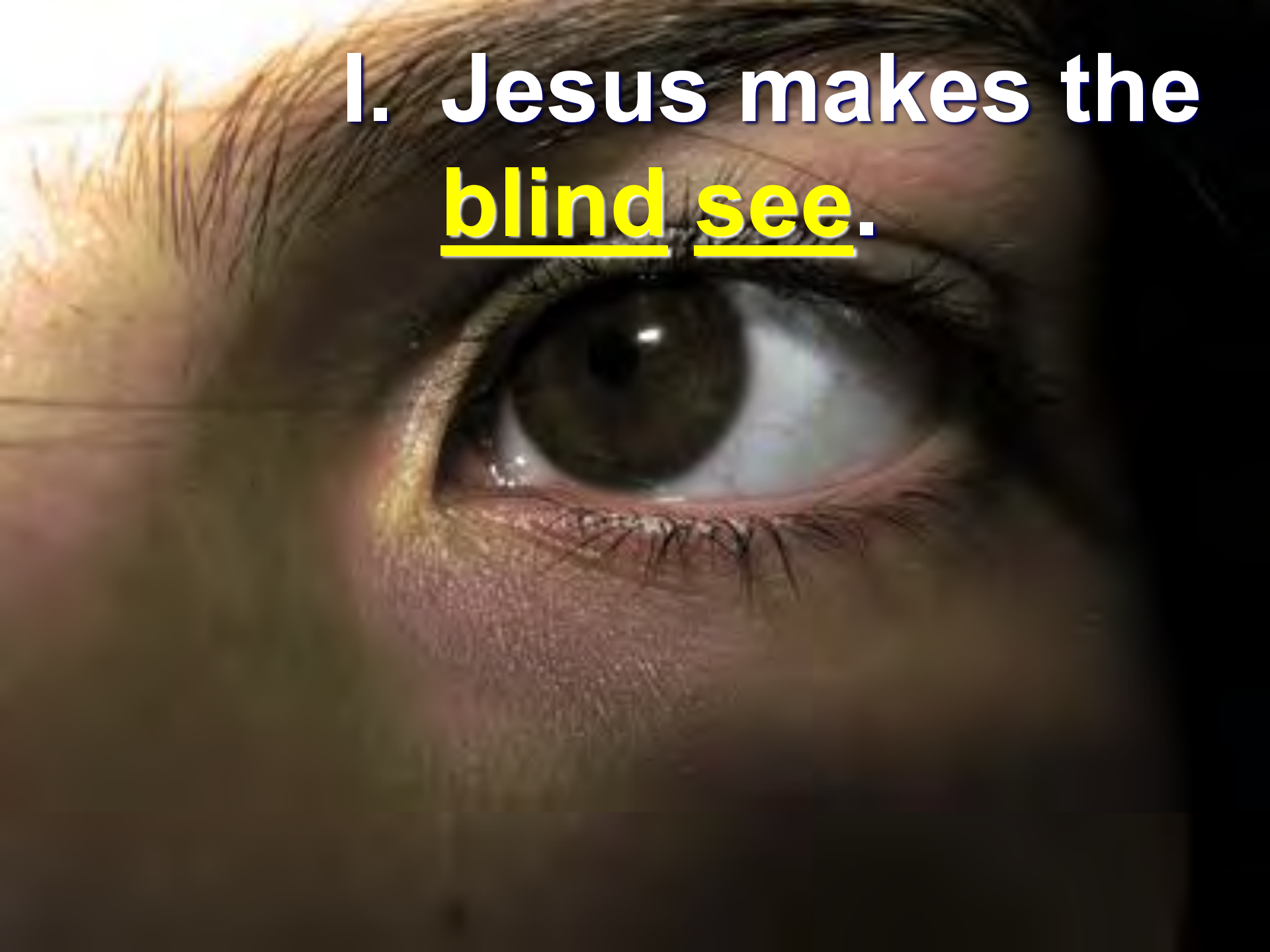
Did life originate as an accident?

“There are only two possible explanations as to how life arose: Spontaneous generation arising to evolution or a supernatural creative act of God.... There is no other possibility. Spontaneous generation was scientifically disproved 120 years ago by Louis Pasteur and others, but that just leaves us with only one other possibility... that life came as an act of supernatural creation by God, but I can't accept that philosophy because I do not want to believe in God. Therefore, I choose to believe that which I know is scientifically impossible, spontaneous generation leading to evolution.”



Dr. George Wald
Professor Emeritus of Biology,
Harvard
Nobel Prize winner in Biology,
1971

