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<sup>35</sup> The following day John was again standing with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, "Look! There is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> When John's two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> Jesus looked around and saw them following. "What do you want?" he asked them. They replied, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> "Come and see," he said. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day. [John 1:35-39](#)

<sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means "Christ"). <sup>42</sup> Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, "Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas" (which means "Peter"). [John 1:40-42](#)

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Come, follow me." <sup>44</sup> Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter's hometown. <sup>45</sup> Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, "We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup> "Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" "Come and see for yourself," Philip replied. [John 1:43-46](#)

<sup>47</sup> As they approached, Jesus said, "Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity."  
<sup>48</sup> "How do you know about me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus replied, "I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you." <sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!" [John 1:47-49](#)

<sup>50</sup> Jesus asked him, "Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." <sup>51</sup> Then he said, "I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth." John 1:50,51

# Jesus and the Eyewitnesses

The Gospels as Eyewitness Testimony

SECOND EDITION



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# Jacob's Dream

Genesis  
Chapter  
28





I. How could  
Heaven be  
open to Jacob?

A liar, cheat and  
thief?



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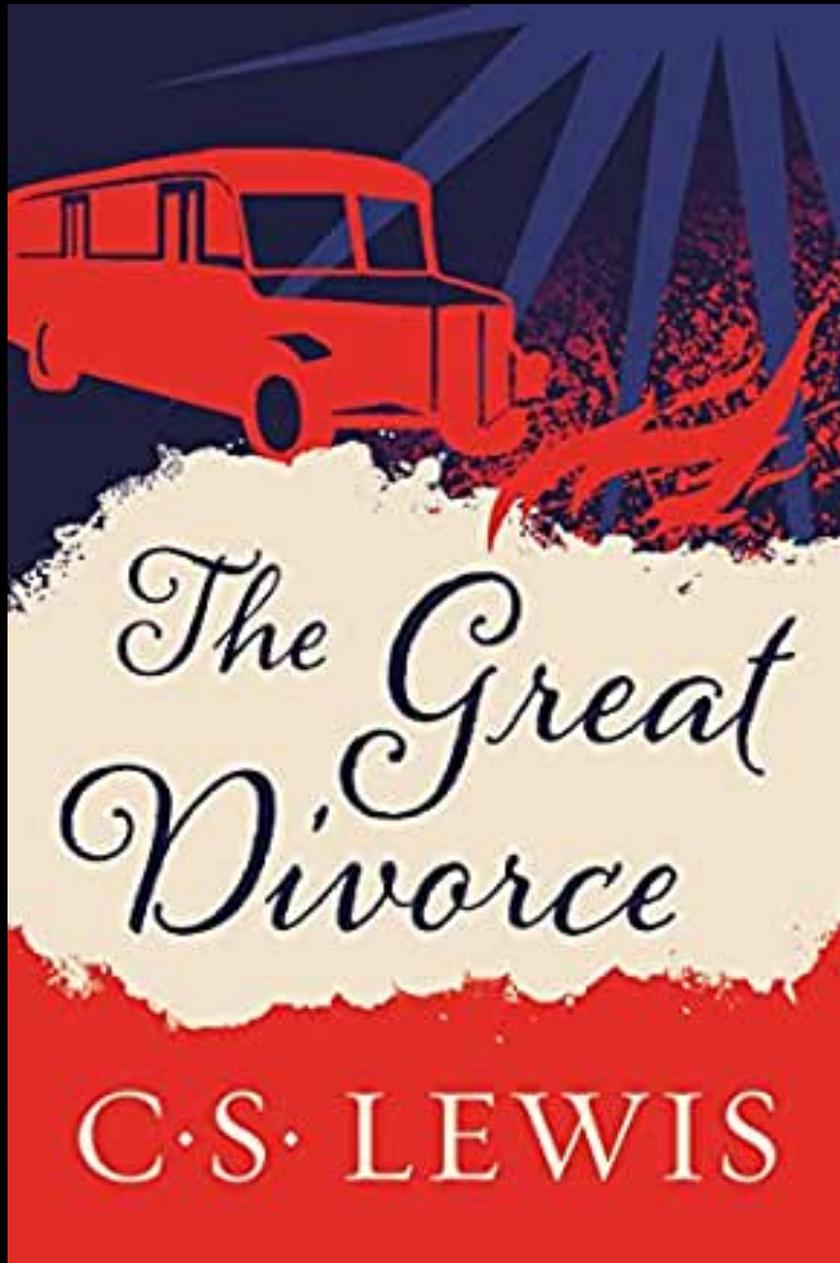
John 1:46



## Isaiah 57:15

The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: "I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts."





