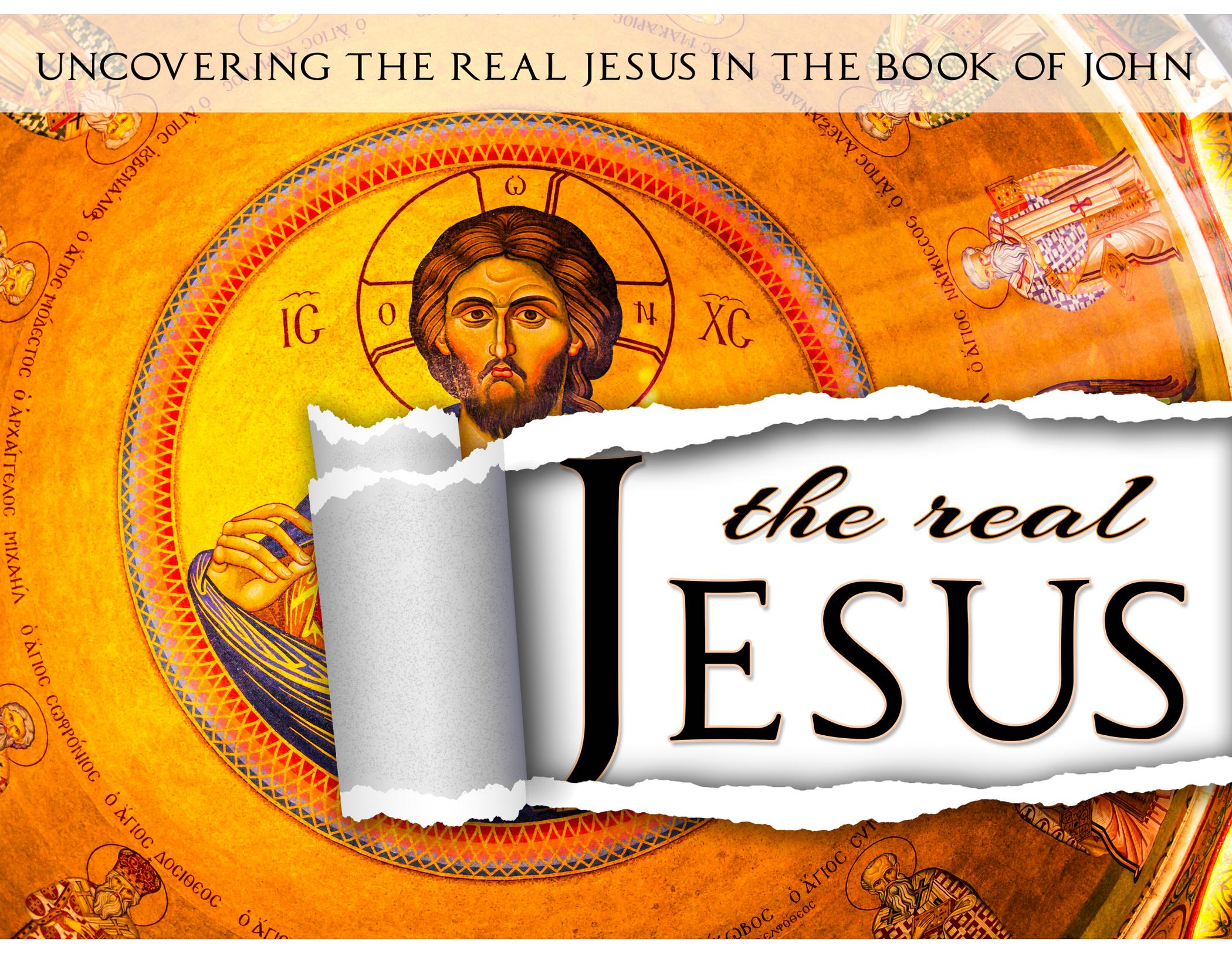


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33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" 34 "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" 35 "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

John 18:33,34

³⁶ Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."

John 18:36

37 "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

John 18:37



Tim Keller



The early Christian community, decided that abortion and female infanticide was wrong. In those days in the Roman world, parents could kill their children if they wanted to. It was their right.

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When a child was born, if you didn't want the child, you could literally throw it out into the field or onto the street to die of exposure. That usually was something that was done to female babies, because women were not as economically valuable to the family.



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THE RISE OF CHRISTIANITY



How the Obscure, Marginal Jesus Movement Became the Dominant
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To cities filled with the homeless and impoverished, Christianity offered charity as well as hope. ...To cities filled with orphans and widows, Christianity provided a new and expanded sense of family. To cities torn by violent ethnic strife, Christianity offered a new basis for social solidarity.



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Most Romans weren't Christians, but they continually adopted the Christian approach to relationships, the Christian approach to the poor, the Christian approach to sexuality and family was so attractive, so life-giving, that the...



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Roman society slowly became less brutal and a far better place to live. Why? Because Jesus bore witness to the truth, and the Christians bore witness to the truth.



And let the peace that comes
from Christ rule in your hearts.

Colossians 3:15



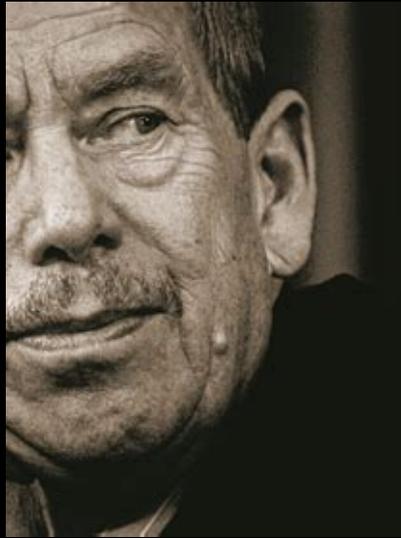
Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer everyone.