I. Jesus makes the
blind see.



II. Jesus changes people's lives(8-34).



III. Jesus deserves **worship** as **God** (35-41).

JESUS
IS
GOD





**Opposite
Responses**

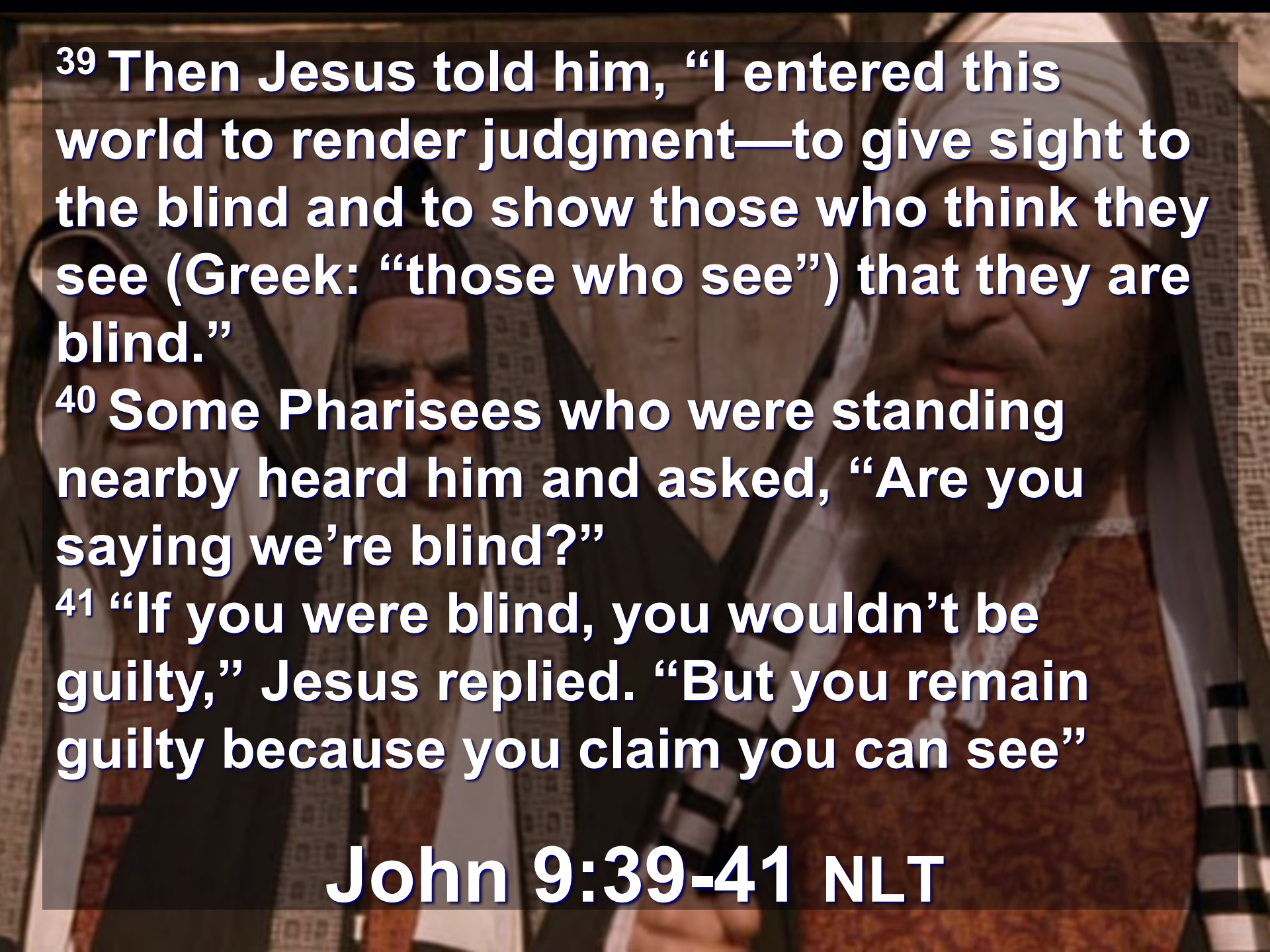


The former blind man confesses Jesus as God (35-38).



**Jesus condemns the Pharisees
for rejecting him as God (39-41).**



The background of the image shows three men in traditional Jewish clothing, including white head coverings and long robes. They appear to be Pharisees, as mentioned in the text. The image is slightly blurred and has a dark, semi-transparent overlay where the text is placed.

39 Then Jesus told him, “I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see (Greek: “those who see”) that they are blind.”

