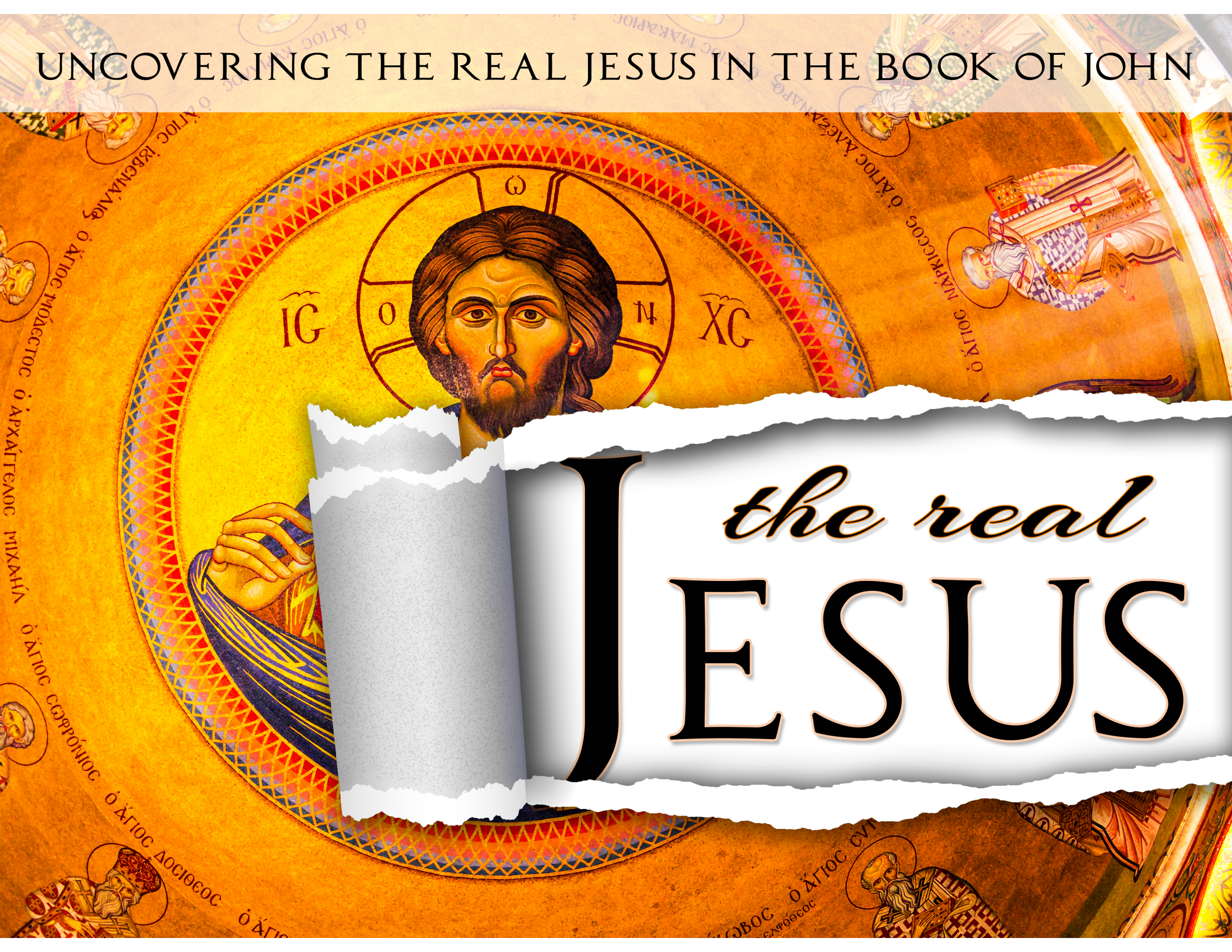


UNCOVERING THE REAL JESUS IN THE BOOK OF JOHN



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JESUS

Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead.² A dinner was prepared in Jesus' honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him.³ Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance.

John 12:1-3

⁴ But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, ⁵ "That perfume was worth a year's wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor." ⁶ Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples' money, he often stole some for himself. ⁷ Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial. ⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

⁹ When all the people heard of Jesus' arrival, they flocked to see him and also to see Lazarus, the man Jesus had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the leading priests decided to kill Lazarus, too, ¹¹ for it was because of him that many of the people had deserted them and believed in Jesus.

John 12:9-11



For whoever wants to save their life will lose it,
but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

Matthew 16:25

Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while
anyone who hates their life in this world will
keep it for eternal life. John 12:25



Mary's account is also recorded by

Matthew Chapter 26 & Mark 14

But Luke Chapter 7

Though similar, is a different account of a different unnamed woman who also anoints Jesus .



⁴Some of those at the table were indignant. ...⁵So they scolded her harshly.

Mark 14:4,5



"That perfume was
worth a year's wages.

John 12:5

Truly I tell you, wherever this
gospel is preached
throughout the world, what
she has done will also be
told, in memory of her."

Matthew 26:13



She broke the jar and poured
the perfume on his head.

Mark 14:3



The house was filled
with the fragrance.

John 12:3



**FOLLOWING CHRIST
MEANS LETTING GO OF
OURSELVES**

1. When Mary breaks the vial,
she is saying what?

*“I’m going to follow you,
no matter what the cost.”*

2. When Mary goes for Jesus' feet she is saying what?

“There is nothing I wouldn't do for Jesus.”

3. When Mary let's down her hair
she is saying what?

*“Not only am I going to give you
everything I have, but I’m going
to give you everything I am.”*



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Am I obeying God for my sake or for his?
Am I using him to get to my goals, or am
I letting him use me to get to His goals?

Author Tim Keller









Following Christ
means we factor
His death for us.

When Mary arrived and saw
Jesus, *she fell at his feet* and
said, "Lord, if only you had
been here, my brother would
not have died." John 11:32



Many of the people who were with Mary believed in Jesus when they saw this happen. ⁴⁶ But some went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

John 11:45,46





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