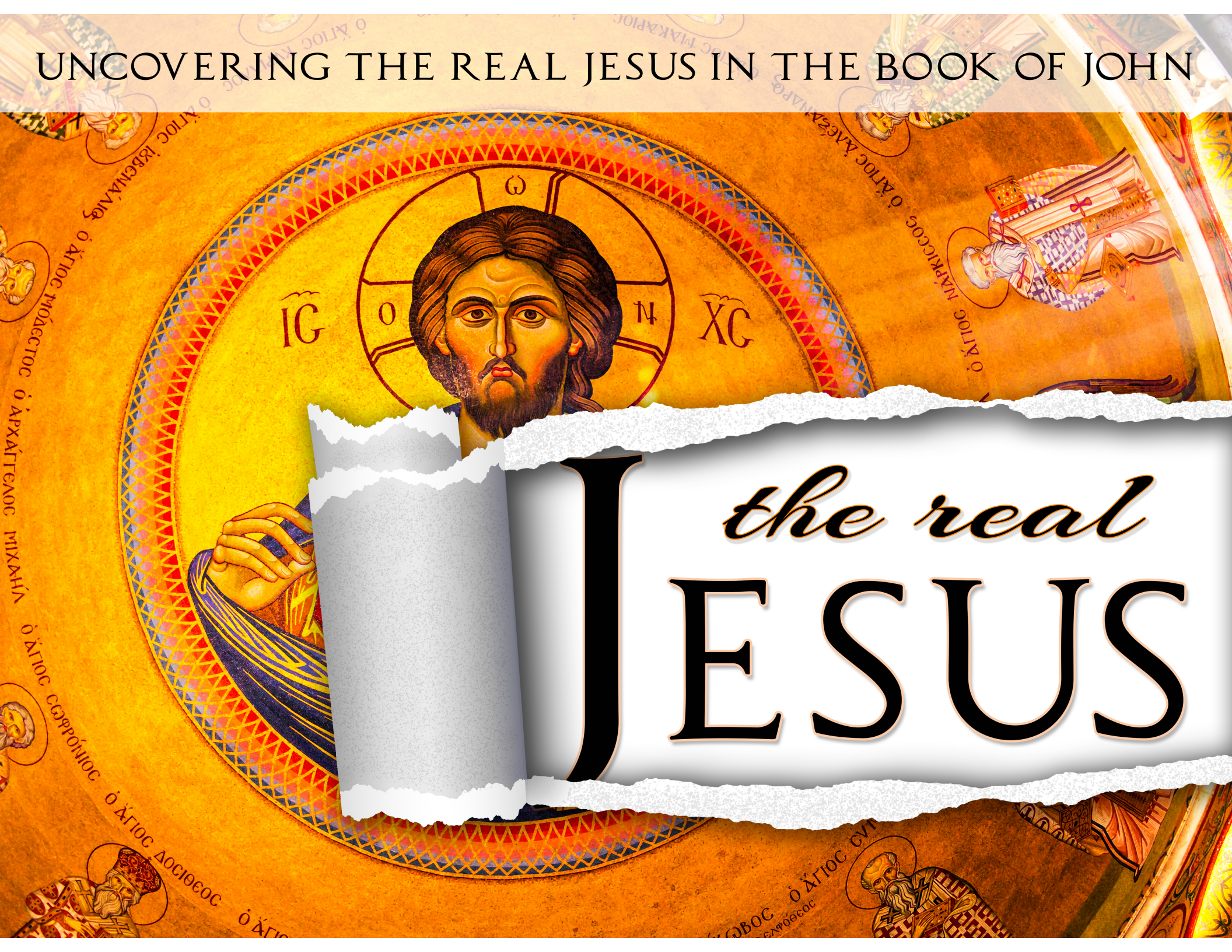


# UNCOVERING THE REAL JESUS IN THE BOOK OF JOHN



*the real*  
**JESUS**

A book cover featuring a close-up portrait of Dave Ramsey, a middle-aged man with glasses and a goatee, wearing a dark jacket over a green shirt. The text on the cover is as follows:

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## John 2:12-22

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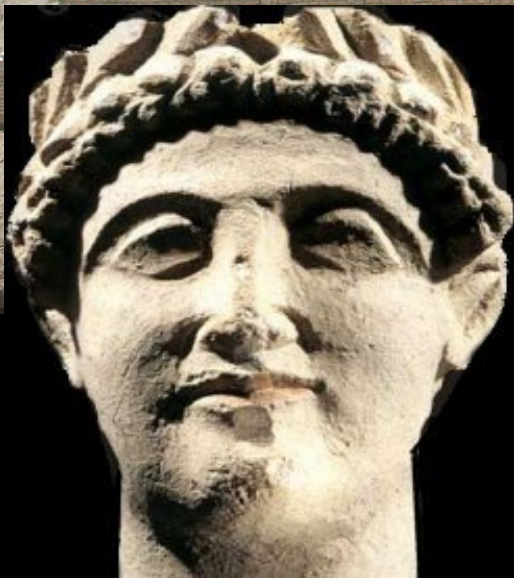
A stylized map on a parchment-like background. The Sea of Galilee is shown in blue on the left. A red location pin is placed on the northern shore, and a black location pin is placed on the southern shore. The word 'Capernaum' is written in red with a white outline, and 'Jerusalem' is written in black with a white outline. A thin blue line representing a road or path runs along the eastern shore of the lake.