40 Some Pharisees who were standing nearby heard him and asked, “Are you saying we’re blind?”

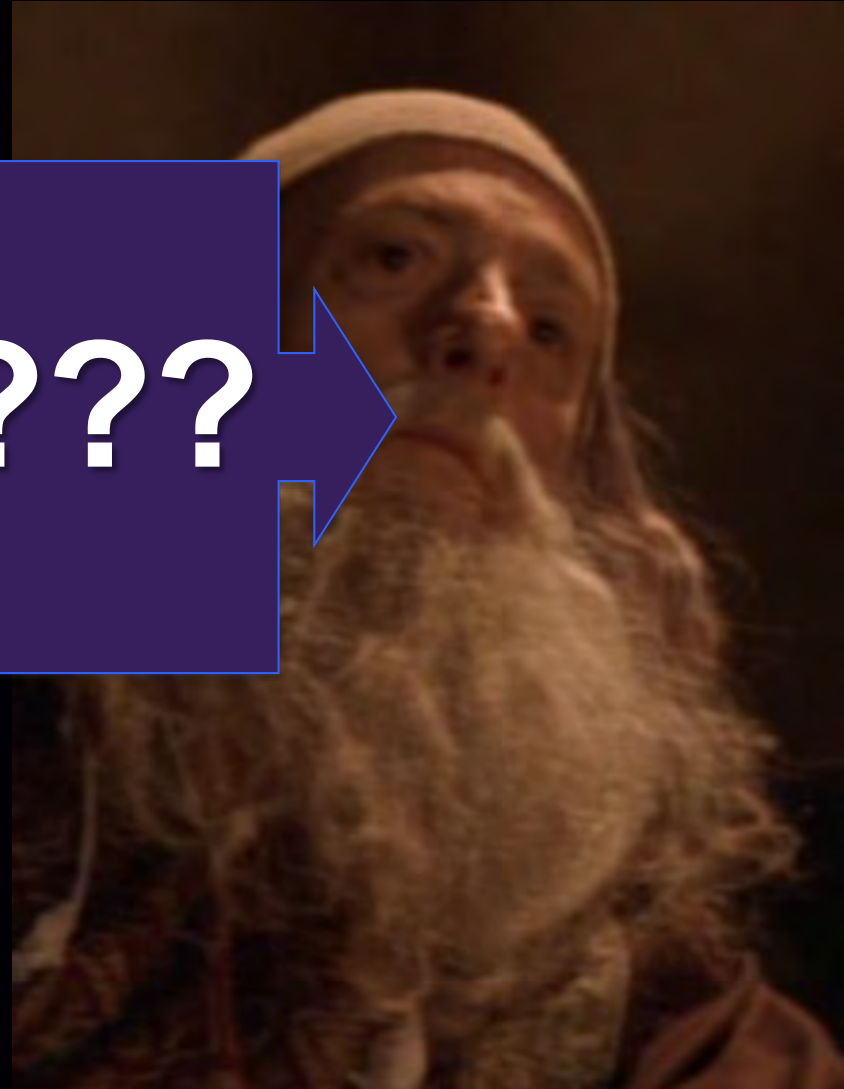
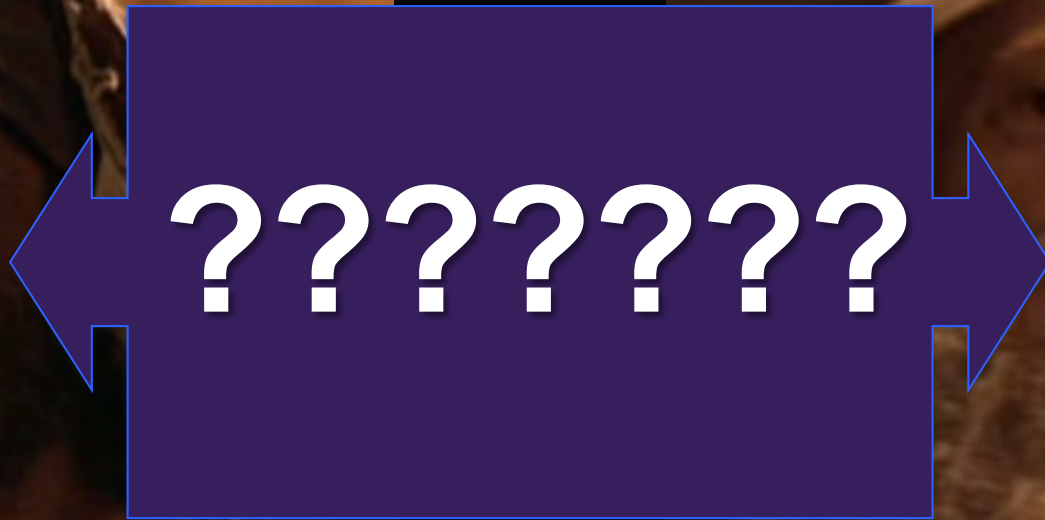
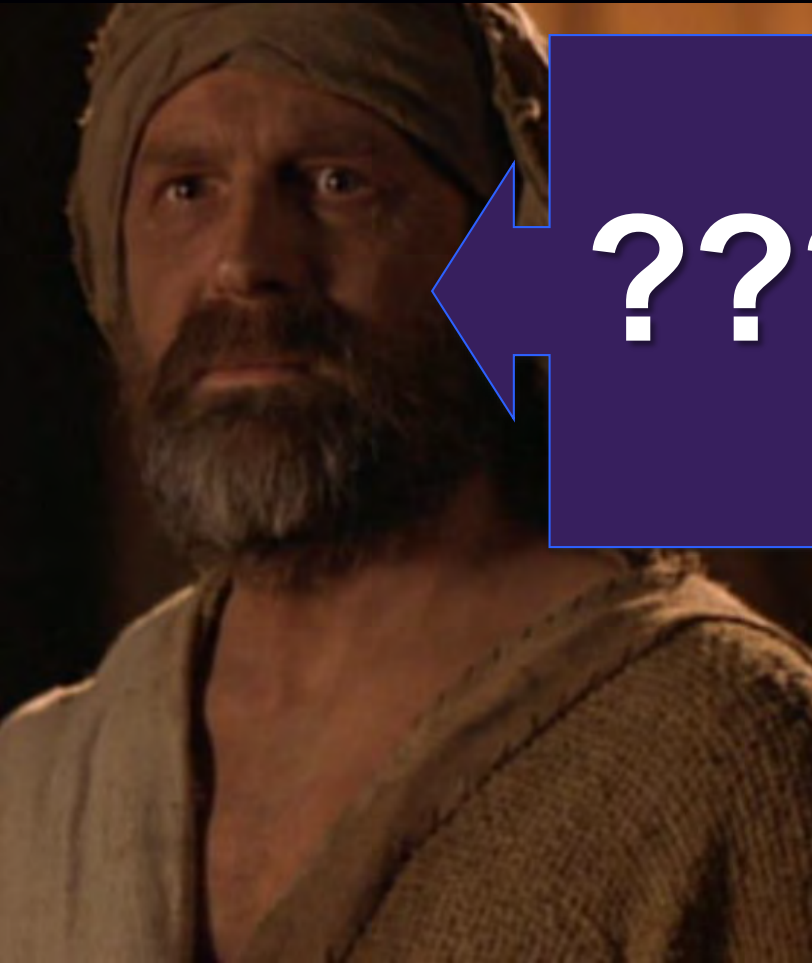
41 “If you were blind, you wouldn’t be guilty,” Jesus replied. “But you remain guilty because you claim you can see”

