

# Jesus – Who is He?

Good Teacher, Prophet or Messiah

Calvary Chapel Northwest  
Foundations Class



# This Week's Memory Verse

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6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 14:6

“C. S. Lewis in his book *Mere Christianity* writes the following: “*I am trying here to prevent anyone from saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him [Jesus Christ]: ‘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 a 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 up with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that option open to us. He did not intend to*” (Macmillan, 1952, p. 55–56).”

**2** For He says:

“In an acceptable time I have heard you,

And in the day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

**2 Corinthians 6:2**



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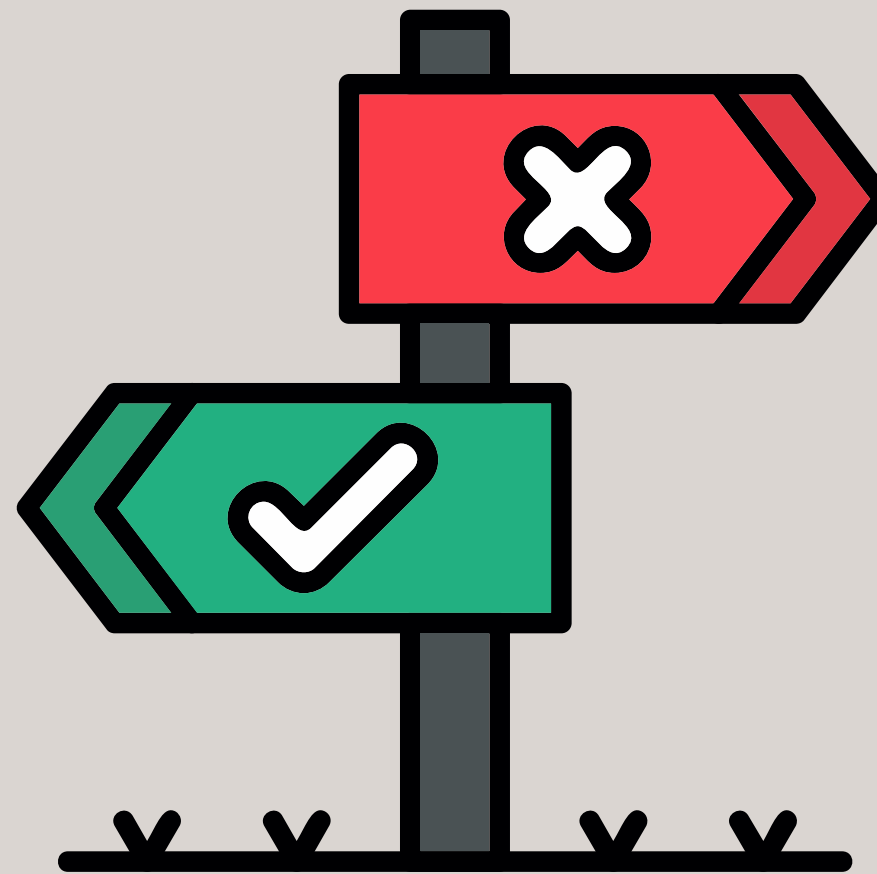
# WHAT CHOICES DO WE HAVE AS TO WHO JESUS IS?

A

He is telling the truth  
about who He says He is.

B

He is lying and..  
a. He knows He is lying.  
b. He really believes that  
He is who He says He is  
and is crazy



