

UNCOVERING THE REAL JESUS IN THE BOOK OF JOHN



*the real*  
**JESUS**

<sup>16</sup> These are the twelve (Jesus) chose: Simon (whom he named Peter),<sup>17</sup> James and John, the sons of Zebedee, but Jesus nicknamed them "Sons of Thunder".

When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" [Luke 9:54](#)

“Look! The virgin will  
conceive a child! She will give  
birth to a son, and they will  
call him Immanuel, which  
means *‘God is with us.’*”

Matthew 1:23

He will be very great and  
will be called the *Son of  
the Most High*. Luke 1:32

"So the baby to be born will be  
holy, and he will be called the  
*'Son of God.'*" Luke 1:35



"That you might believe, that  
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God;  
and that believing, you might  
have salvation in His name."

John 20:31

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning the Word  
already existed. The Word  
was with God, and the Word  
was God. <sup>2</sup> He existed in the  
beginning with God.

John 1:1,2

3 God created everything  
through him, and  
nothing was created  
except through him.

John 1:3

“So Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,<sup>16</sup> for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him.<sup>17</sup> He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Colossians 1:15-17

4 The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. John 1:4

5 The light shines in the  
darkness, and the darkness  
can never extinguish it.

John 1:5



# N.T. Wright

English New Testament scholar

'In the beginning' - no Bible reader could see that phrase and not think at once of the start of Genesis, the first book of the Old Testament: *'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth'*



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Whatever else John is going to tell us, he wants us to see his book is about the creator God acting in a new way within his much loved creation. He will do this through 'the Word'.

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GOD & THE WORLD

12:1-3



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The English translation  
for “Word”  
comes from the  
Greek word- “*LOGOS*”

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*What is the purpose  
of life?*





# C.S. Lewis

“There are no answers, right? We’re supposed to just take a walk, hug a child, just enjoy life as much as you can. Be strong even though there are no answers.” You go on out there and you hug a child and you smell the flowers, but reality keeps breaking in.”

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## 2. Jesus is the guide to life's purpose

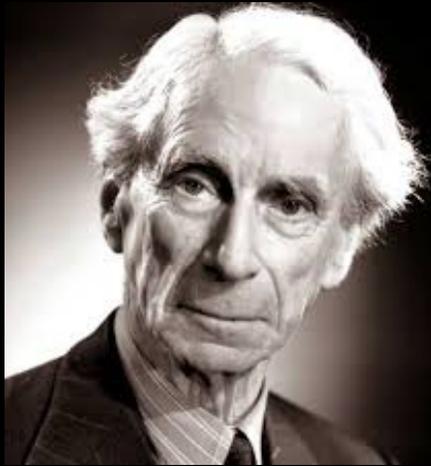
It's not just that Jesus is what you're after, but Jesus Christ also gives you the guidelines to get there.

## 2. Jesus is the guide to life's purpose

"...the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

John 18:37





# Bertrand Russell

"Man is a product of the  
*“accidental collocation of atoms”*  
and all human genius will  
someday die in the “vast death  
of the solar system.”



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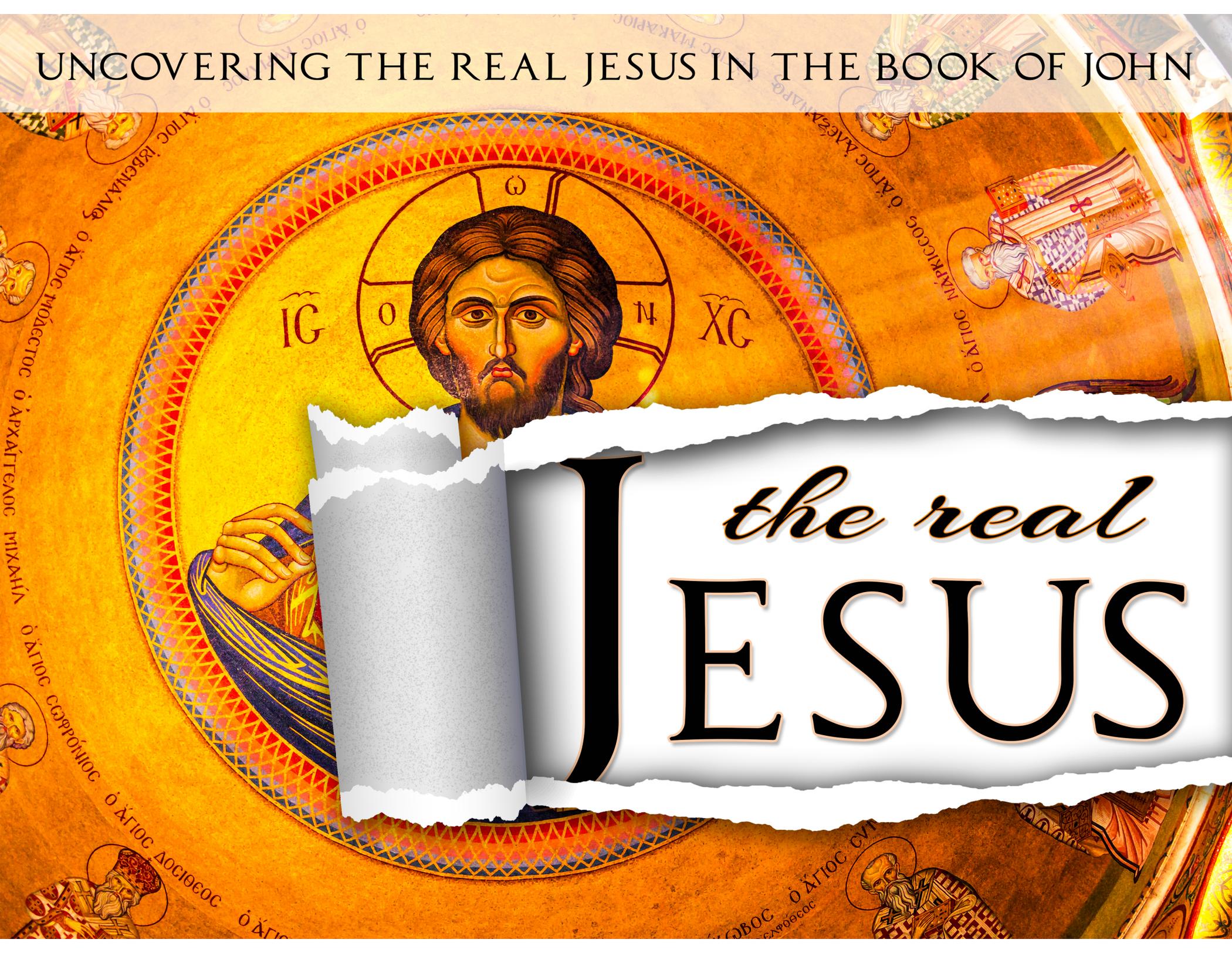
I love those who love  
me, and those who  
seek me find me.

Proverbs 8:17

You will seek Me and  
find *Me* when you search  
for Me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13

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