C.S. Lewis'

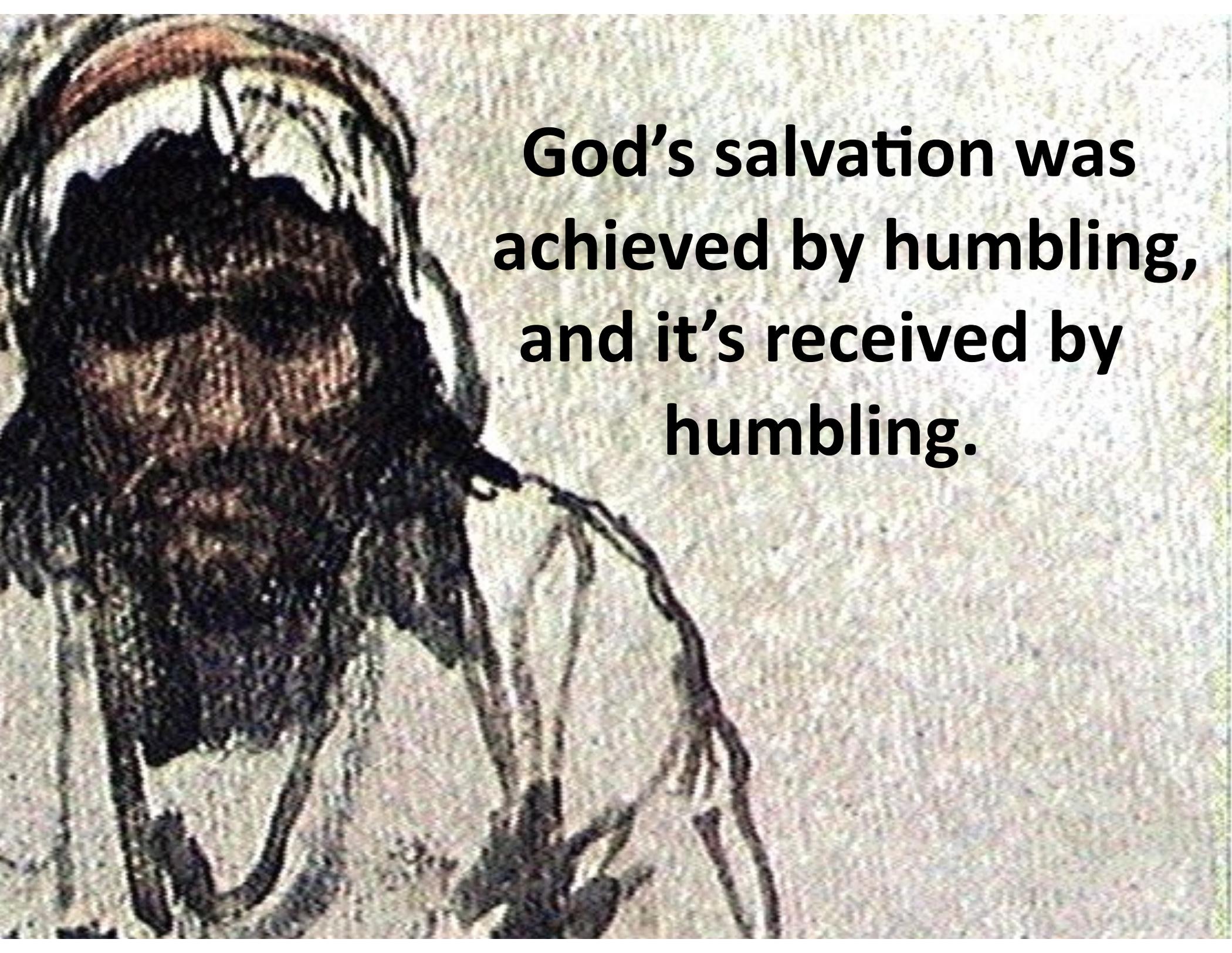
Parable of a bus  
trip from hell to  
heaven.