John 9:39-41 NLT

**How should we respond
when we see that Jesus is
truly God Himself?**



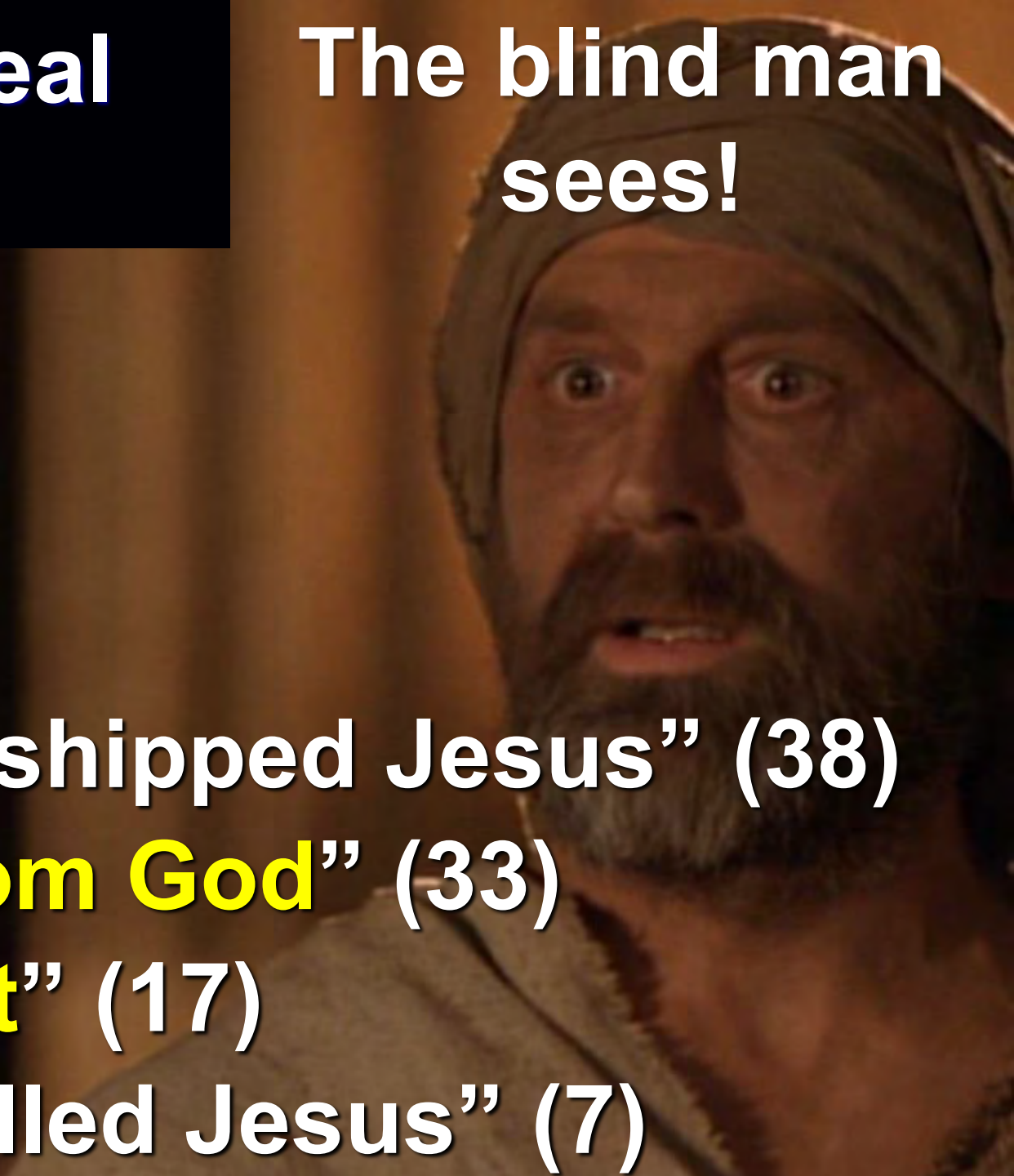
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**Who's the real
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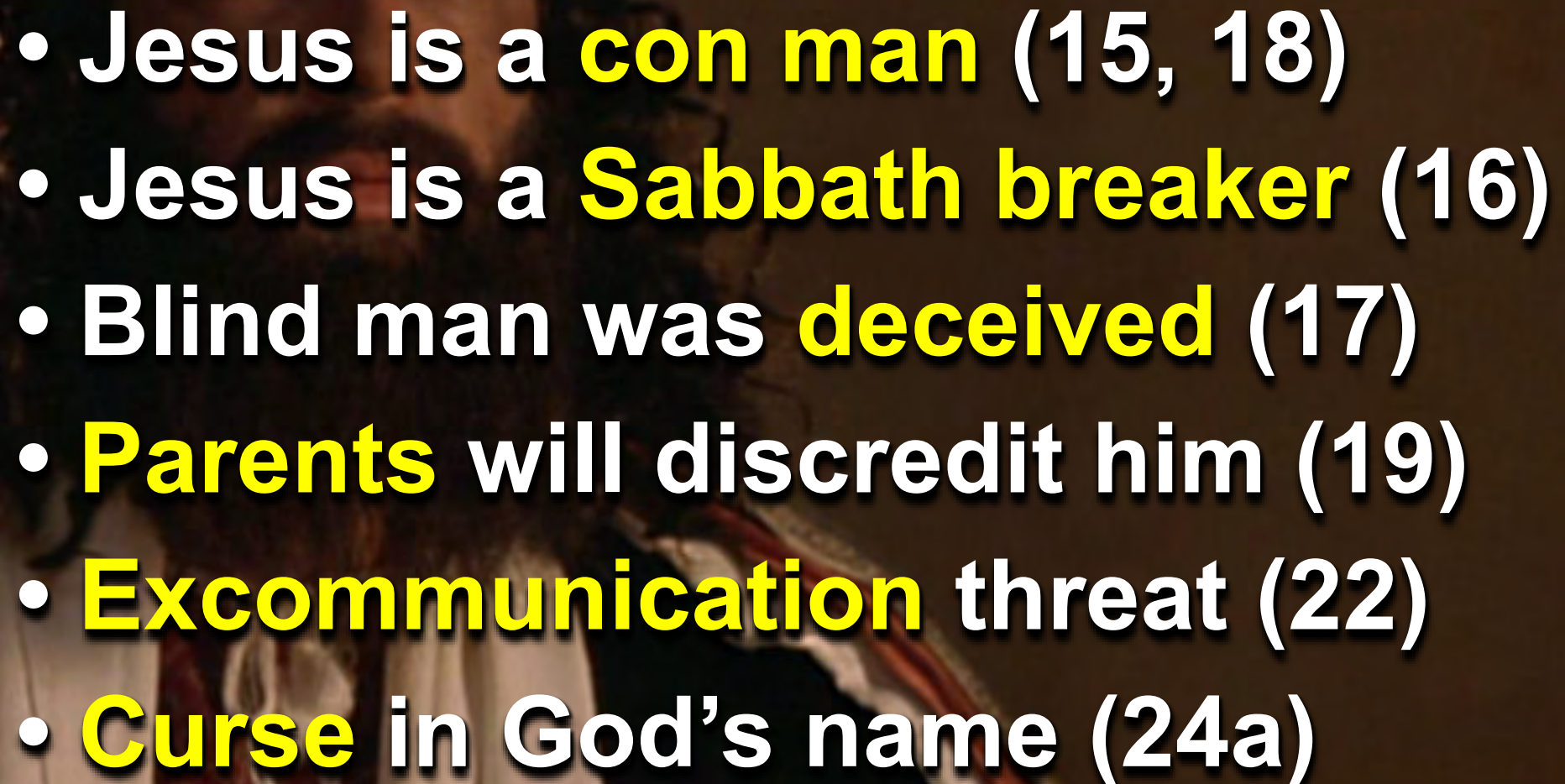
**The blind man
sees!**

