

An empty tomb with a rolled-away stone and a white cloth, with light streaming from the entrance.

FAMILY EASTER PICNIC

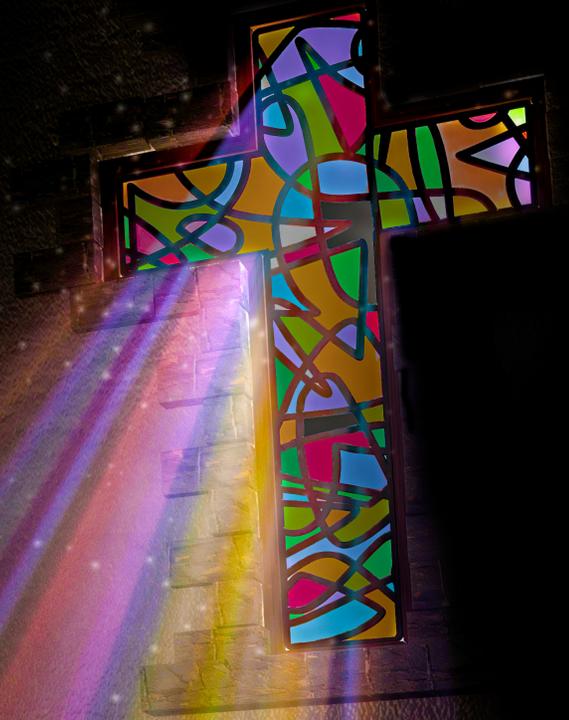
Saturday, April 3rd
9:00am-12:00pm

**For details & to sign up, email
Lori at lori@sierra.church**

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

APRIL 2nd 6pm

online only at www.sierra.church



The graphic features the word "EASTER" in large, bold, dark red letters. The letters are filled with a landscape scene of a sunset or sunrise over a field with three crosses on a hill. Below "EASTER" is the word "Services" in a dark red, cursive script font with a white outline. The background is a gradient of yellow and orange.

