

- “Who Am I?”
 - I was the king’s cupbearer.
 - The king permitted me to go to Jerusalem.
 - I was in charge of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem.
- Nehemiah
- Sometimes we have “Aha” moments: sudden insight and realization



- Someone is Coming!
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Genesis 12:3	Deuteronomy 18:18



- Moses - Prophet

- Deuteronomy 18:18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

Someone Is Coming!

Abram	Moses	David
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Genesis 12:3	Deuteronomy 18:18	2 Samuel 7:13



- David - King

- 2 Samuel 7:12-13 (ESV) 12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

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- Isaiah - Lamb

- Isaiah 53:6-7 (ESV) 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.
- Isaiah 53:12 (ESV) 12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

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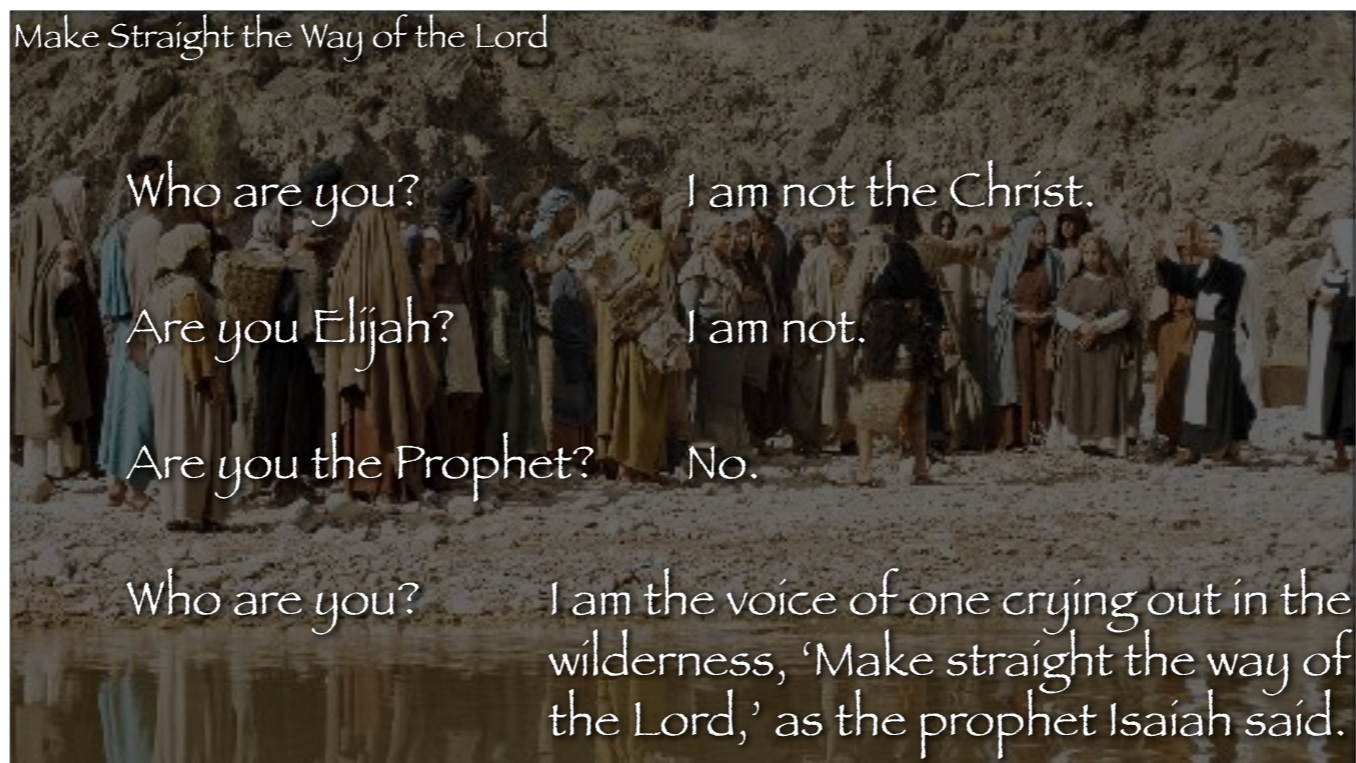
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- Daniel - Messiah (Anointed One)

- Daniel 9:26 (NASB) Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.