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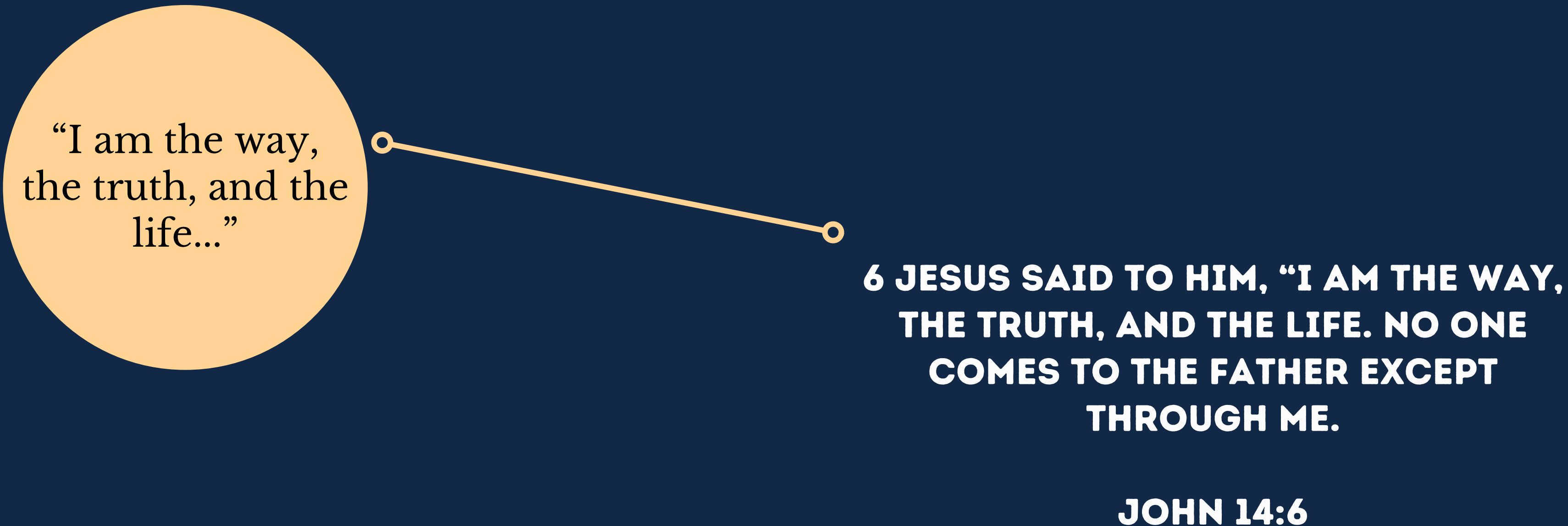
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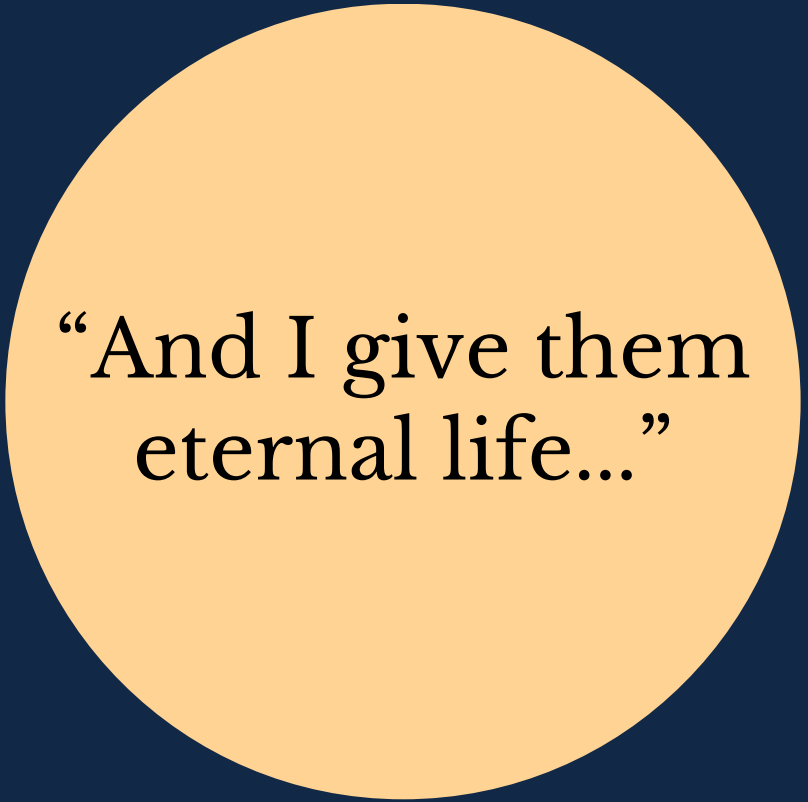
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**JOHN 14:6**

**24 THEN THE JEWS  
SURROUNDED HIM AND  
SAID TO HIM, “HOW LONG  
DO YOU KEEP US IN DOUBT?  
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, THEY BEAR WITNESS  
OF ME. 26 BUT YOU DO NOT  
BELIEVE, BECAUSE YOU ARE  
NOT OF MY SHEEP, AS I  
SAID TO YOU.**