**Capernaum**

**Jerusalem**

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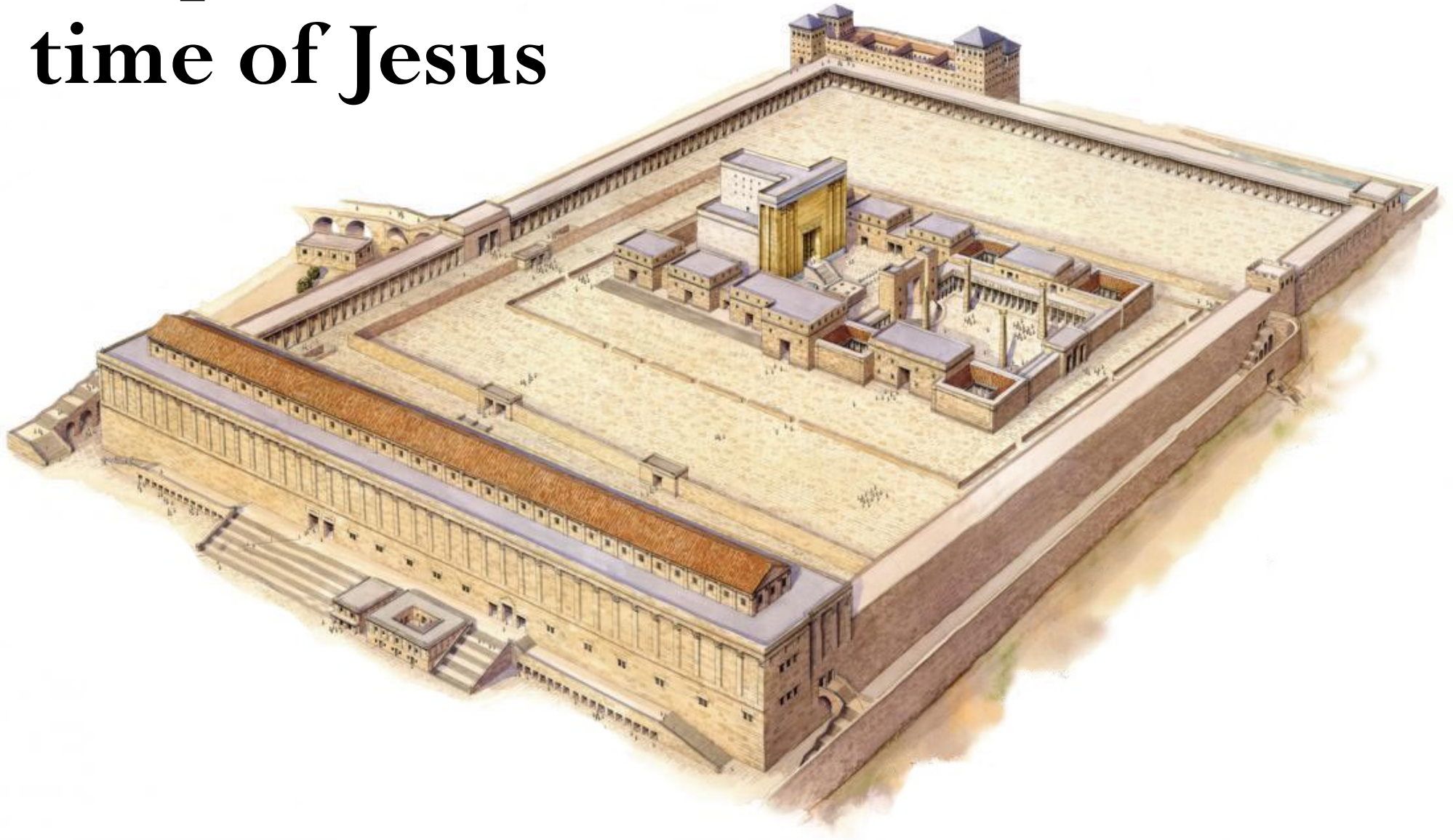
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# Herod's Temple



# Temple in the time of Jesus



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<sup>14</sup>In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup> So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

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<sup>16</sup> To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

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<sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days. <sup>20</sup> They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But the temple he had spoken of was his body.

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<sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they ***believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.***

# 1. God is not a killjoy

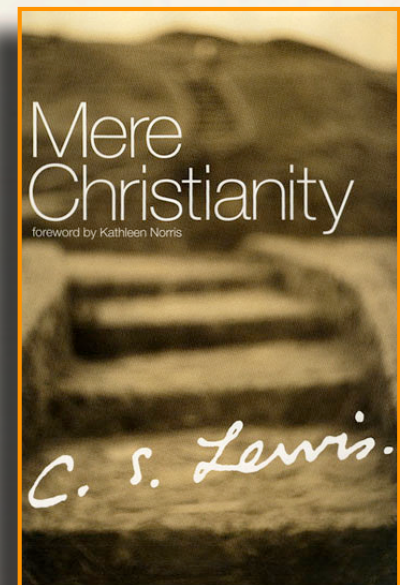
*Consider that the first story John tells us about Jesus is his attendance at a wedding and his intervention, making sure the party kept on rolling. In the next story we, find Jesus and his family in Jerusalem for a week-long celebration.*



“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: *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 the level with the 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 with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher.* He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.” - *C.S. Lewis*

**C.S. Lewis “Mere Christianity”**  
Touchstone Pub. 1980 Pg.56



## 2. Why does Jesus' audacious claim matter today?

*Be honest, if Jesus really is God - it would be crazy to ignore Him! If he was a liar, we ought to denounce him! If he is a lunatic, we do more damage than good by giving him any attention. But if he is the King, what else could we do than give him all that we are?*

### 3. Where would you direct Jesus to go “clean things up”?

*There are many places in the world that we'd like to see Jesus come and bring some of this same kind of cleansing to. We should not ignore injustice when we see it. But the most important place you can invite Jesus to come to make changes is in - you.*