Make Straight the Way of the Lord



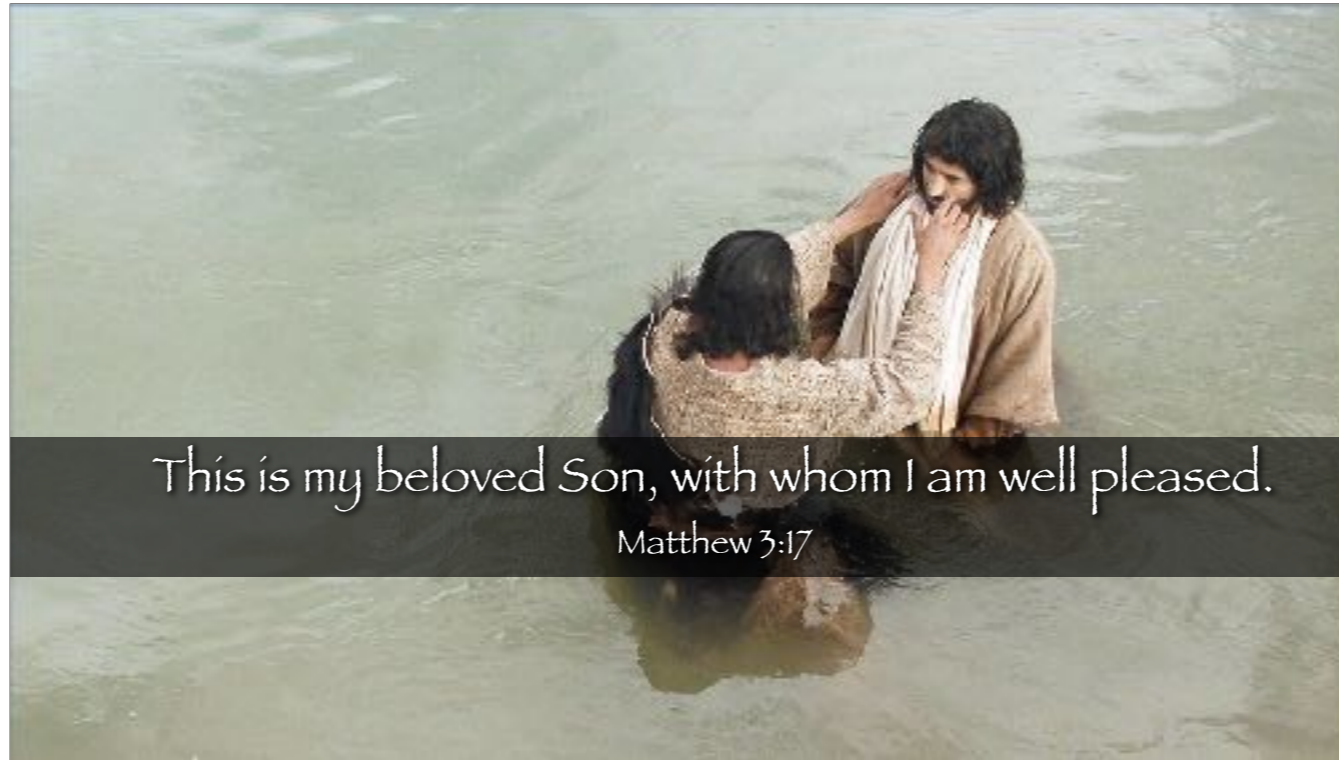
- John 1
- 19 And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?”
- 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.”
- 21 And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.”
- “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.”
- 22 So they said to him, “Who are you?”
- We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?”
- 23 He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”
- Isaiah 40:3 A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of Jehovah; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

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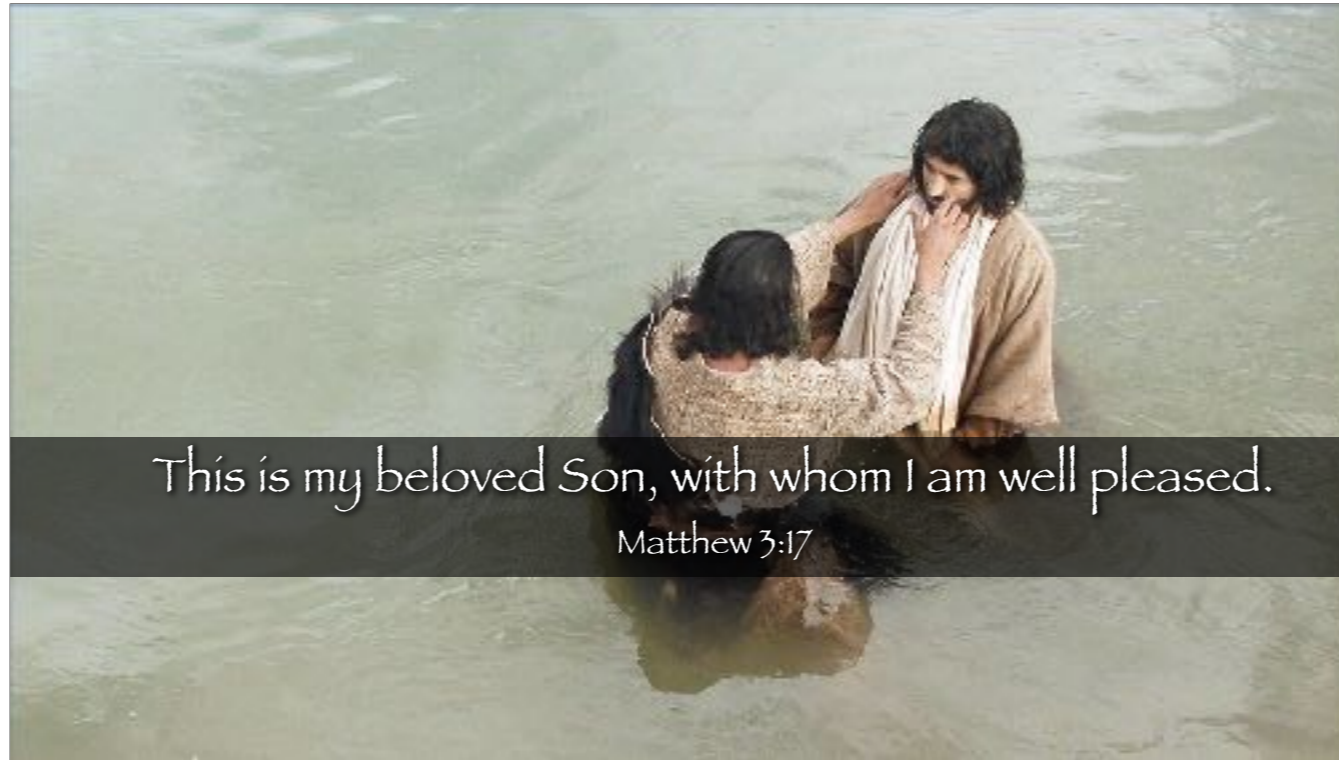
Then why are you
baptizing, if you
are neither the
Christ, nor Elijah,
nor the Prophet?

