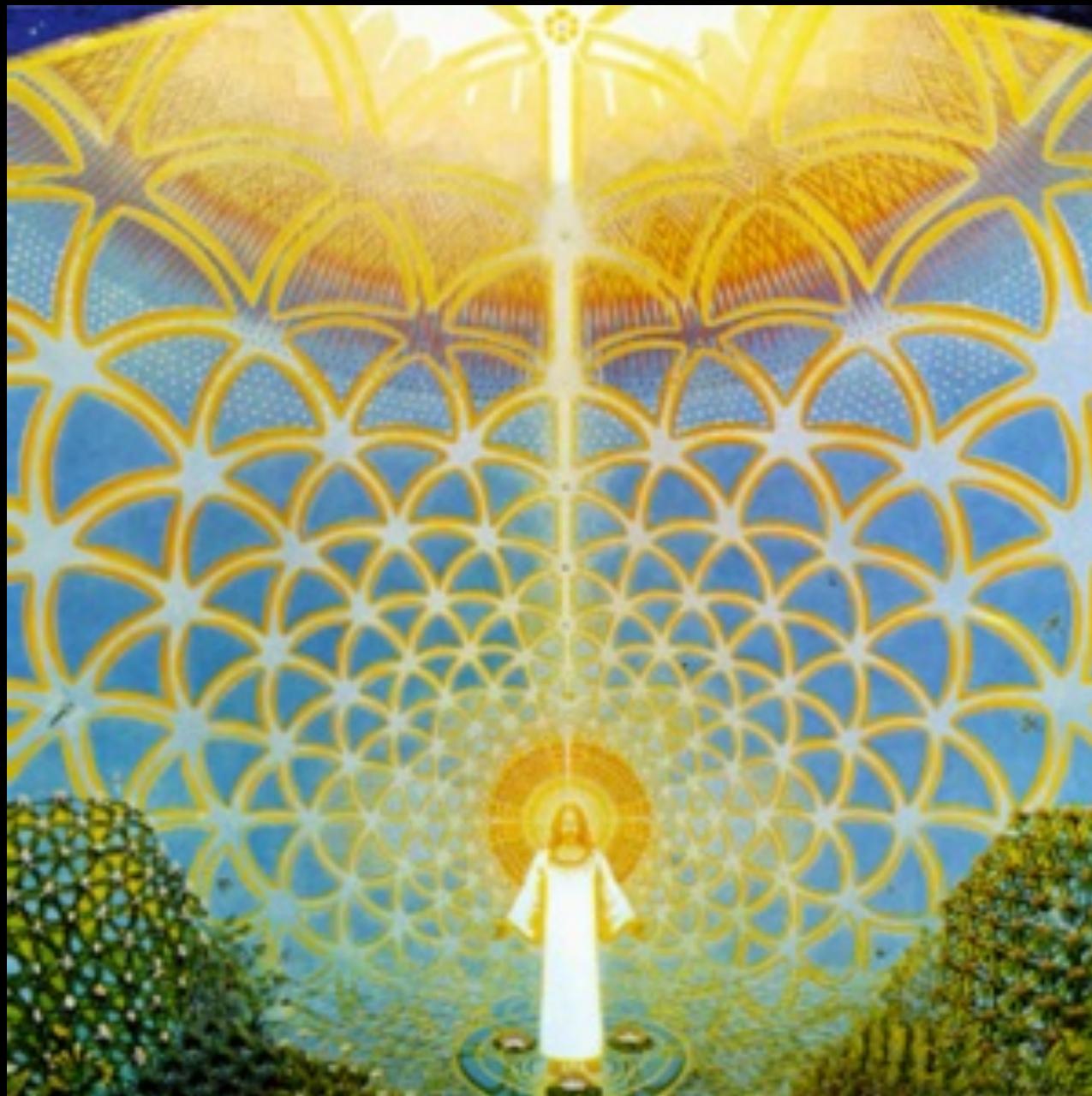
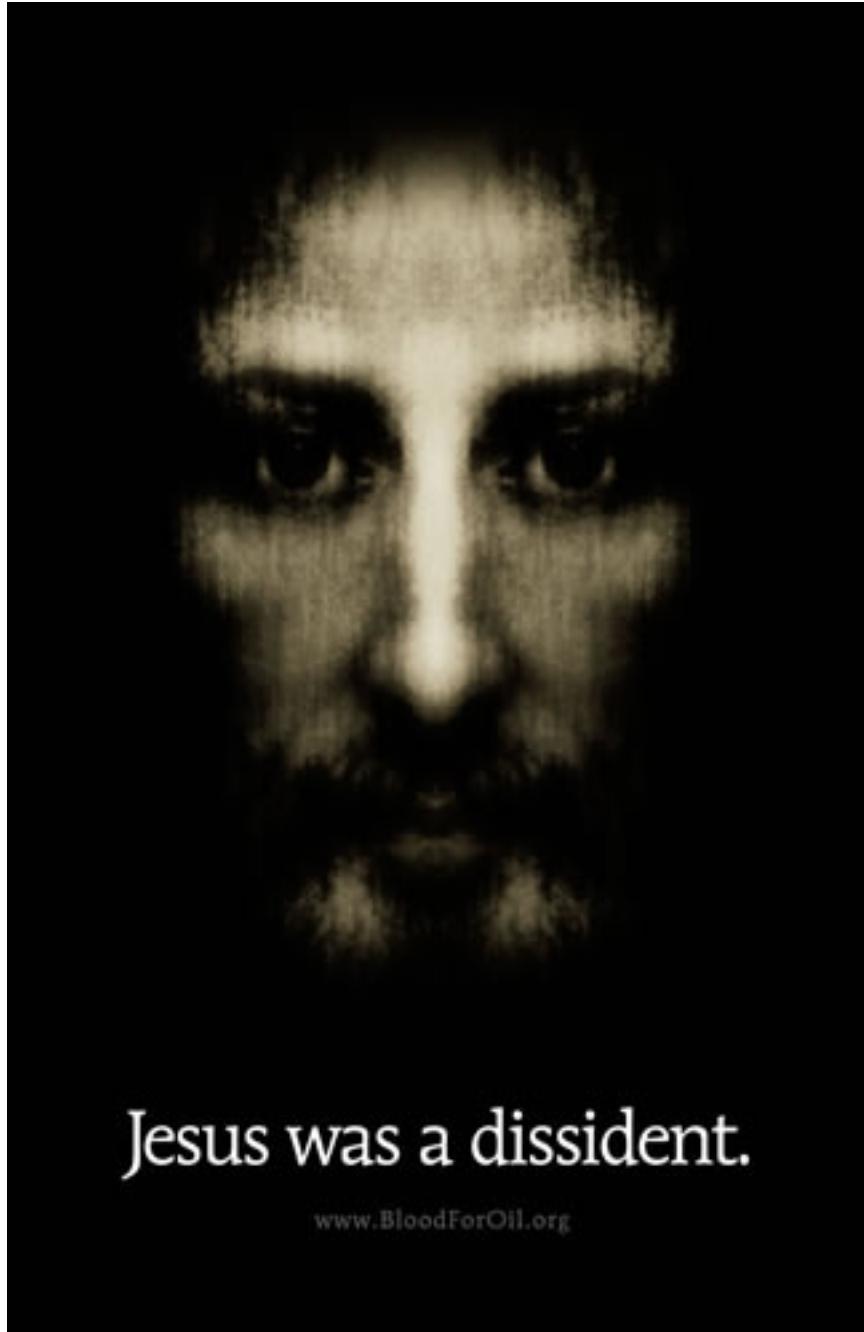






