

Kings the Speech



Examining Jesus' teachings from the Sermon on the Mount

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"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.



“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ 23 Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’



"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."



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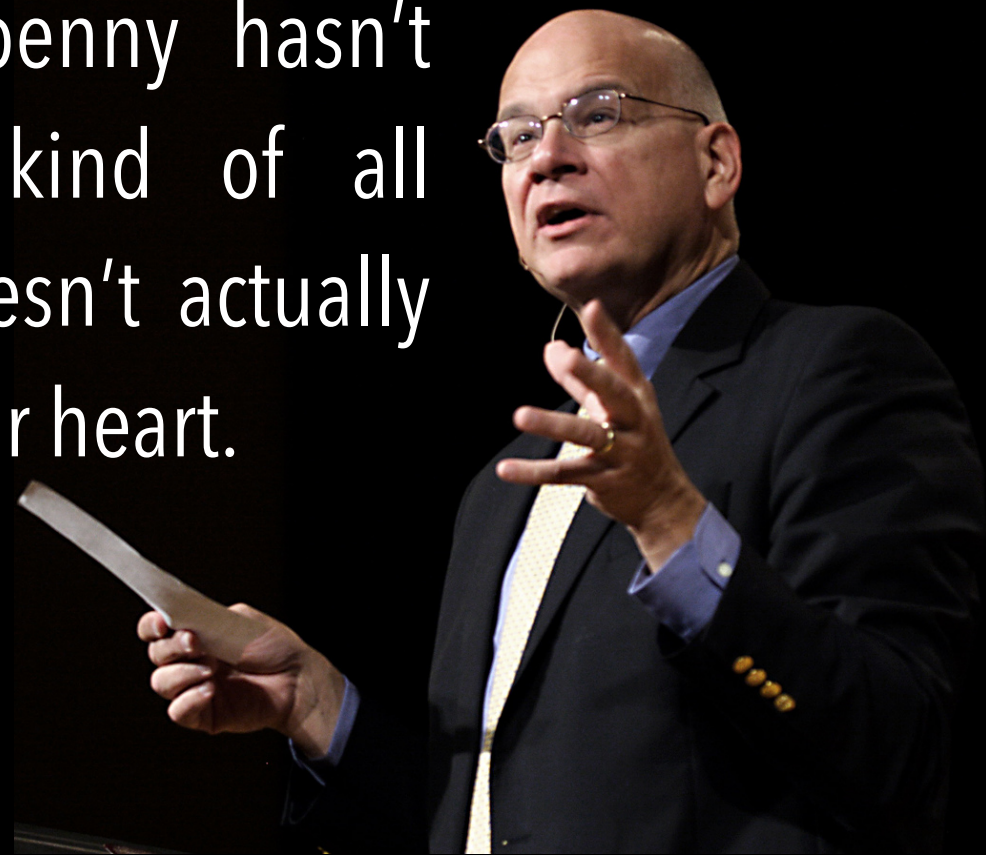
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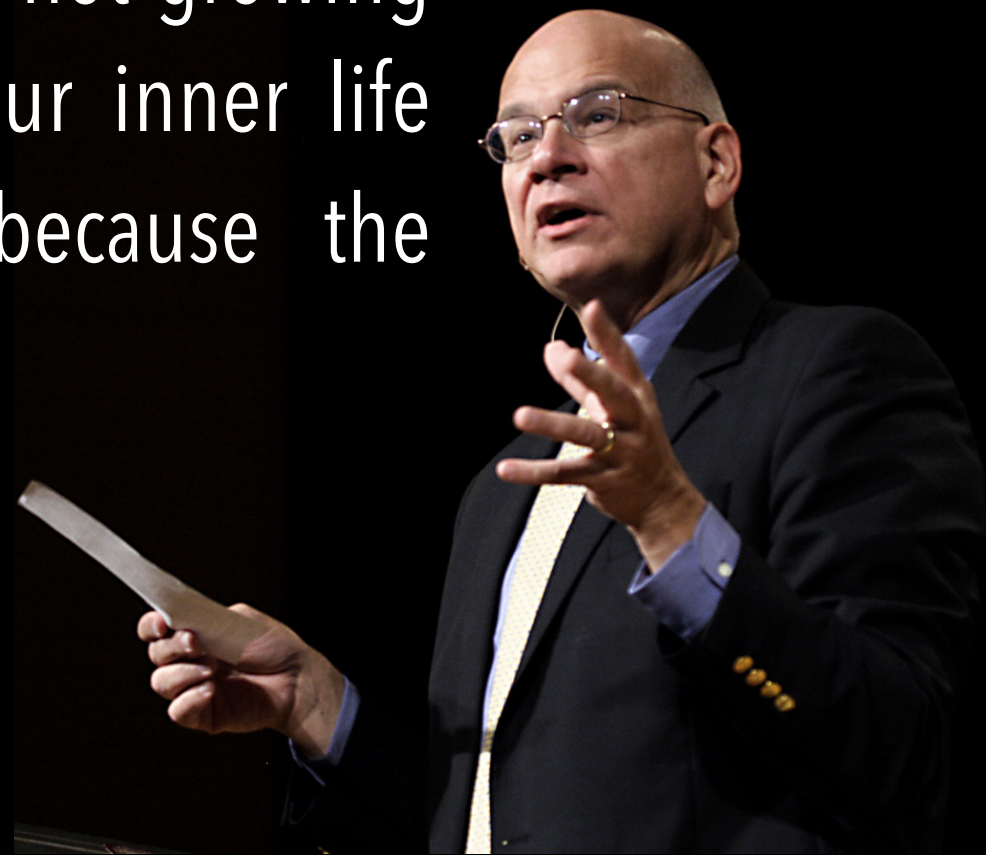
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This is clearly what he's saying. It's quite possible to be sort of in and around all of the furniture of the gospel, hear the term *gospel*, even believe the doctrines that come together eventually to form the gospel, and somehow the penny hasn't dropped. Somehow you're kind of all around the gospel and it doesn't actually come in and change you in your heart.