*“And I give them  
eternal life...”*

**27 MY SHEEP HEAR MY  
VOICE, AND I KNOW THEM,  
AND THEY FOLLOW ME. 28  
AND I GIVE THEM ETERNAL  
LIFE, AND THEY SHALL NEVER  
PERISH; NEITHER SHALL  
ANYONE SNATCH THEM OUT  
OF MY HAND. 29 MY FATHER,  
WHO HAS GIVEN THEM TO  
ME, IS GREATER THAN ALL;  
AND NO ONE IS ABLE TO  
SNATCH THEM OUT OF MY  
FATHER’S HAND. 30 I AND MY  
FATHER ARE ONE.”**

**JOHN 10:24-30**



**8 PHILIP SAID TO HIM, “LORD, SHOW US THE FATHER,  
AND IT IS SUFFICIENT FOR US.”**

**9 JESUS SAID TO HIM, “HAVE I BEEN WITH YOU SO  
LONG, AND YET YOU HAVE NOT KNOWN ME, PHILIP? HE  
WHO HAS SEEN ME HAS SEEN THE FATHER; SO HOW CAN  
YOU SAY, ‘SHOW US THE FATHER’? 10 DO YOU NOT  
BELIEVE THAT I AM IN THE FATHER, AND THE FATHER IN  
ME? THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK TO YOU I DO NOT SPEAK  
ON MY OWN AUTHORITY; BUT THE FATHER WHO DWELLS  
IN ME DOES THE WORKS. 11 BELIEVE ME THAT I AM IN  
THE FATHER AND THE FATHER IN ME, OR ELSE BELIEVE  
ME FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORKS THEMSELVES.**

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**JOHN 14:8-11**

**1 JOHN 4:1 BELOVED, DO NOT BELIEVE EVERY SPIRIT,  
BUT TEST THE SPIRITS, WHETHER THEY ARE OF GOD;  
BECAUSE MANY FALSE PROPHETS HAVE GONE OUT INTO  
THE WORLD.**

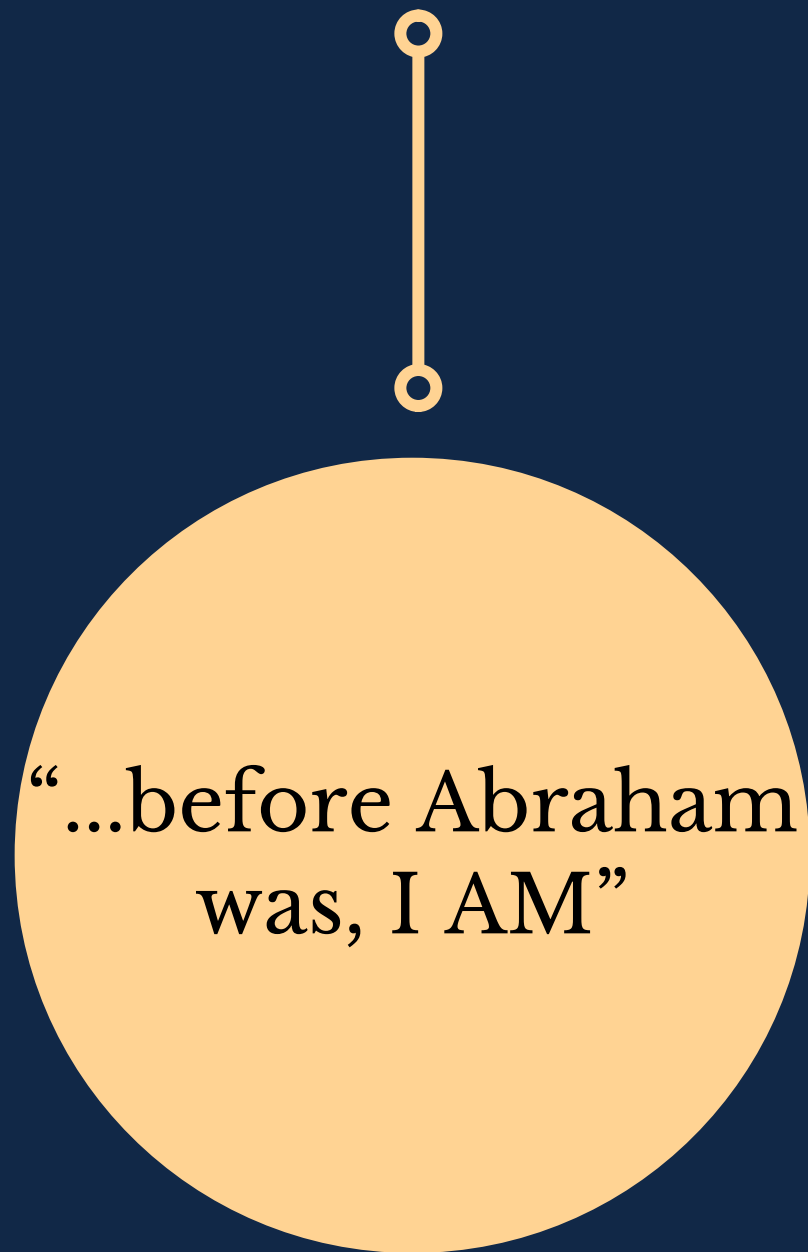
**1 JOHN 2:22-23 22 WHO IS A LIAR BUT HE WHO DENIES  
THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST? HE IS ANTICHRIST WHO  
DENIES THE FATHER AND THE SON. 23 WHOEVER DENIES  
THE SON DOES NOT HAVE THE FATHER EITHER; HE WHO  
ACKNOWLEDGES THE SON HAS THE FATHER ALSO.**