I baptize with water,
but among you stands
one you do not know,
even he who comes after me,
the strap of whose sandal
I am not worthy to untie.

- 25 They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”
- 26 John answered them, “I baptize with water,
- but among you stands one you do not know,
- 27 even he who comes after me,
- the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”



- 28 These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.
- Matthew 3:13-17
 - 13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.
 - 14 John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”
 - 15 But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”
 - Then he consented.



- 16 And when Jesus was baptized,
- immediately he went up from the water,
- and behold, the heavens were opened to him,
- and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;
- 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said,
- “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”



- 29 The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said,
- “Behold, the Lamb of God,
- who takes away the sin of the world!
- 30 This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me,
- because he was before me.’
- 31 I myself did not know him,
- but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”
- 32 And John bore witness:
- “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.
- 33 I myself did not know him,
- but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me,
- ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain,
- this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’
- 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”
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- 1 Corinthians 5:7 For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

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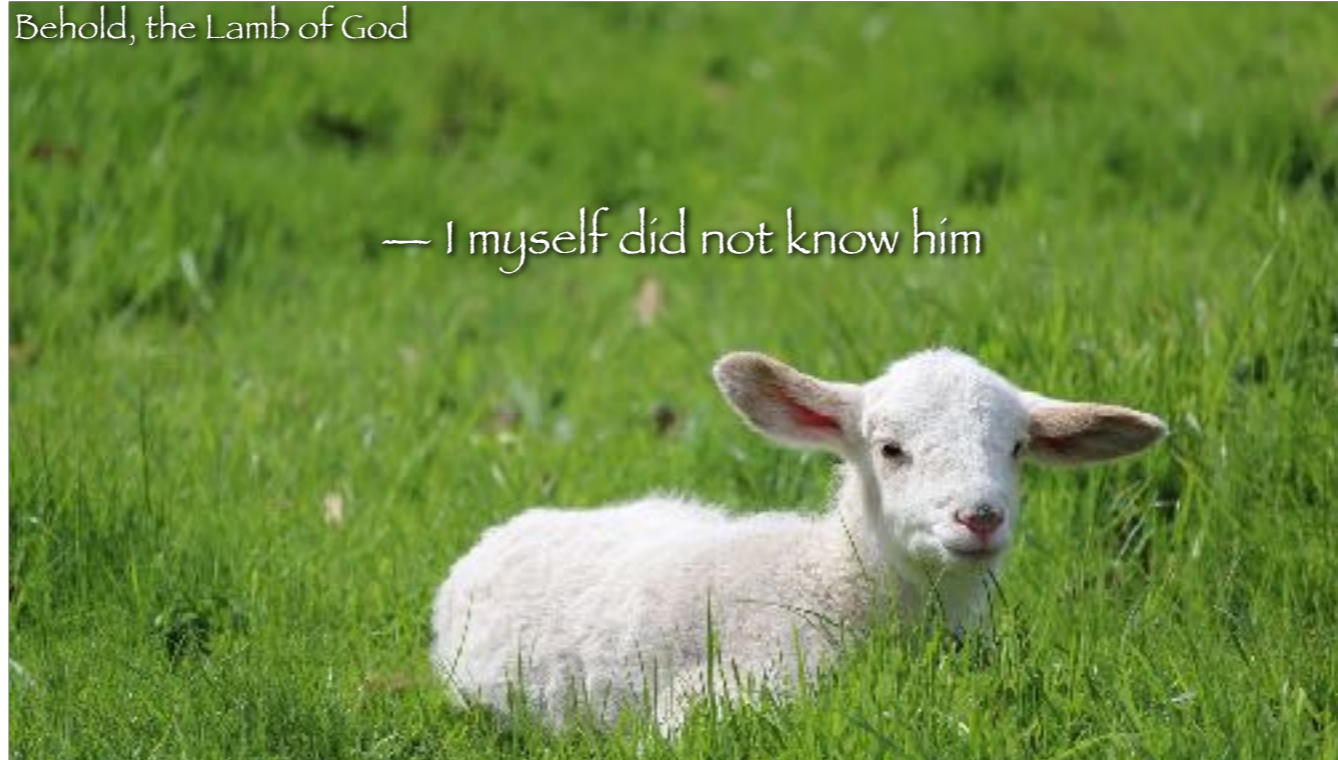
— a man who ranks before me, because he was before me



- 30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a **man** who ranks before me,
- because he was before me.'
- Man:
 - 1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,
- Before Me:
 - 1 Timothy 1:17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, the Lamb of God

— I myself did not know him



- 31 I myself did not know him,
 - 26: among you stands one you do not know
 - 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'
- Do you really know Jesus?
 - John certainly was aware of Jesus as his cousin.
 - I need to be baptized by you.
 - But prior to the baptism, John didn't fully realize who Jesus.