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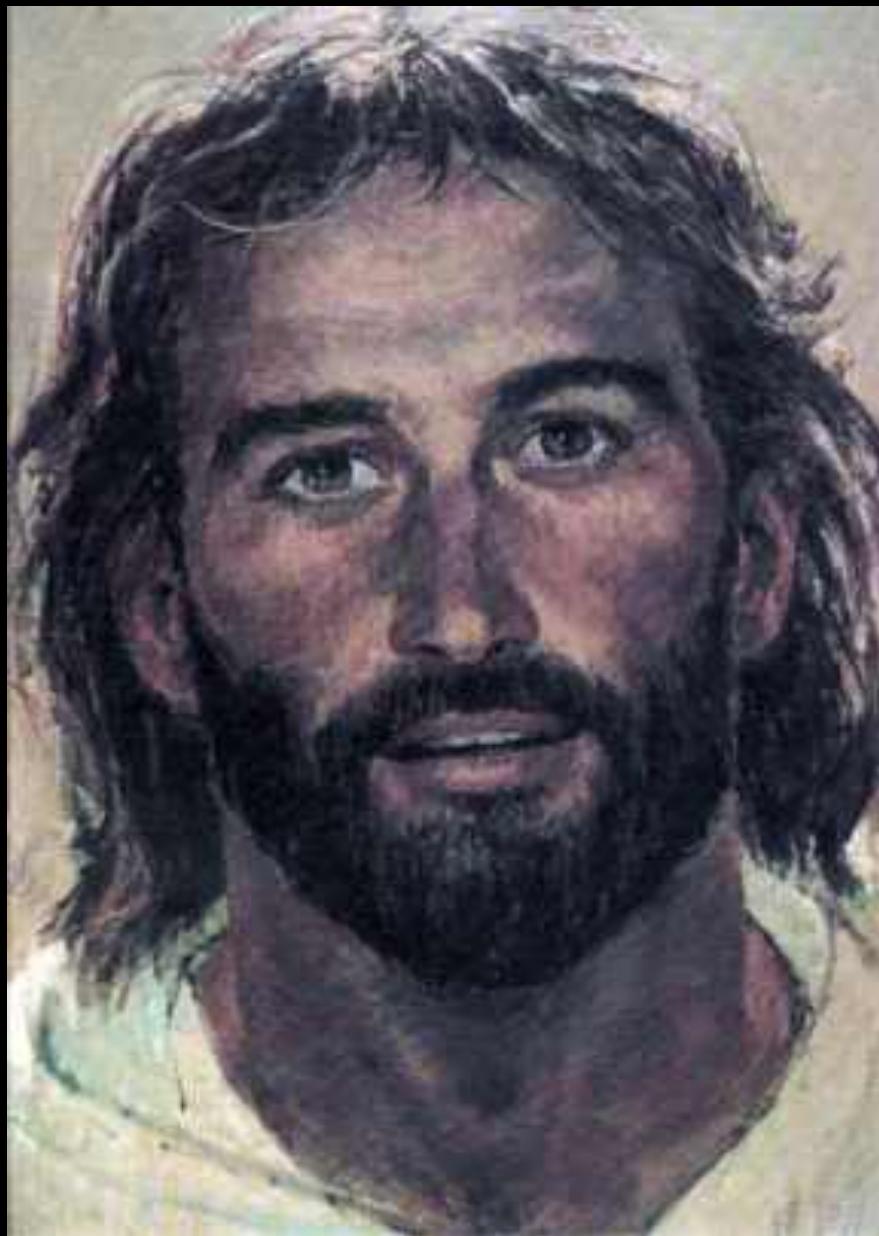