Test the spirits...

**58 JESUS SAID TO THEM, “MOST  
ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU, BEFORE  
ABRAHAM WAS, I AM.”**

**JOHN 8:58**




**14 AND GOD SAID TO MOSES, “I AM WHO I AM.”  
AND HE SAID, “THUS YOU SHALL SAY TO THE  
CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, ‘I AM HAS SENT ME TO  
YOU.’ ”**

**EXODUS 3:14**

**25 JESUS SAID TO HER, “I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE  
LIFE. HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME, THOUGH HE MAY DIE, HE  
SHALL LIVE. 26 AND WHOEVER LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME  
SHALL NEVER DIE. DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?”**

**JOHN 11:25-26**



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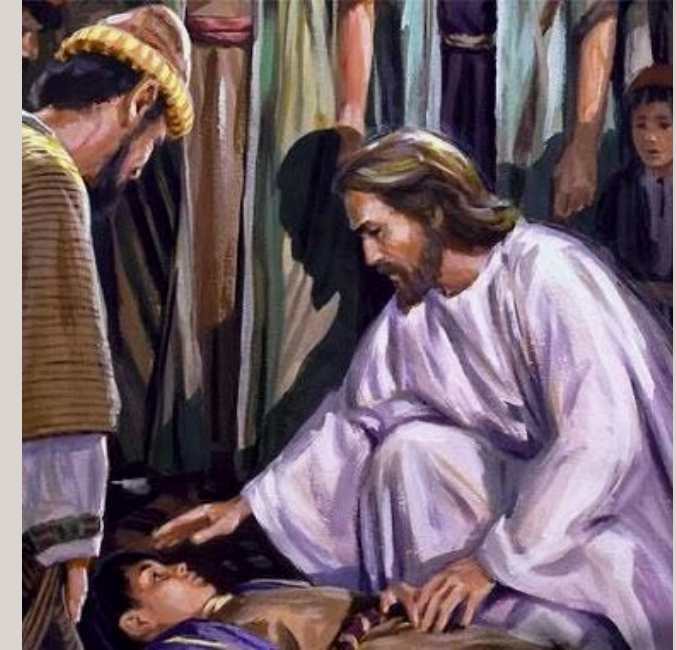
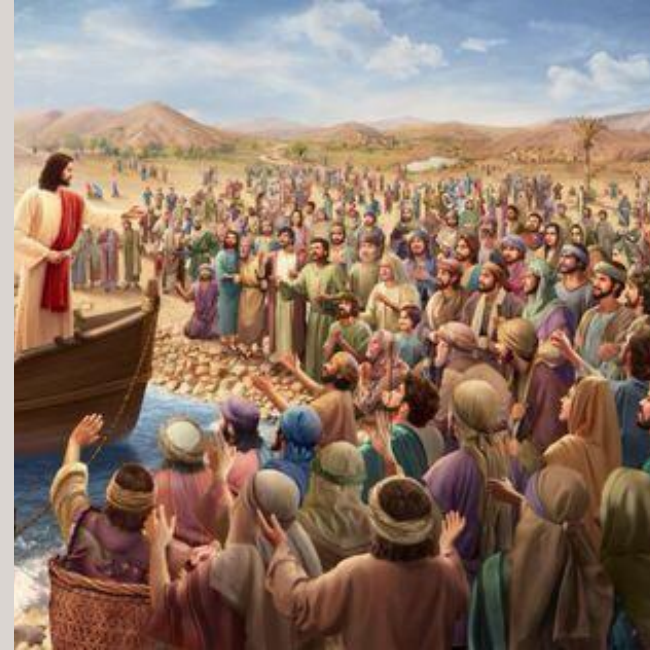
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# WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT JESUS DID TO JUSTIFY HIS CLAIMS ABOUT WHO HE IS?