- **God**: “worshipped Jesus” (38)
- “A man **from God**” (33)
- “A **prophet**” (17)
- “A **man** called Jesus” (7)



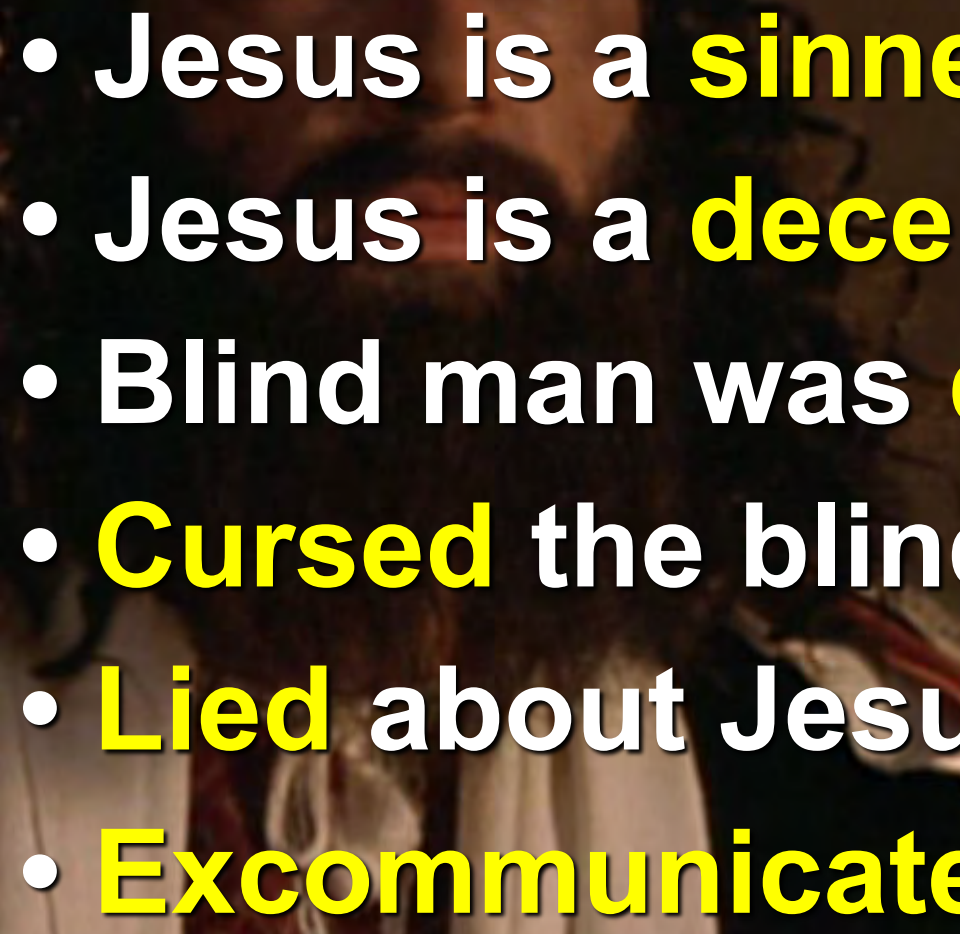
**Who's the real
blind man?**

**The Pharisees
are blind!**

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- Jesus is a **con man** (15, 18)
 - Jesus is a **Sabbath breaker** (16)
 - Blind man was **deceived** (17)
 - **Parents** will discredit him (19)
 - **Excommunication** threat (22)
 - **Curse** in God's name (24a)

**Who's the real
blind man?**

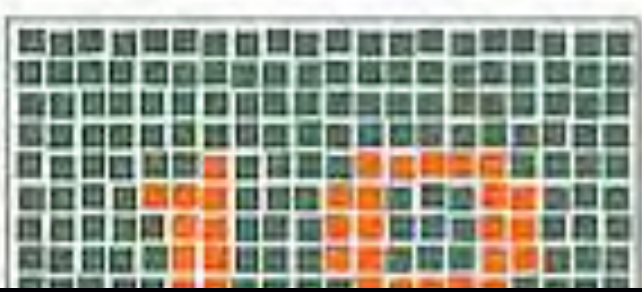
**The Pharisees
are blind!**

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- Jesus is a **sinner** (24b)
 - Jesus is a **deceiver** (26)
 - Blind man was **deceived** (26)
 - **Cursed** the blind man (28)
 - **Lied** about Jesus' origin (29)
 - **Excommunicated** blind man (34)

How can you avoid spiritual blindness? Respond in faith to what you **know now about Jesus!**



The Main Idea of John 9



- I. Jesus makes the blind see.**
- II. Jesus changes people's lives.**
- III. Jesus deserves worship as God.**



Are you color blind?



Helen Keller
(1880-1968)

**Whoever wants healing from
spiritual blindness must believe
that Jesus is God.**



Purpose #1

Jesus Healed the Blind Man

Reveal the Truth

9:1-7

Deity of Christ

9:1 Man born blind

We are blind spiritually at birth thus need rebirth which only God can provide

9:2-4a "Rabbi, who sinned....? God might be displayed in Him."

Christ's ability to cure our spiritual blindness shows him to be God

9:4b-5 Day and Night

He was sent by God to work but his work ceased during His crucifixion-resurrection

Deity of Christ

9:6 Mud and saliva

Irenaeus believed the action was to show Christ is the Creator (cf. Gen. 2:7)

9:7 Siloam means "Sent"

Jesus was "Sent" by God

Water symbolized the Holy Spirit so that the blind man was born of water and the Spirit (cf. 3:5)

What is the Truth of Verses 1-7?