Colossians 4:6



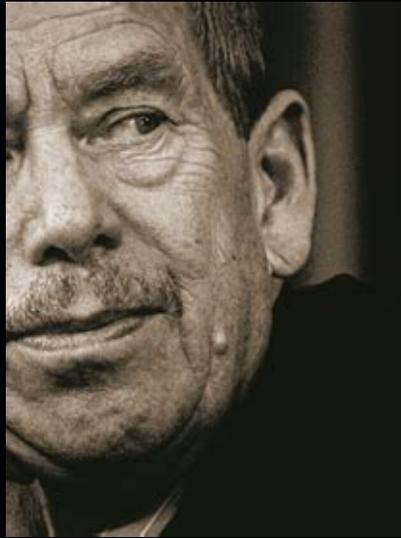
37 ...for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." 38 "What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him." John 18:37,38





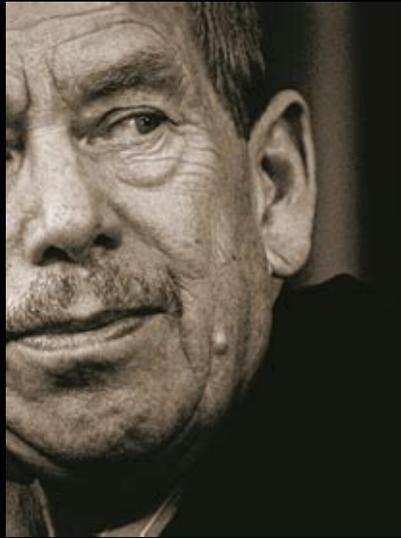
Vaclav Havel President of the Czech Republic

“Everybody who seeks political office, has two motivations in the heart. The one is, ‘I want to use power in the service of truth. The other motivation is you don’t want power just to serve the truth. You also want power as an end in itself. You want power to fill the deep need every human heart has for self-affirmation.



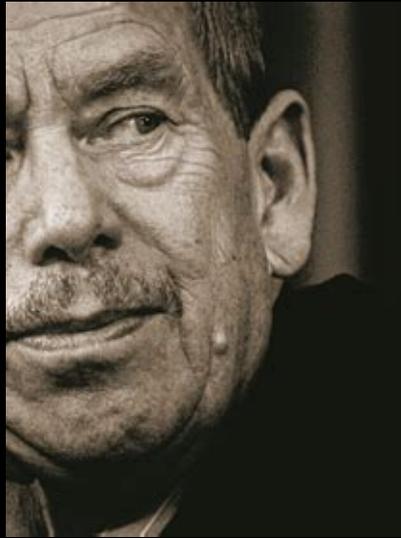
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“Every human being has a need to prove you are something. Nothing does that better than political office. Political office is the way to affirm to the world and to yourself through the gaining of power and of that power’s reach you have an undeniable identity. It’s a guarantee you exist in a truly valid and significant way.”



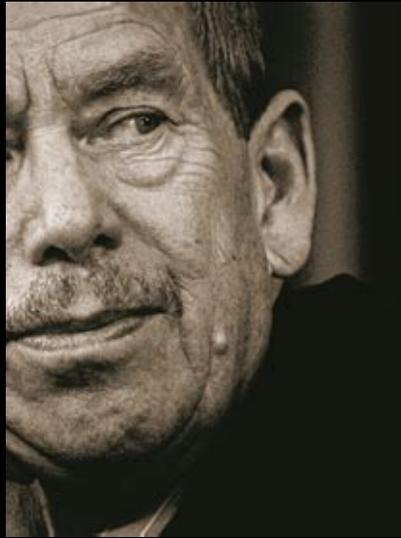
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“You both want power as a means to an end to serve others and the truth, but you also want power as an end in itself to fill that need you have to convince yourself you’re a significant person.”



Vaclav Havel President of the Czech Republic

“Virtually everybody, when they are seeking political office, only admits to themselves and other people they only have the first motive. They won’t admit they have the second motive. They don’t seem to know they have the second motive. ”



Vaclav Havel President of the Czech Republic

“You will hold onto power, whether you decide your ideas work or not. Why? You need the power. So you hold onto the power. Why? Because there’s an inner emptiness. You need the honor, you need the glory, and so you hold onto it, no matter what. There is something treacherous, delusive, and ambiguous in the temptation of power. ”



Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

Colossians 3:23



“Where do you come from?” he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ “Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?”

John 19:9,10

“You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above.

John 19:11

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 servant and was born as a human being. Philippians 2:6,7



When he appeared in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Philippians 2:7,8



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N.T. Wright

“ It’s Passover, Pilate wants nothing to do with this case. The religious leaders are determined that Jesus shall die, and that Pilate must take charge of the matter. Rome, the greatest legal system of the ancient world and Israel, it’s noblest religion, come together in the center of the world and in the center of history. ”

A black and white portrait of N.T. Wright, a man with a beard and glasses, looking directly at the camera. The background is dark and slightly out of focus.

N.T. Wright

“ Together they stumble into an act so wicked, so unjust, and so indicative of their own moral bankruptcy that, before anything more is said, we can already draw the correct conclusion. ”

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“ That the man dying at the center of this storm is indeed dying for the sins of the world. Truth is what Jesus is; and Jesus is dying for Barabbas, and for Israel, and for the world. And for you and me.”