Behold, the Lamb of God

— He might be REVEALED to Israel



- 31 but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”
- Revealed
 - (CWSB Dictionary) To make apparent, manifest, known, show openly.
 - (Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary) to be manifested is to be revealed in one's true character

Behold, the Lamb of God

— this is the Son of God



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- Revealed
 - the lamb of God
 - the son of God

We Have Found the Messiah



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Behold, the Lamb of God!



- 35 The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples,
- 36 and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”
- 37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.
- 38 Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?”
- And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?”
- 39 He said to them, “Come and you will see.”

We Have Found the Messiah

We have found the Messiah
(which means Christ)



- So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.
- 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.
- 41 He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).
- 42 He brought him to Jesus.
- Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

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- How did Andrew come to this conclusion?
 - He spent time with Jesus.
 - There are no doubts in his mind at this time
- Note the enthusiasm: found his brother ... brought him to Jesus



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- the son of God
- the messiah (Christ)
- the prophet
- the king

You are the King of Israel!



- You are the King of Israel!
 - Philip and Nathaniel

You are the King of Israel!

We have found him of whom Moses in
the Law and also the prophets wrote,
Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.



- 43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee.
- He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."
- 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.
- 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him,
- "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

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- How did Philip know?
 - He followed Jesus
 - Moses
 - The Prophets
 - The OT points to Jesus as the one who was coming ... can be seen when properly explained

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- Luke 24:44-47 (ESV) 44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are the King of Israel!

Rabbi, you are the Son of God!
You are the King of Israel!



- 46 Nathanael said to him,
 - “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”
 - Philip said to him, “Come and see.”
- 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him,
 - “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!”
- 48 Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?”
 - Jesus answered him,
 - “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”
- 49 Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

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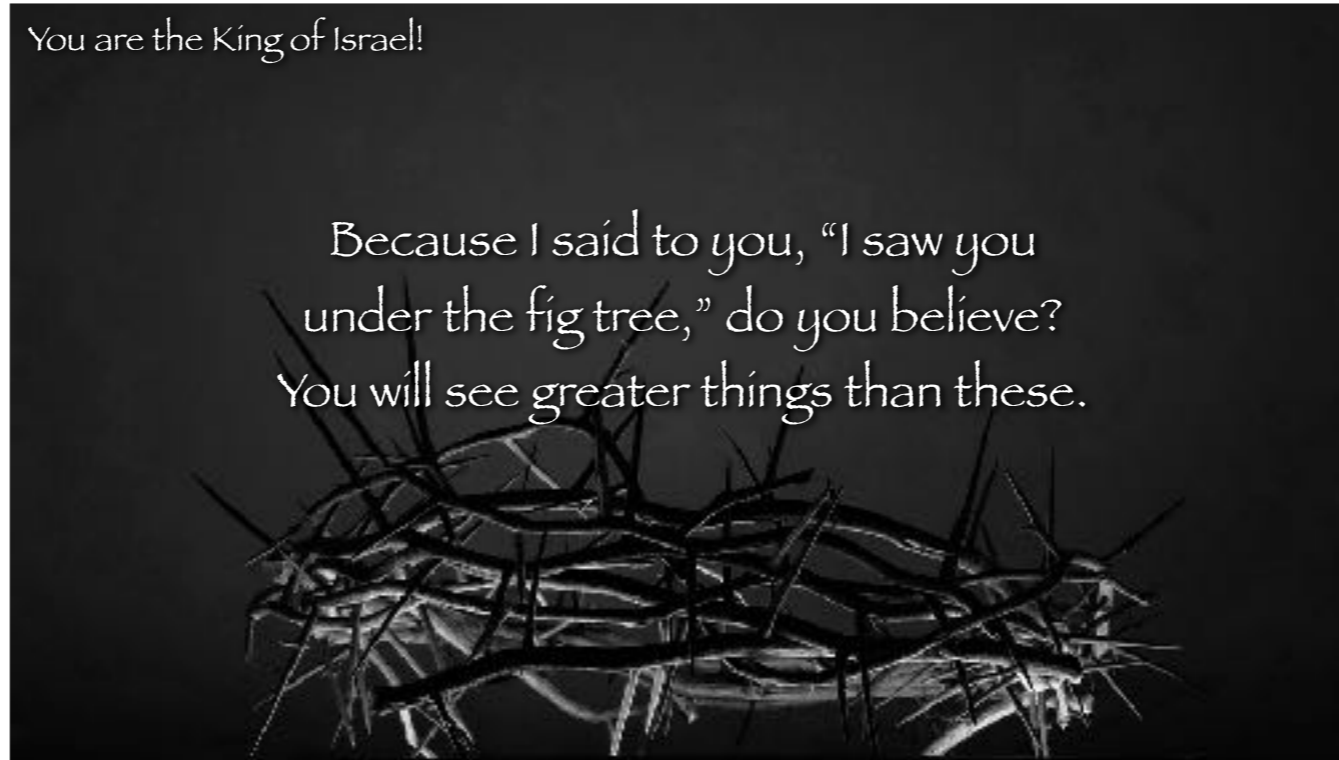
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- How did Nathanael know?
 - He listened to what Jesus was saying
 - This is not normal ... miraculous (power!)
 - Something special that Jesus would know his character!