38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”



Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, “Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.”

40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” 41 Then they took away the stone [a]from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42 And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me.” 43 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” 44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”

**John 11:38-44**

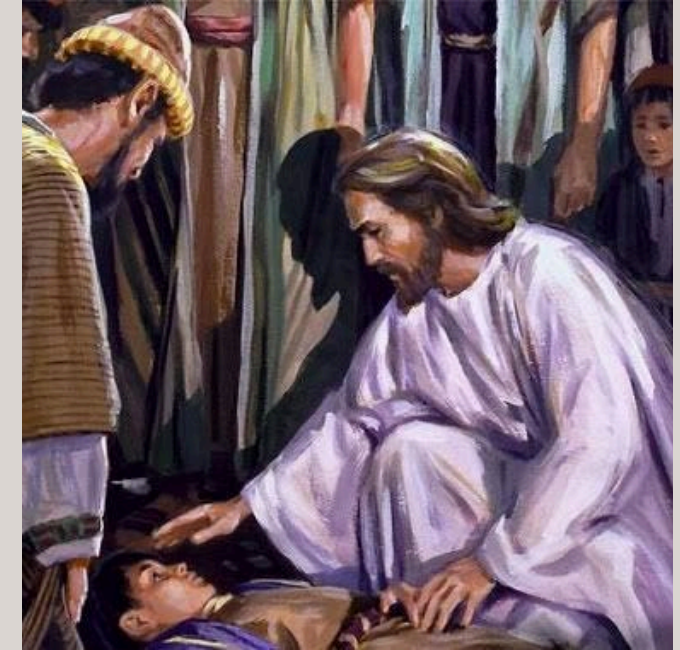


29 Jesus departed from there, skirted the Sea of Galilee, and went up on the mountain and sat down there. 30 Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them. 31 So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

**Matthew 15:29-31**

14 And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, 15 “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16 So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.” 17 Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

**Matthew 17:14-18**





14 And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. 15 But some of them said, “He casts out demons by [a]Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.”

16 Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. 17 But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. 18 If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. 19 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. 20 But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. 21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. 22 But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his [b]spoils. 23 He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

**Luke 11:14-23**

1 And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. 2 Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. 3 Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. 4 And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

5 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.”

6 And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, 7 “Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” 8 But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts?



9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic, 11 “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” 12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

**Mark 2:1-12**





Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. **2** And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, **3** who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, **4** because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. **5** And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.

**6** When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. **7** And he cried out with a loud voice and said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me.”

**8** For He said to him, “Come out of the man, unclean spirit!” **9** Then He asked him, “What is your name?”

And he answered, saying, “My name is Legion; for we are many.” **10** Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country.

**11** Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. **12** So all the demons begged Him, saying, “Send us to the swine, that we may enter them.” **13** And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea.

**Mark 5:1-13**

1 In those days, the multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to Him and said to them, 2 “I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. 3 And if I send them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar.”

