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The Word became
flesh, and dwelt
among us.

John 1:14

¹⁹ Now this was John's testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰ He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Christ." ²¹ They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

John 1:19-21

Everyone was expecting
the Messiah to come
soon, and they were
eager to know whether
John might be the
Messiah. Luke 3:15

“See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. ⁶ He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.” Malachi 4:5,6

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me (Moses) from among you, from your fellow Israelites. ... ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you (Moses) from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him.

Deuteronomy 18:15,18

(Jesus speaking)

And if you are willing to
accept it, he is the Elijah
who was to come.

Matthew 11:14

The disciples asked him, “Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?” ¹¹ Jesus replied, “To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. ¹² But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished.

Matthew 17:10-12

¹³ But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even before his birth.

Luke 1:13,14

¹⁶ He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Luke 1:16,17

22 Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" 23 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the desert, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.' "

John 1:22,23

Shout it louder, O
Jerusalem. ^[b] Shout, and do
not be afraid. Tell the
towns of Judah, “Your God
is coming!”

Isaiah 40:9

24 Now some Pharisees who had been sent
25 questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if
you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the
Prophet?" 26 "I baptize with water," John replied,
"but among you stands one you do not know.
27 He is the one who comes after me, the thongs
of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."
28 This all happened at Bethany on the other
side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

John 1:24-28

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

John 1:29-31

One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit, in bodily form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy. Luke 3:21-22

¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Matthew 11:11



In the fifteenth year of the reign of
Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius
Pilate was governor of Judea, ...² during
the high-priesthood of Annas and
Caiaphas, the word of God came to
John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

Luke 3:1,2

³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.

Luke 3:3,4



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“I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court.”
I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.”

1 Corinthians 4:3,4

**“It is the Lord
who judges me.”**

“Yet to all who received
him, to those who
believed in his name, he
gave the right to become
children of God.”

John 1:12



I. Jesus is our substitute.

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:21**

II. Jesus did it voluntarily.

No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again.

For this is what my Father has commanded.” **John 10:18**



II. Jesus did it voluntarily.

“Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

John 12:27



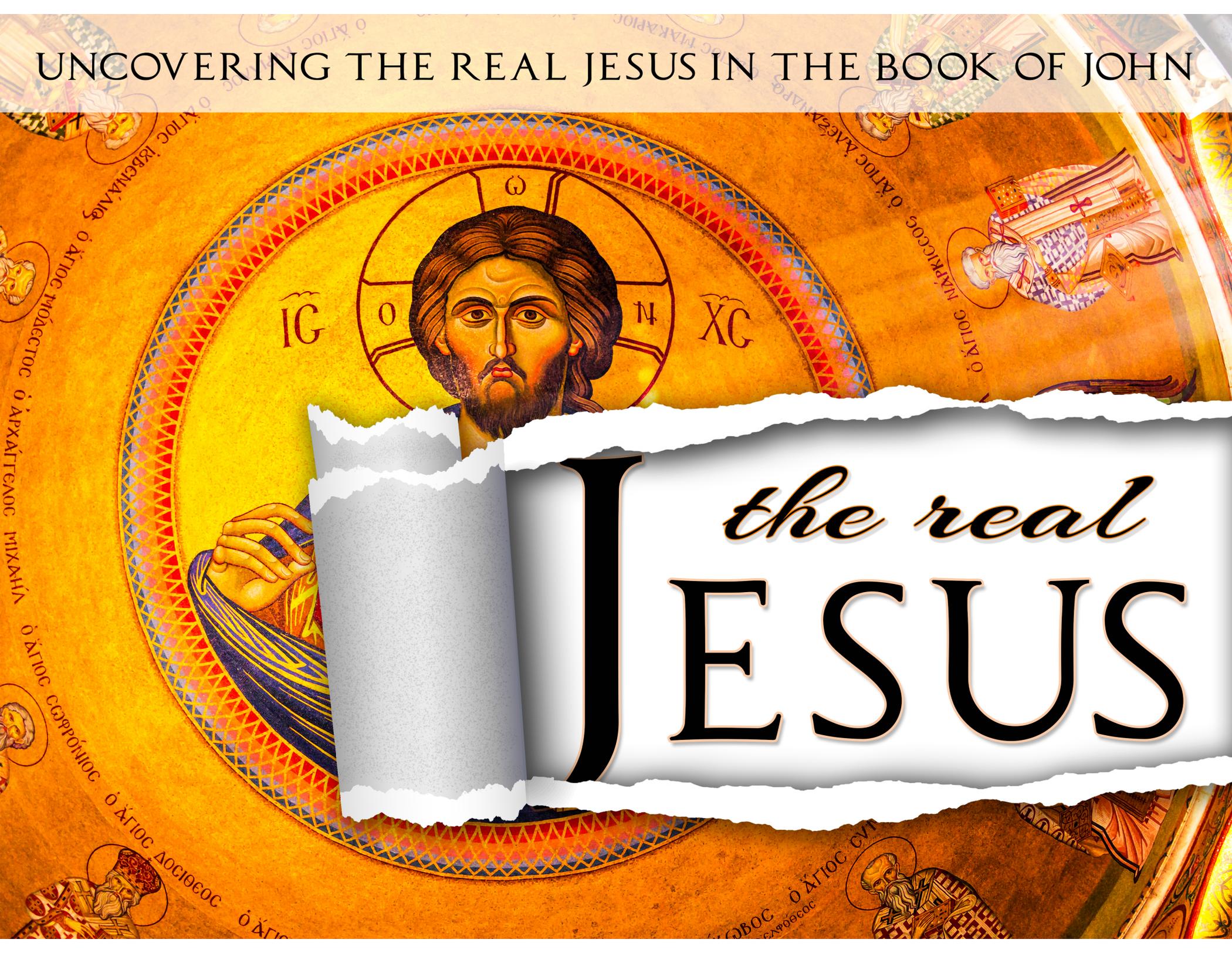
*“Humility is not thinking less of yourself;
it’s thinking of yourself less”*