Spiritual gifts are what you *do*. You're counseling and teaching and serving and helping the poor. But spiritual fruit is what you *are*. It's love, joy, peace, patience, self-control, and humility. If you're not growing like that, if you don't see your inner life transformed like that, it's because the gospel hasn't actually come in.



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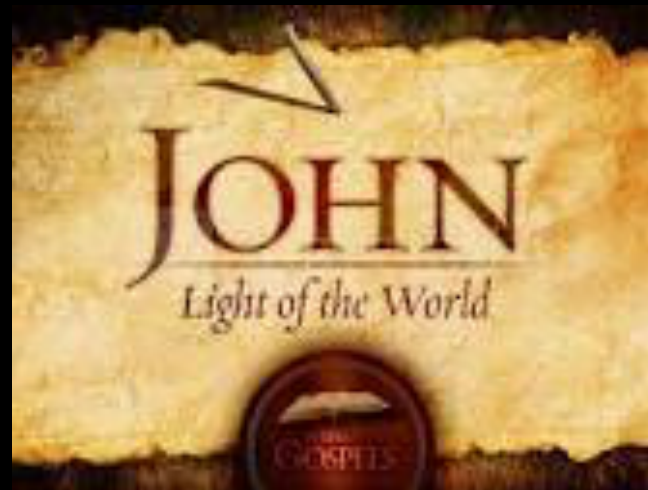
We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort...

Philippians 3:3b



Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. **No one** can come to the **Father** **except** through **me**.