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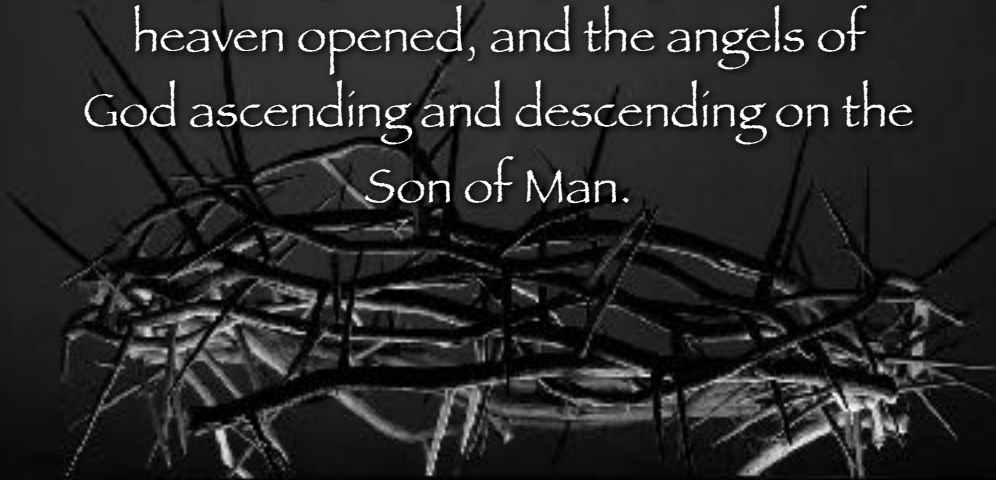
Because I said to you, "I saw you
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- 50 Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these."
- Miracles
 - Feeding 5000: John 6:14 (ESV) 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"
 - Matthew 9:6 (ESV) 6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home."
 - John 7:2-5 (ESV) 2 Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. 3 So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. 4 For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." 5 For not even his brothers believed in him.
 - Matthew 14:32: 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."
 - John 3:1-2 (ESV) 1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."
 - Luke 7:15-17 (ESV) 15 And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. 16 Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" 17 And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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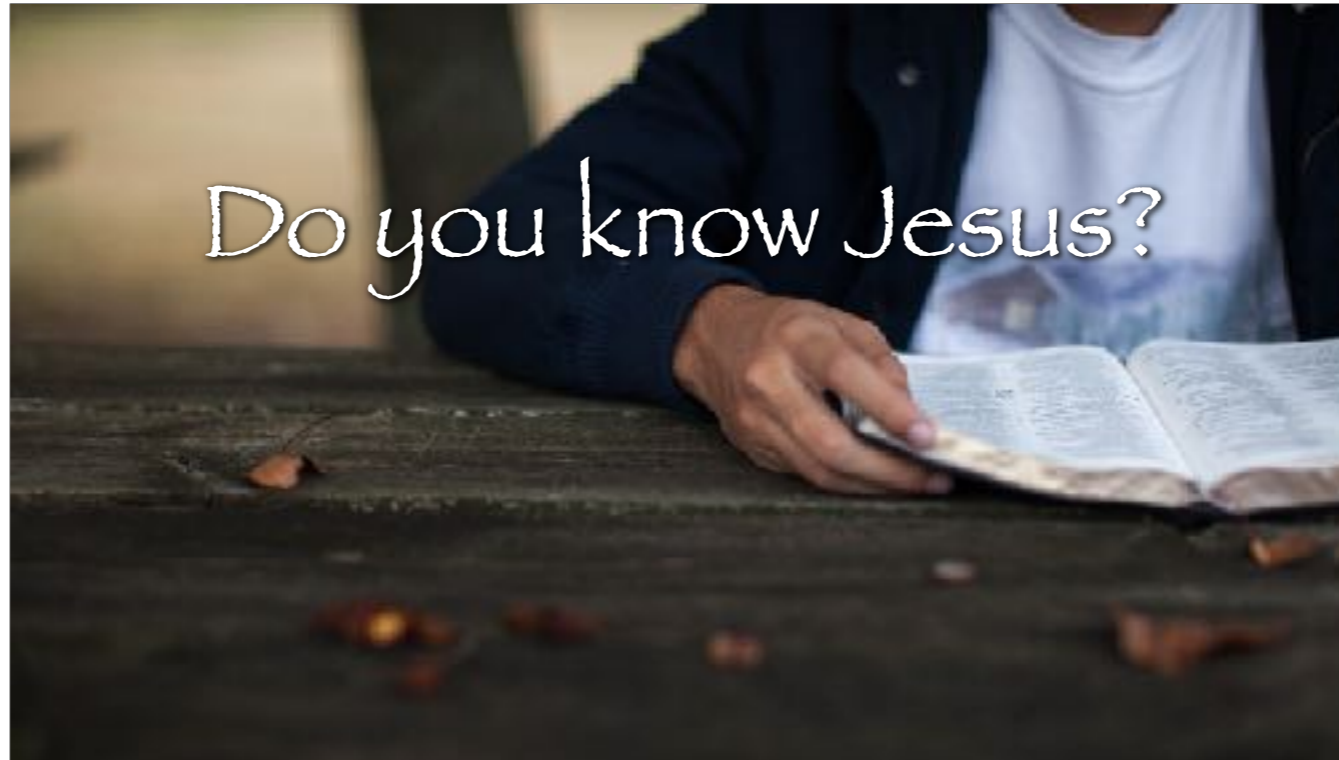