4 Then His disciples answered Him, “How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?”

5 He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?”  
And they said, “Seven.”

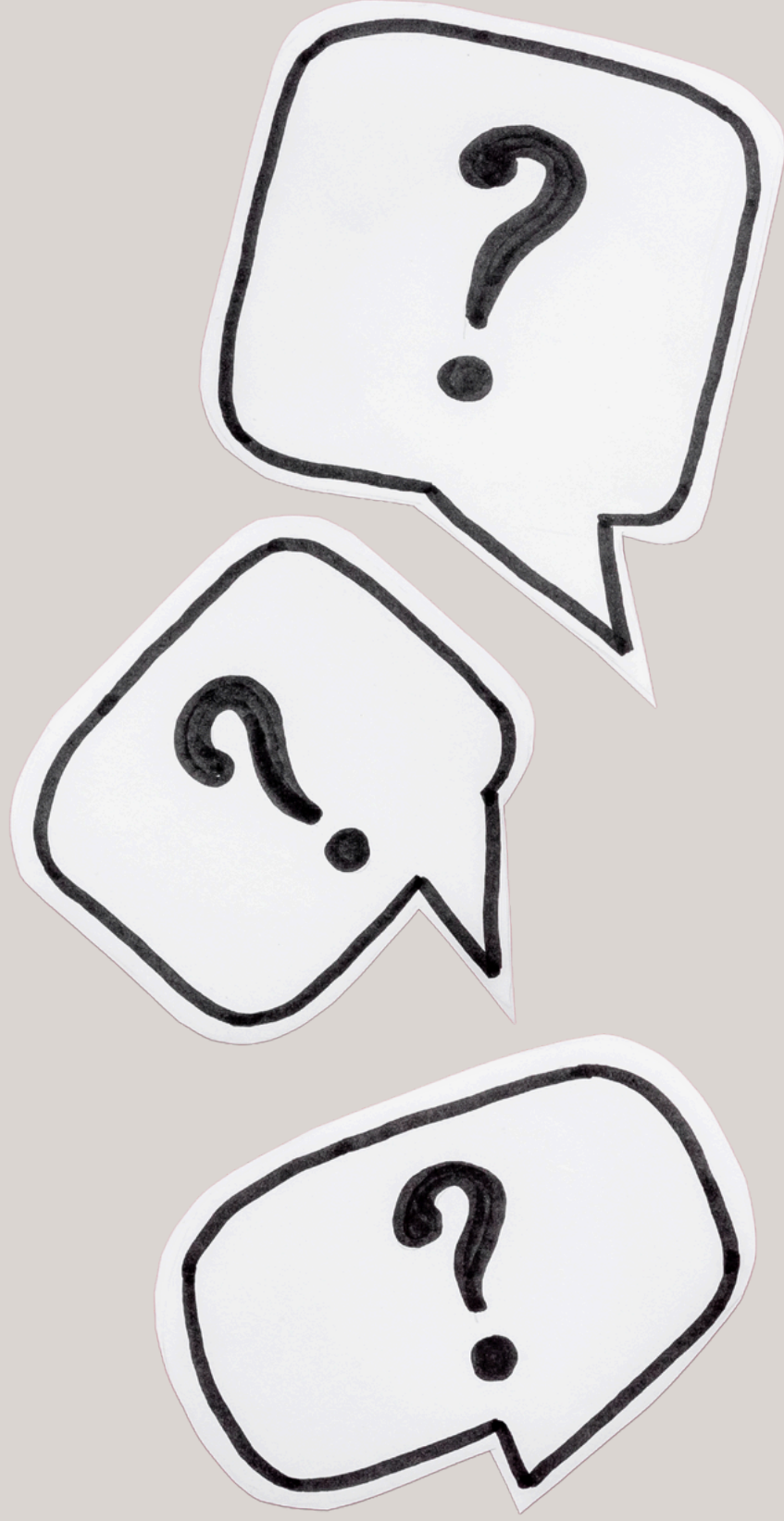
6 So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and they set them before the multitude. 7 They also had a few small fish; and having blessed them, He said to set them also before them.

8 So they ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets of leftover fragments. 9 Now those who had eaten were about four thousand. And He sent them away, 10 immediately got into the boat with His disciples, and came to the region of Dalmanutha.

**Mark 8:1-10**







**Would Jesus have died in order to continue in a lie rather than tell the truth and live?**

**Would He have been able to do the things He did if He were not who He said He was?**

**How did Jesus know the scriptures so intimately, and how was He able to fulfill several hundred prophecies from the Old Testament unless He inspired the writing of the book itself?**

**How could Jesus die and appear to over 500 people unless He was resurrected and broke the chains of death?**

**Lastly, why would the apostle be willing to die for someone else's lie?**