C.S. Lewis

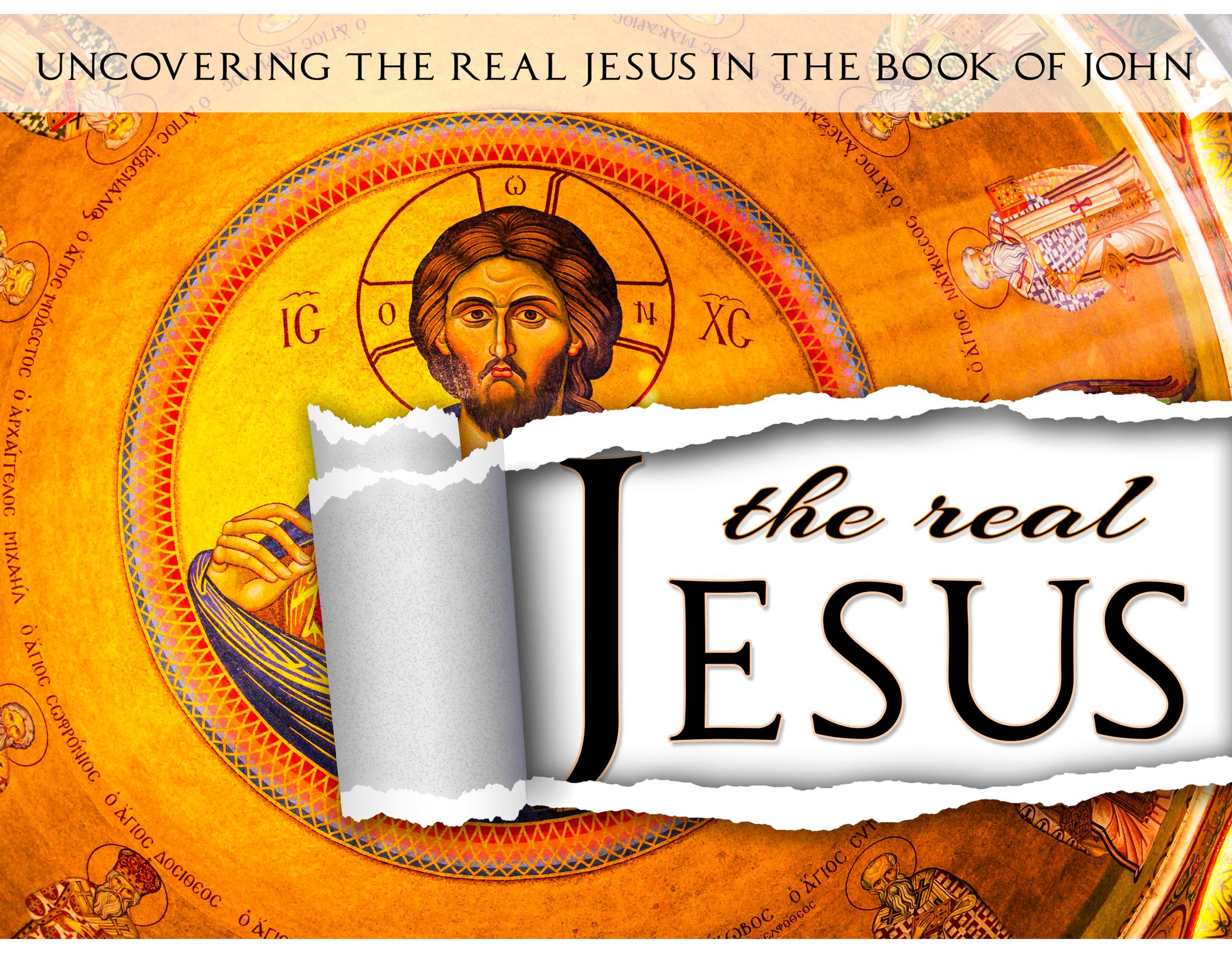


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