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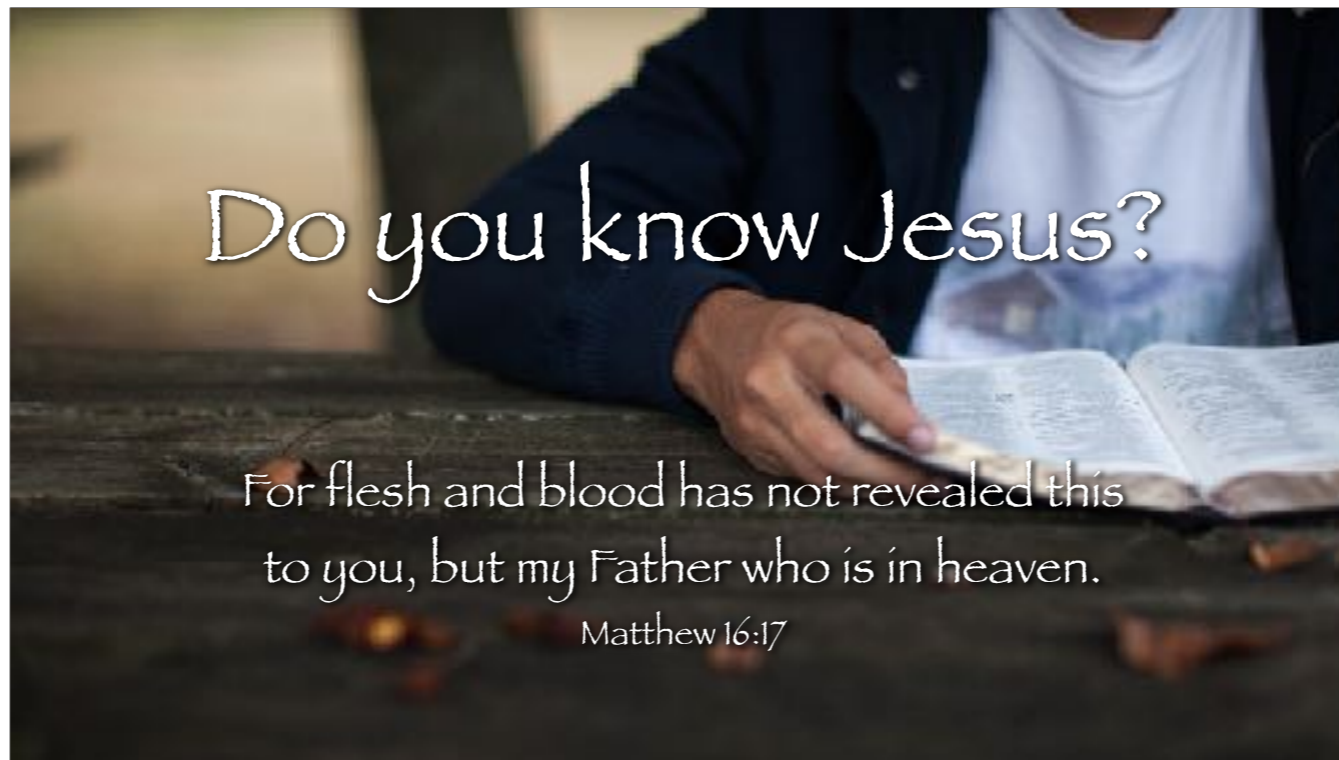