**Jesus is the Son of God because
He was sent by God to give
Spiritual Truth to the blind**

- **“There was the true Light which coming into the world, enlightens every man” (1:9)**
- **“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God” (3:3)**

Purpose #2

Jesus Healed the Blind Man

Reveal the Blind

9:8-34

WHO WAS TRULY BLIND?



Pharisees? or the Blind Man?



Steps in the Blind Man's Belief

- Blind man interrogated by neighbors (8-12)
 - **"The man they call Jesus" (11)**
 - **"He is a prophet" (17)**
- Blind man and parents interrogated by Pharisees (13-23)
 - **"Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" (25)**
- Blind man interrogated by Pharisees again (24-34)
 - **"If this man were not from God, He could do nothing"(33)**



Steps in the Pharisees' Unbelief

"This man is not from God" (17)

"This man is a sinner" (25)

"You are His disciples but we are disciples of Moses" (29)

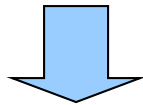
"You were born entirely in sin, and are you teaching us?" (34)



Contrasts

Blind Man

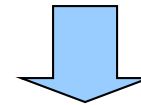
- **Had not seen Jesus before being healed**
- **Knew little about the Mosaic Law**
- **Beggar**



**Received Spiritual Truth
(Spiritual Sight)**

Pharisees

- **Witnessed Jesus' miracles & teaching**
- **Claimed to know God's Word**
- **Religious**



**Rejected Spiritual Truth
(Spiritual Blindness)**

What Caused the Blindness?

- His parents were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already decided that anyone who acknowledged Jesus was the Christ would be put out of the synagogue (22)
- “If we let him go on like this, all men will come and take away both our place and our nation” (John 11:48)

REPUTATION, PRIDE and WEALTH
caused their spiritual blindness

Pharisees Lived in Darkness

**He came to his own but those who were
His own did not receive Him.**

John 1:11

**For everyone who does evil hates the
Light, and does not come to the Light for
fear that his deeds will be exposed.**

John 3:20

Why Were They Blind?

**Pharisees were spiritually blind
because they rejected the
testimony of the blind man and
the Deity of Christ.**

THE OUTCOME

(35-41)

Outcome for the Blind Man (35-38)

- The blind man could see the kingdom of God because he became born again.
- The blind beggar become a child of God.
- The blind man worshiped the Son of God.

Outcome for the Pharisees (39-41)

- The Pharisees would be judged and condemned because they willfully rejected Jesus as the Son of God (39a)
- The Pharisees' ability to see spiritual truth degenerated (39b)
- The Pharisees continued with their guilt upon them (41b)

John 3:17-18

For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John's Message

Jesus is the Truth. Therefore...

- Those who believe in Jesus shall know the truth and the truth will set them free.
- But those who reject Jesus as the Son of God shall be judged.



Application

**Let's not follow in the footsteps
of the Pharisees--blinded by
their pride, reputation and
wealth.**

**Let's follow the example of the
blind man--humbly obey and
believe His Word.**



The Great Transfer

A person is walking away from the viewer on a dark, wet surface at night. The person's reflection is clearly visible in a puddle on the ground. The scene is dimly lit, with a bright light source creating a strong reflection on the wet pavement.

For he has
rescued us
from the
kingdom of
darkness

and
transferred
us into the
Kingdom of
his dear Son

¹⁴ who purchased
our freedom and
forgave our sins
(Col 1:13-14)

F. Conflict Over the Shepherd

§ 103

John 10:1-21

Israel's remnant follows Jesus as the true, good, and obedient Shepherd, so He calls Pharisee followers from their false shepherds

Who or what are you listening to?



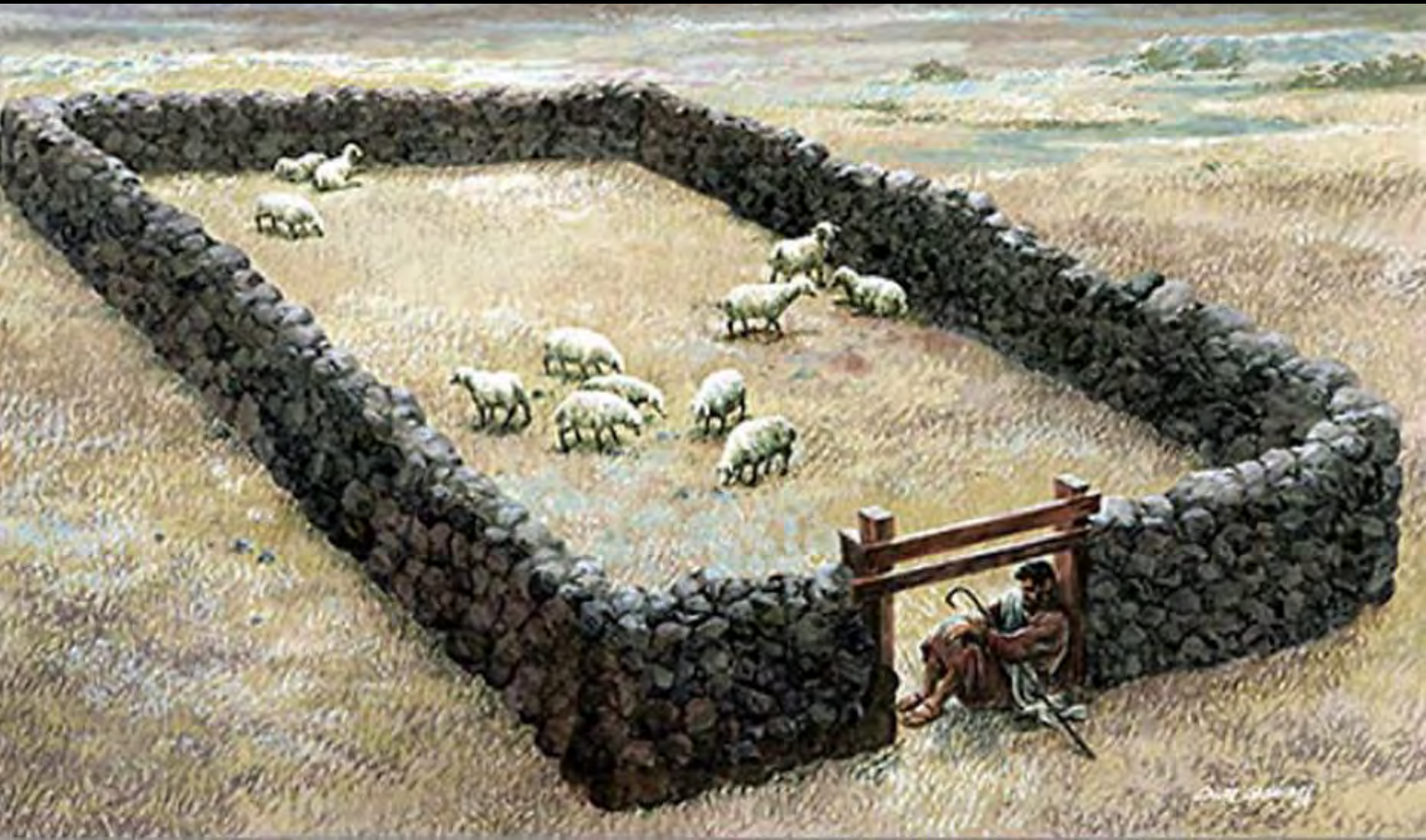
How does Jesus look at sheep?