Hebrews 12:1 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of all these witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and run the race with perseverance marked out before us."

## 1 Corinthians 15:58

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

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**God's salvation was  
achieved by humbling,  
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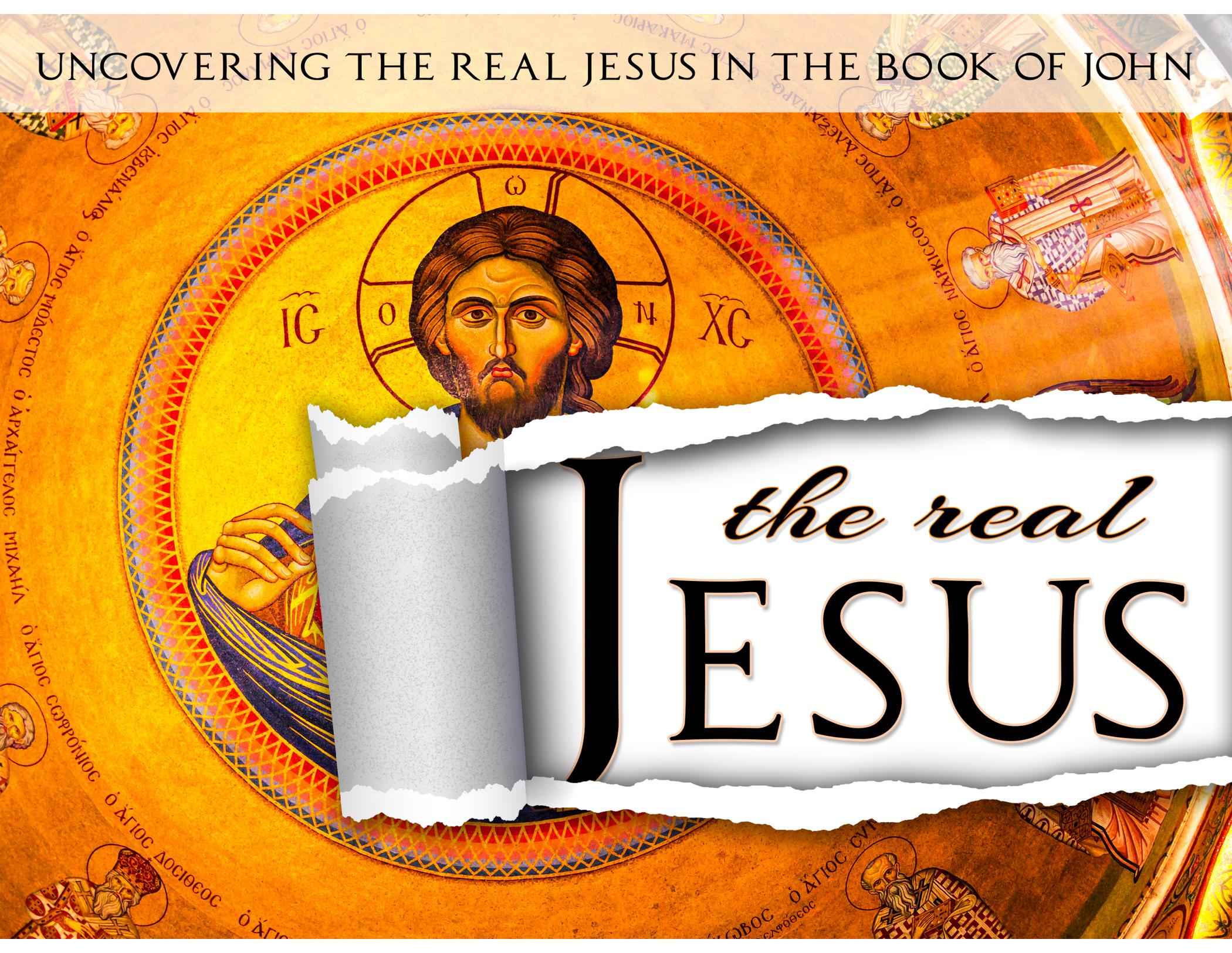
And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." [Luke 9:58](#)



All who are victorious will be clothed  
in white. I will never erase their  
names from the Book of Life, but I  
will announce before my Father and  
his angels that they are mine.

Revelation 3:5

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