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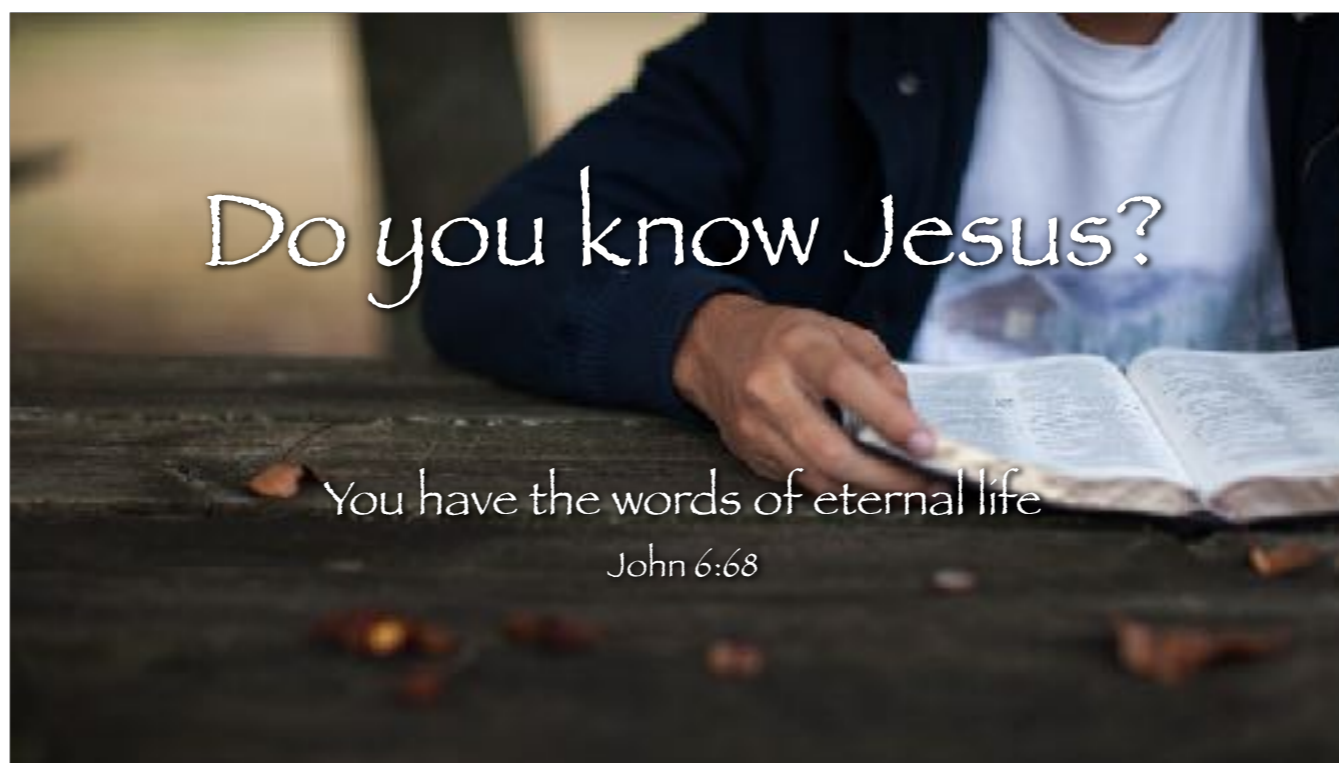


- Do you know Jesus?
 - Spend time with Jesus
 - Listen to him.
 - Be wary of 'what you think you know'.
 - Nathanael: Can anything good come out of Nazareth?
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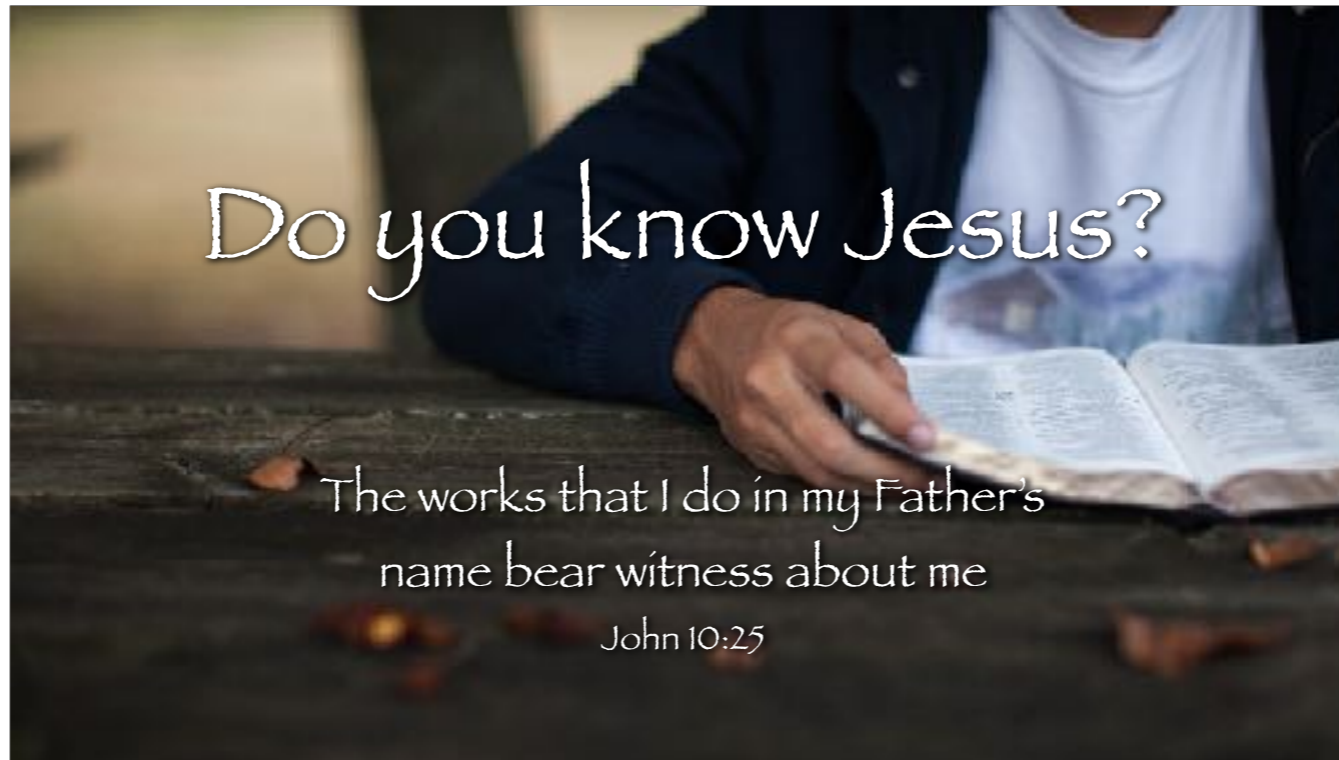