John 14:6

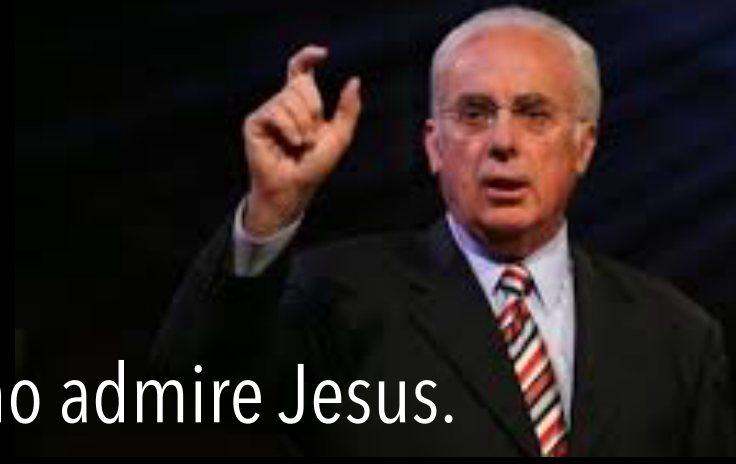


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At the close of this sermon, Jesus gave a command. The command is in verse 13. "Enter by the narrow gate." Every biblical call to the gospel is a command. Repent. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. These are all imperatives, commands, mandates which call for obedience or disobedience, compliance or rebellion. So the Lord ends his sermon with a command and a strong and unmistakable command at that. It is now make up your mind time on the mountain.



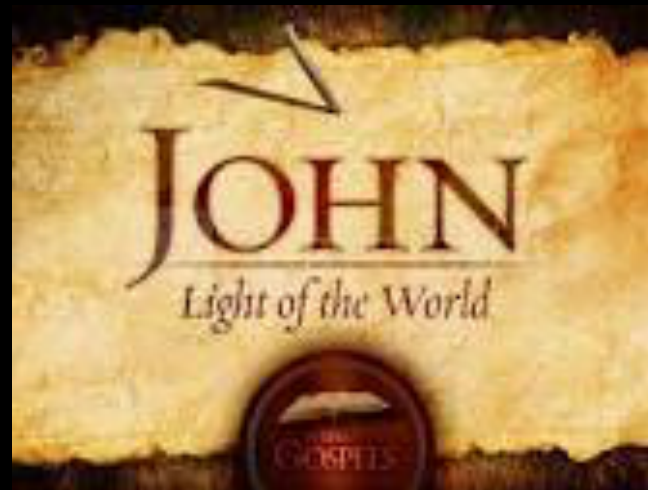
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Hell is full of people, by the way, who admire Jesus. Hell is full of people and is continually populated by people who admire the idea that Jesus came and even admire that he died and that he rose again. Hell is full of people who admire the things concerning the gospel, but never enter. You must enter. Doesn't do any good to stand on the outside and admire it. Hell is filled with people who will claim a relationship with the Lord.

“For this is how God loved the world:He gave his one and only Son...

John 3:16a



For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, ‘The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.’¹² There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:11,12