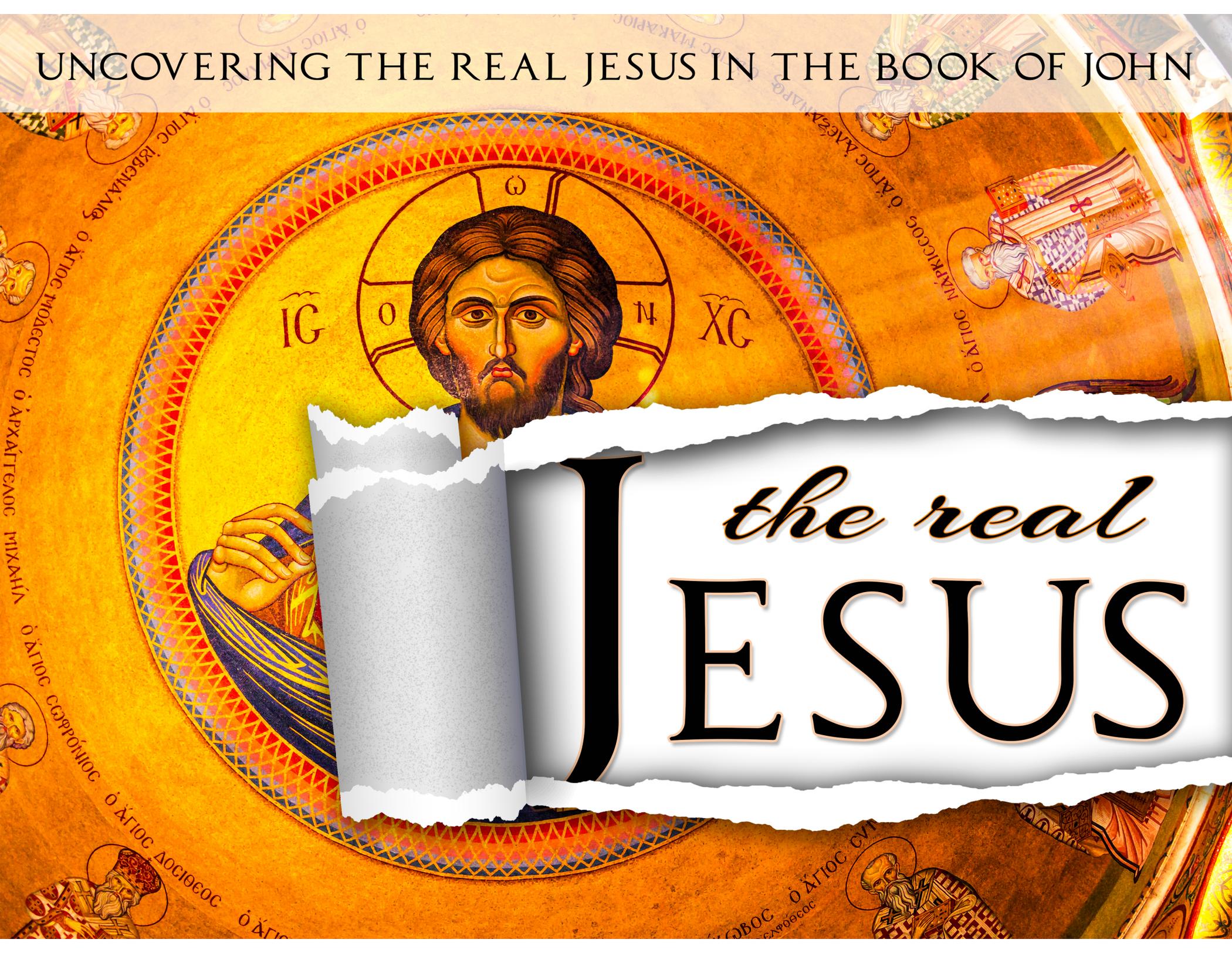
EASTER

Services

Saturday, April 3rd 6:30pm

Sunday, April 4th 9am & 10:45am

UNCOVERING THE REAL JESUS IN THE BOOK OF JOHN



the real
JESUS

¹ It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. ² The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus.

John 13:1,2

³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. [John 13:3-5](#)

⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." ⁹ "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

John 13:6-9

¹⁰ Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. ¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place.

John 13:10-12

“Do you understand what I have done for you?”
he asked them. ¹³ “You call me ‘Teacher’ and
‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now
that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your
feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ I
have set you an example that you should do as I
have done for you. [John 13:12-15](#)

¹⁶ I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

John 13:16,17



Then they began to argue
among themselves about
who would be the greatest
among them. Luke 22:24



Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form,⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Philippians 2:6-8





Then Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.'²⁶ But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant.

Luke 22:25,26



Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves.

Luke 22:27



1st Application:

*Be the kind of people
who gladly go low to
serve others.*

Jesus knew that the Father had
put all things under his power,
and that he had come from
God and was returning to God;

John 13:3

2nd Application:

*Live like we belong
to God because
we do.*



For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Romans 8:29



He will take our weak mortal
bodies and change them into
glorious bodies like his
own... Philippians 3:21





*“When death meets you and me,
we are it’s victims because we
deserve to die. But Jesus was not a
victim of death; it was his chosen
act on our behalf.”*

Pastor Tim Keller



Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. ¹⁵ Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

Hebrews 2:14,15





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John 13:10

(Jesus) saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:5



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John 13:10

"If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness,"
1 John 1:9.





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3rd Application:

Our influence and authority are the result of humble service.

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John 13:16,17

“Balancing the warning about servants not being greater than their master is the promise at the end of this passage. Those that go in Jesus name, who get on with whatever work he gives them to do in his spirit and his love, are given an extraordinary status and privilege.”



N.T. Wright
Author, Theologian

I tell you the truth, anyone who
welcomes my messenger is
welcoming me, and anyone who
welcomes me is welcoming the
Father who sent me."