- How revealed in the Scriptures?

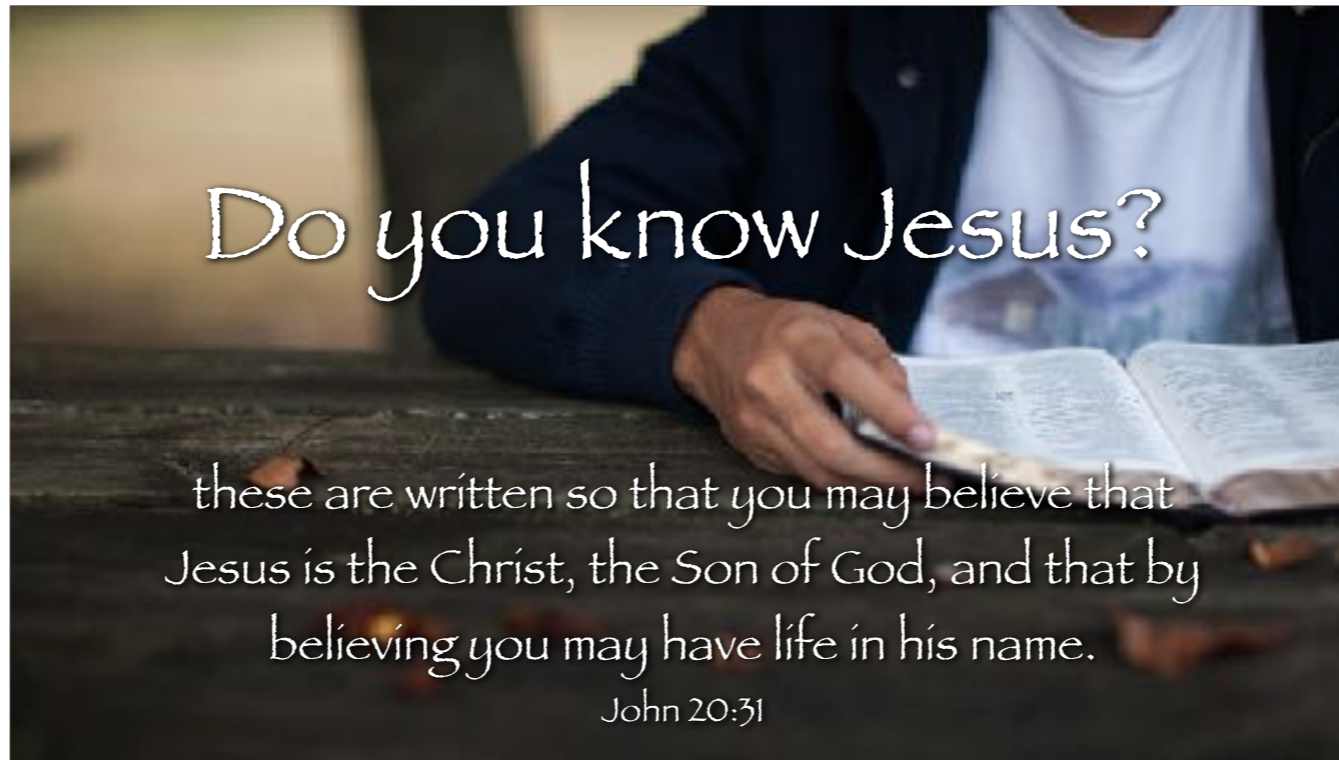
- Matthew 16:13-17 13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.



- John 6:66-69 (ESV) 66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. 67 So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” 68 Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, 69 and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”



- John 10:24-30 (ESV) 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” 25 Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me,



- John 20:30-31 (ESV) 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Revealed

John 1:19-51

Synopsis: John the Baptizer came to reveal Jesus to the world. There are many references in the Old Testament to the one who is coming, the Lamb of God, the Son of God, the Messiah, the Prophet and the King. Do you know Jesus?

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