There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death. Proverbs 14:12

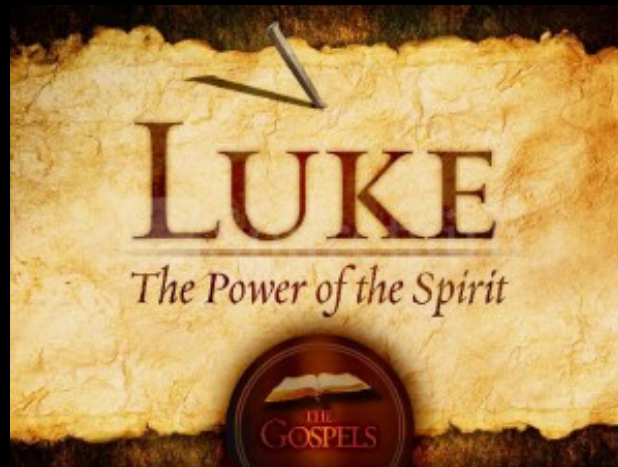
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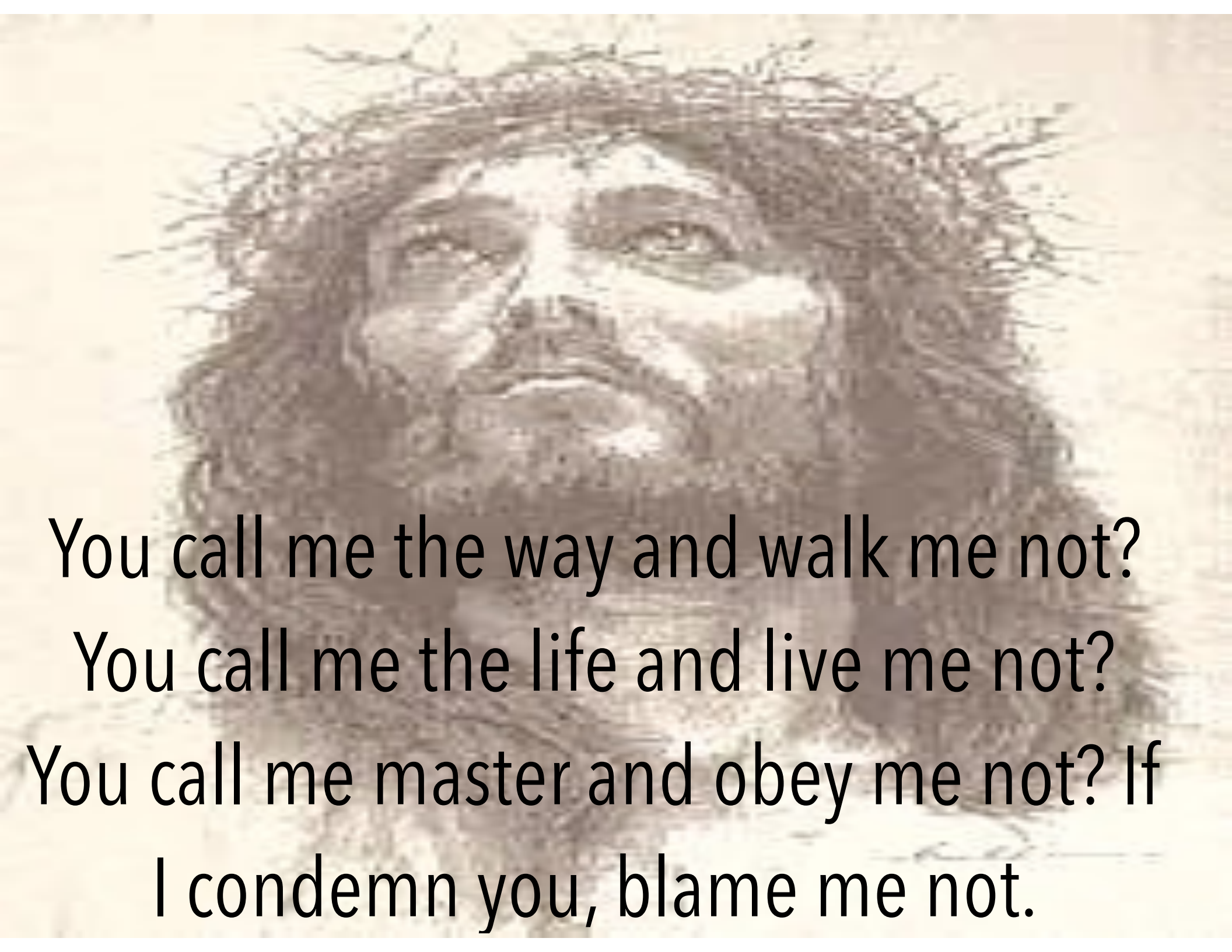
“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that **everyone** who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.