"After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice"—John 10:4 NLT



**So he explained it to them:
“I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep.”
—John 10:7 NLT**





C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, 55-56

“I am here trying to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: ‘I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept His claim to be God.’ That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a **lunatic**—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the **Devil** of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”



Jesus said
I AM GOD

If True

If False

If Insincere

If Sincere

Jesus is God

LORD

Jesus is a

LIAR

Jesus is a

LUNATIC

G. Witness of the Seventy-Two

§ 104

Luke 10: 1-24

Christ sends 72 men to tell the crowds that He is Messiah who offers the kingdom to show debate about Him from the leaders and people

H. Conflict Over the Question of Eternal Life

§ 105

Luke 10:25-37

Christ tells the Good Samaritan parable to a self-justifying lawyer that he must help all in need to be rewarded kingdom blessings

The Good Samaritan (Luke 10) ⁹⁹



Augustine's Allegorical Interpretation of the Good Samaritan Parable (Luke 15)

Text	Interpretation
● A "certain man"...	Adam
● Thieves...	the devil and demons
● Stripped him...	took his immortality
● Beat him...	tempted him to sin
● The priest and the Levite...	the ministry of the OT which does nothing for Adam
● The Samaritan...	Christ
● Binds wounds with oil and wine...	restrains sin with hope and an exhortation to work with a fervent spirit
● The inn...	the Church
● The innkeeper...	the Apostle Paul

God's Compassion



Luke 10:25-37

I. An Example of Fellowship

§ 106

Luke 10:38-42

Christ favors Mary's fellowship over Martha's service to show that occupation with Christ is more important than occupation for Christ

Luke 10:38-42

MARTHA COMPLAINS ABOUT HER SISTER MARY

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J. Instruction in Prayer

§ 107

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches persistence in praying to God who alone can meet our needs to exhort prayer for the Spirit after His departure

K. Conflict Over the Healing of the Dumb Man

§ 108

Luke 11:14-36

**After claims of exorcism by Satan, Jesus says
that God will judge Israel's unbelief, so it is
worse than before John's ministry**



Matthew 9:32-34; Luke 11:14-23
JESUS DELIVERS A MUTE MAN

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L. Conflict Over Pharisaic Ritualism

§ 109

Luke 11:37-54

Christ claims that Pharisee traditions mislead from the Law's true intent so that He and the Pharisees cannot be reconciled

M. Instruction of the Disciples

§ § 110-118

Luke 12–13

Christ teaches believers among the multitude about Pharisaic practices and God's program, given Israel's rejection

1. Hypocrisy

§ 110

Luke 12:1-12

The crowd should break with the hypocritical Pharisees to secure their eternal destiny by putting their faith in Him

NOTHING IS COVERED UP

that will not be revealed,

OR HIDDEN

that will not be known.

LUKE 12:2

2. Covetousness

§ 111

Luke 12:13-34

The Pharisees who trust in riches as proof of their acceptance before God stemmed from greed, so disciples should trust Jesus alone

A close-up, profile view of an elderly man with a long white beard and a blue turban. He is looking towards a table set with various items, including several golden chalices, a large silver pitcher, and plates of food. The background is a textured, light-colored wall with some greenery.

PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL

Luke 12:13-21





















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LESSONS FROM THE RICH FOOL

3. Watchfulness

§ 112

Luke 12:35-41

The delay of the kingdom should motivate the disciples to prepare for His return to establish the kingdom

Luke 12:35-38 NLT

³⁵"Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶as though you were waiting for your master to return from the wedding feast. Then you will be ready to open the door and let him in the moment he arrives and knocks. ³⁷The servants who are ready and waiting for his return will be rewarded. I tell you the truth, he himself will seat them, put on an apron, and serve them as they sit and eat! ³⁸He may come in the middle of the night or just before dawn. But whenever he comes, he will reward the servants who are ready."