John 13:20

“Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes Jesus, and thereby also welcomes ‘the One who sent him. You probably won’t realize it at the time. You’ll be too busy thinking of the people you’re working for and with. ”



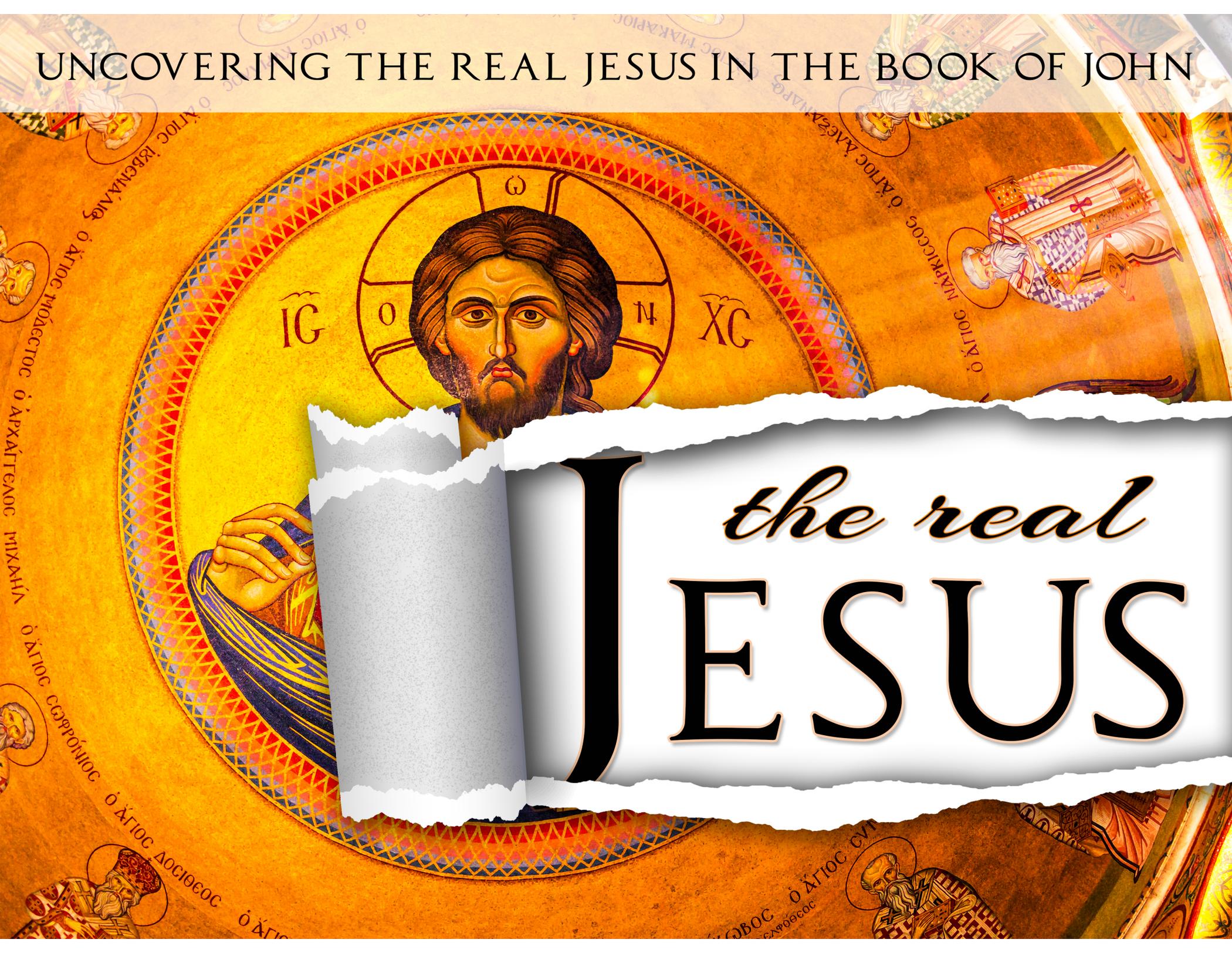
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“But, as you look back, you may be startled by the joy of realizing that as you walked in to that house, that hospital, that place of pain or love or sorrow or hope, Jesus was walking in, wearing your skin, speaking in your tone of voice. “I’ve given you an example,’ he said, and he meant it.”



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