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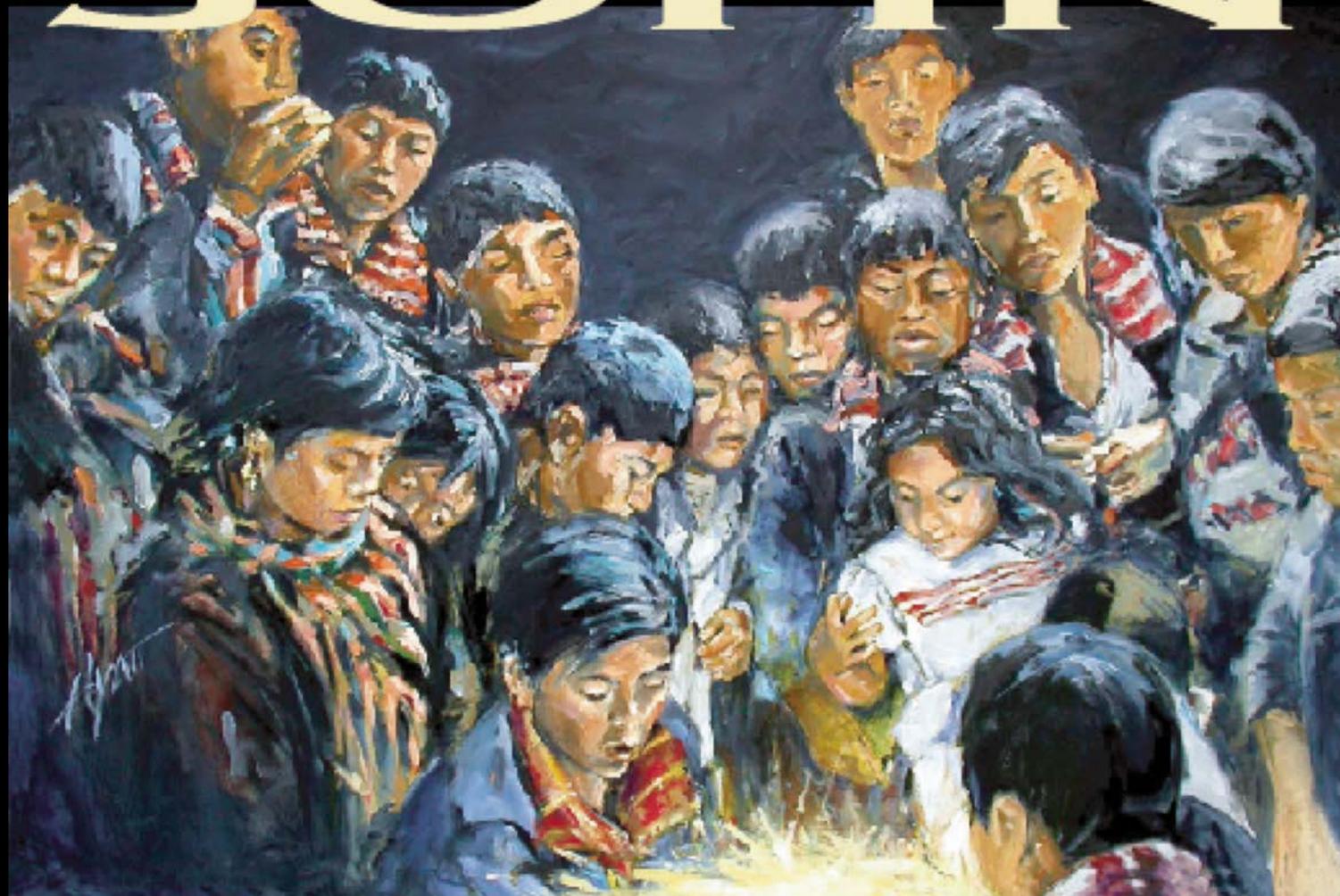
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# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO **JOHN**



**PART ONE ~ THE WORD BECAME FLESH  
AND MOVED INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

# *The Background of the Big Mystery*

**God's intimate relationship to Moses  
and the system He left for the people  
of Israel from Exodus 33-34**

## Exodus 33:7-34:14

<sup>7</sup>Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the “tent of meeting”. Anyone inquiring of the LORD would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. <sup>8</sup>And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. <sup>9</sup>As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the LORD spoke with Moses. <sup>10</sup>Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshipped, each at the entrance to his tent. <sup>11</sup>The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young assistant Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.

## Exodus 33:7-34:14 (cont'd)

<sup>12</sup>Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’ <sup>13</sup>If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” <sup>15</sup>Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.

<sup>16</sup>How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

## Exodus 33:7-34:14 (cont'd)

<sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name." <sup>18</sup>Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."  
<sup>19</sup>And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. <sup>20</sup>But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." <sup>21</sup>Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. <sup>22</sup>When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup>Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

## Exodus 33:7-34:14 (cont'd)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. <sup>2</sup>Be ready in the morning, and then come up on Mount Sinai. Present yourself to me there on top of the mountain. <sup>3</sup>No one is to come with you or be seen anywhere on the mountain; not even the flocks and herds may graze in front of the mountain.” <sup>4</sup>So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the LORD had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands.

## Exodus 33:7-34:14 (cont'd)

<sup>5</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup>maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation."

## Exodus 33:7-34:14 (cont'd)

<sup>8</sup>Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshipped.

<sup>9</sup>“O Lord, if I have found favor in your eyes,” he said, “then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance.” <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said: “I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the LORD, will do for you.

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<sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said: “I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the LORD, will do for you. <sup>11</sup>Obey what I command you today. I will drive out before you the Amorites, Canaanites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites...

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*John 1:14-18*

<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”

<sup>16</sup>From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known.

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*Romans 5:20-21*

<sup>20</sup>The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, <sup>21</sup>so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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*Galatians 3:10-13*

<sup>10</sup>All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.” <sup>11</sup>Clearly no-one is justified before God by the law, because, “The righteous will live by faith.” <sup>12</sup>The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, “The man who does these things will live by them.” <sup>13</sup>Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”

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*Galatians 4:3-5*

<sup>3</sup>So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

**“Here, then, as in Paul’s writings, Christ displaces the law of Moses as the focus of divine revelation and the way to life. This Gospel emphasizes in a series of presentations that the new order fulfils, surpasses and replaces the old: the wine of the new creation is better than the water which is used in Jewish religion (John 2:10), the new temple supersedes the old (2:19), the new birth is the gateway into a sphere of life which cannot be entered by natural birth, even natural birth into membership of the chosen people (3:3, 5), the living water of the Spirit which Jesus imparts is far superior both to the water in Jacob’s well and to the water which was ritually poured out in the temple court at the feast of Tabernacles (4:13f.; 7:37 ff.), the bread of heaven is the reality of which the manna in the wilderness was but an adumbration (6:32f.). Moses was the mediator of the law; Jesus Christ is not only the mediator but the embodiment of grace and truth.**

**‘What God was, the Word was.’”**

*~ F.F. Bruce, The Gospel of John, page 44*

*Now that the Mystery is revealed, why don't we feel a feeling of disappointment?*

*John 1:16-17*

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# Application Questions ~

*Are you living life the very same as the people of Israel of Old?*

*Or are you living it by 'grace and truth?'*