4. Faithfulness

§ 113

Luke 12:42-48

**Those who are watchful must also be faithful
since it will determine the degrees of both
rewards and punishments**

5. The Effect of His Coming

§ 114

Luke 12:49-53

At the return of Jesus, a judgment will bring division over the person of Christ, so the people should reject Pharisaism for Jesus

6. The Signs of the Times

§ 115

Luke 12:54-59

People can interpret the weather but not the signs authenticating Jesus, so they must seek reconciliation with the Judge

7. Concerning Repentance

§ 116

Luke 13:1-9

The belief that tragedy only befalls sinners is false, so God will judge that entire generation unless they repent

8. Concerning Israel's Need

§ 117

Luke 13:10-17

**Christ heals a crippled woman on the Sabbath
to show Israel needs Him as Messiah and to
show His blessings if the nation trusts Him**

9. Concerning the Kingdom Program

§ 118

Luke 13:18-21

Despite unbelief, Jesus taught the kingdom's small start would grow quietly, pervasively, and irreversibly into a large, new form

N. Conflict at the Feast of Dedication

§ 119

John 10:22-39

**Jesus shows that the Jews reject Him as the
Messiah of God despite His words and works,
not for lack of evidence**

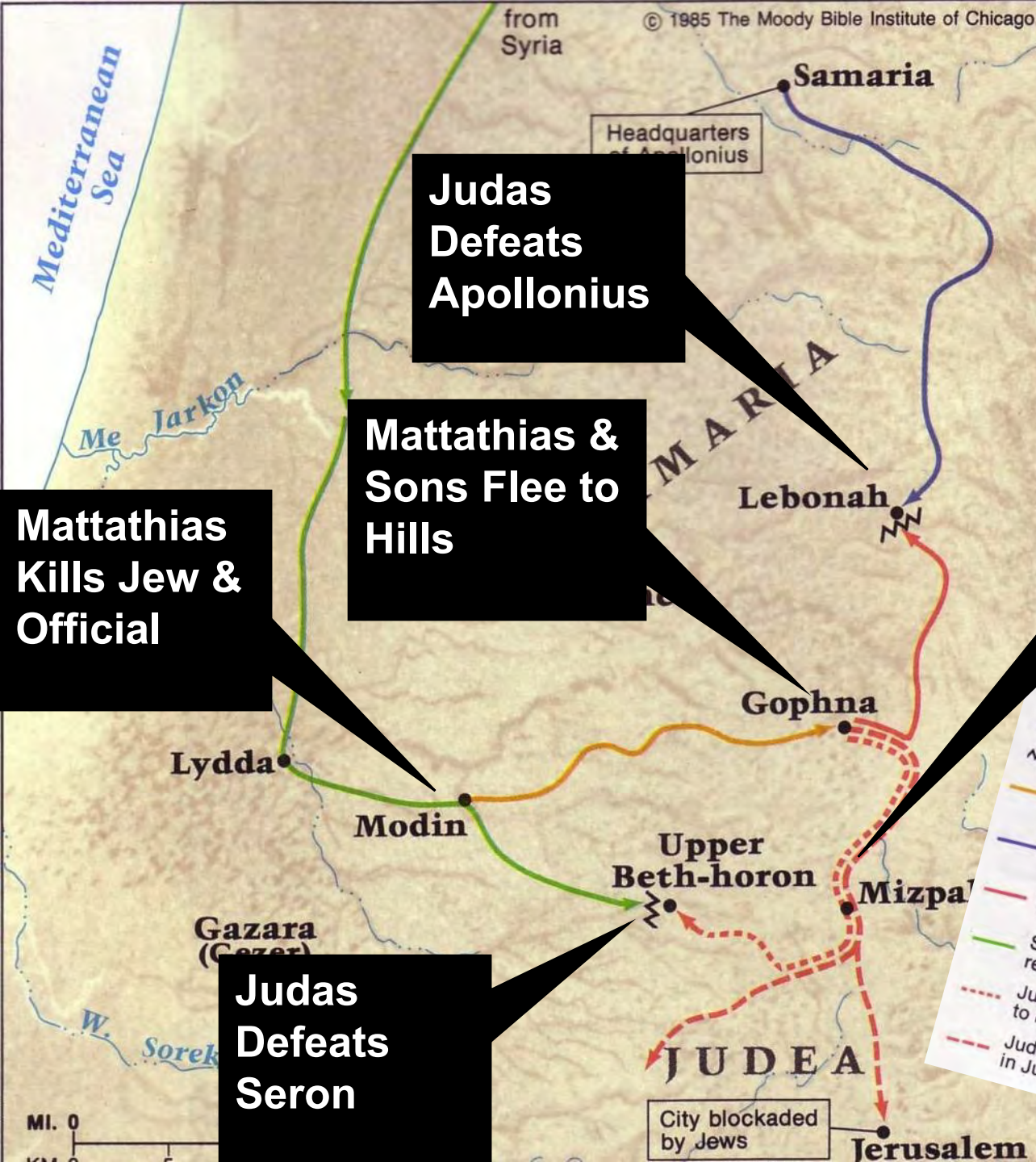
Antiochus IV

Daniel 11:29-30 "At the time appointed he shall return and come into the south, but it shall not be this time as it was before. For ships of Kittim shall come against him, and he shall be afraid and withdraw, and shall turn back and be enraged and take action against the holy covenant. He shall turn back and pay attention to those who forsake the holy covenant."



Beitzel,
1st edition, 166

Early Maccabean Revolt (167-164 BC)



**Judas
Defeats
Apollonius**

**Mattathias &
Sons Flee to
Hills**

**Judas
Raids
Syrians**

**Mattathias
Kills Jew &
Official**

**Judas
Defeats
Seron**

- city
- city (uncertain location)
- ⚡ clash of forces
- Mattathias kills Antiochus' emissary and takes refuge in the hills around Gophna (1Macc 2:1f)
- Apollonius unsuccessfully attempts to quell revolt (1Macc 3:10)
- Judas Maccabeus leads insurgents against Apollonius' forces and slays Apollonius himself (1Macc 3:11f)
- Seron leads Seleucid army from Syria to suppress revolt (1Macc 3:13f)
- Judas' troops surprise Seron as his troops endeavor to navigate the pass at Upper Beth-horon (1Macc 3:16f)
- Judas' troops make nocturnal raids against Syrians in Judea (2Macc 8:1f)

Hanukkah (Feast of Lights) commemorates the victory of Judas Maccabeus over the Seleucids in 164 BC



**7-Branch
Menorah
(Regular)**



**9-Branch
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(Hanukkiah)**



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