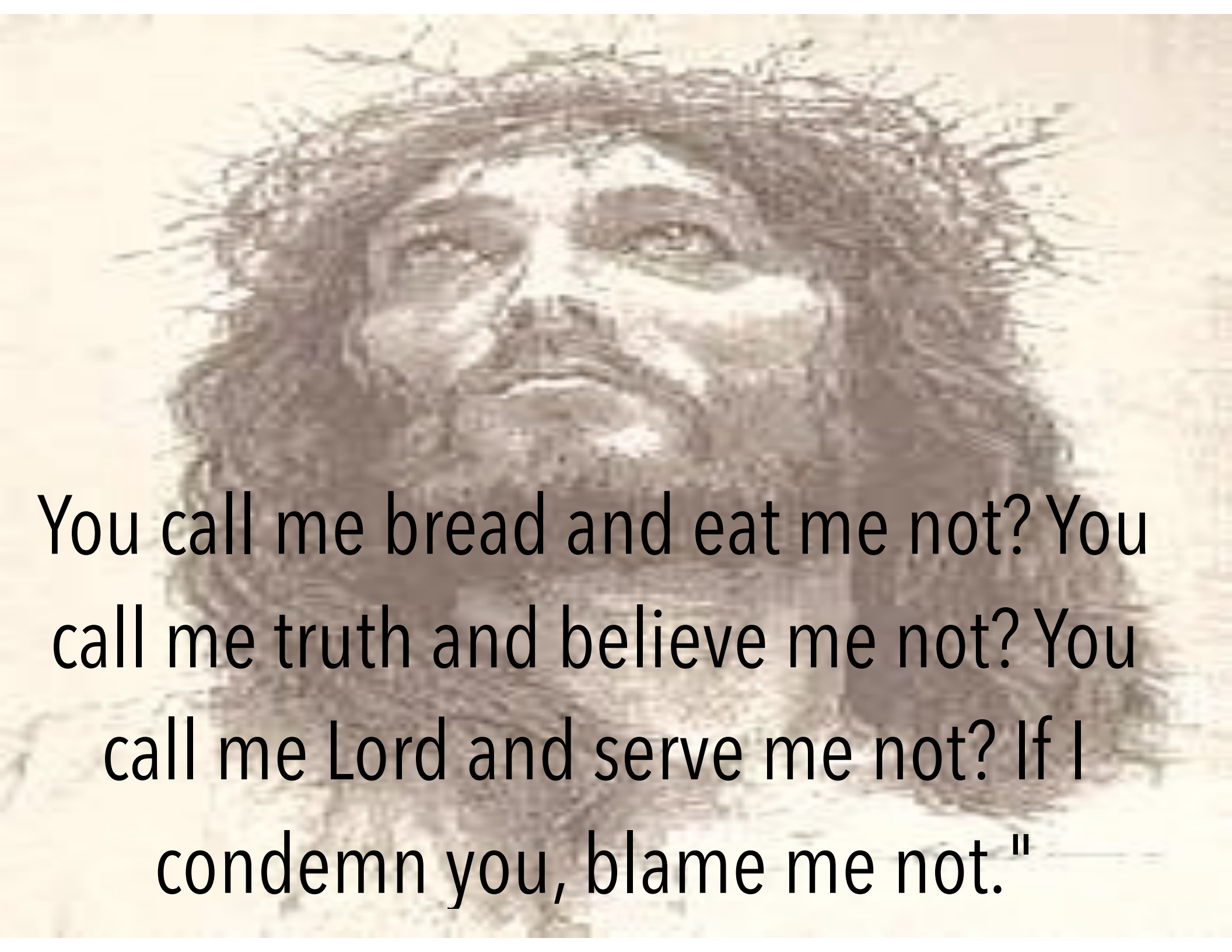


“Why do you call me, ‘Lord,
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say? Luke 6:46





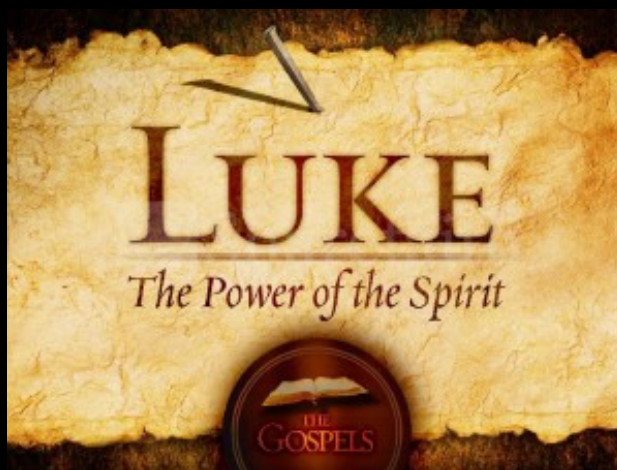
You call me the way and walk me not?
You call me the life and live me not?
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You call me bread and eat me not? You call me truth and believe me not? You call me Lord and serve me not? If I condemn you, blame me not."

As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. 48 They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.

Luke 6:47,48



Ask and it shall be given to you. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. And he who seeks, finds. And to him who knocks, it shall be opened."

Matthew 7:7