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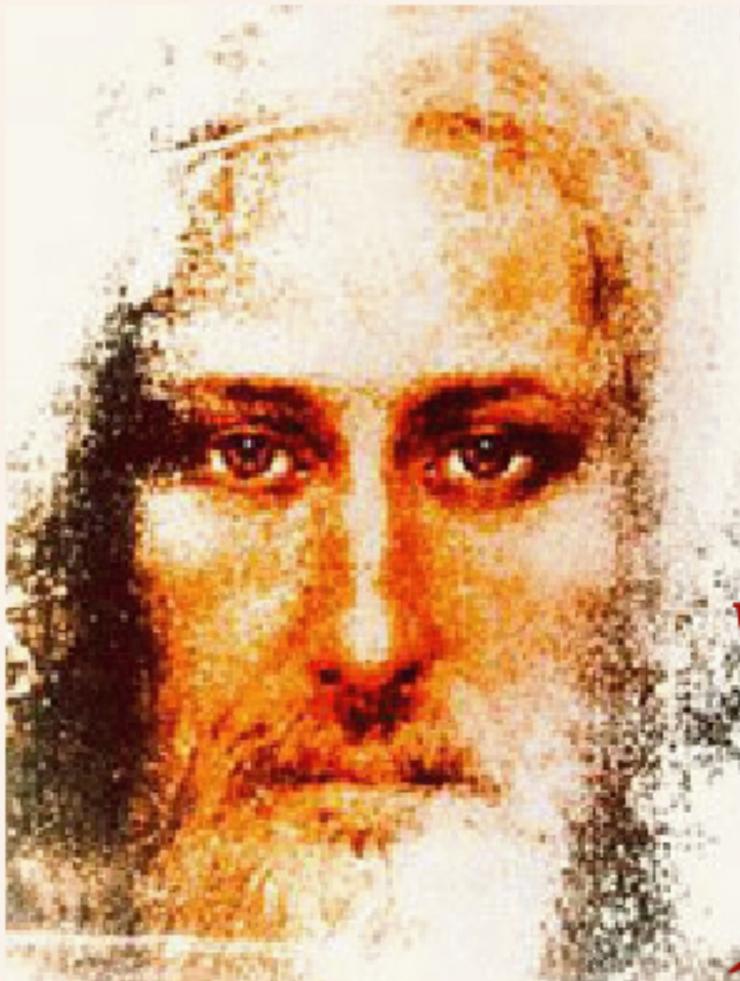
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# The Gospel of John ~ Part Two:

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"Who do you say that I am?"

Meeting  
Jesus Christ  
through  
His signs  
and ministry  
~ John 1:19-12:50



# *We've already met John the Baptist*

## **John 1:6-8, 15**

<sup>6</sup>There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John.

<sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. . .

<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.’”

# *The Interrogation of John the Baptist*

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1. *What's going on here?*

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## *1. What's going on here?*

**John 1:19**

<sup>19</sup>Now this was John's testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was.

*Let's meet the players:*

## *1. John*

**From Luke 3:3 and Matthew 3:4  
we see that John was a “wild man”!**

- Preaching in the desert*
- Eating Locusts and Wild Honey*
- Wearing a Camel hair coat and leather belt*



# *Let's meet the players:*

## *1. John*

### **Luke 3:7-20**

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?

<sup>8</sup>Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

<sup>9</sup>The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

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## *1. John*

### **Luke 3:7-20**

<sup>10</sup>“What should we do then?” the crowd asked. <sup>11</sup>John answered, “The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same.” <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?” <sup>13</sup>“Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them. <sup>14</sup>Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?” He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely – be content with your pay.”

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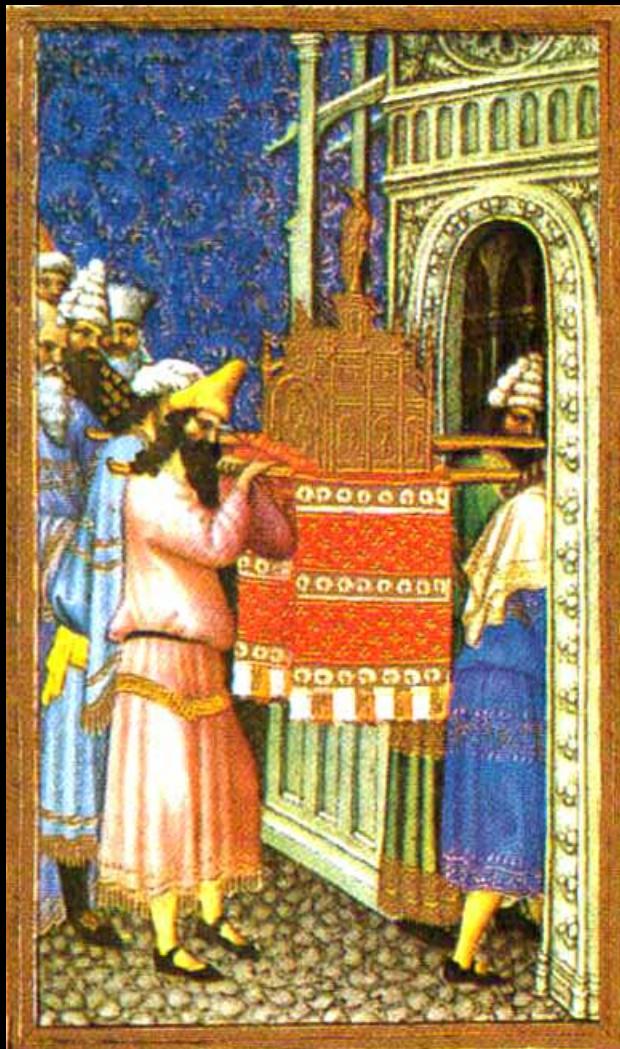
<sup>15</sup>The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” <sup>18</sup>And with many other words John exhorted the people and preached the good news to them. <sup>19</sup>But when John

rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and all the other evil things he had done, <sup>20</sup>Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

*Let's meet the players:*

*2. Priests and Levites*



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### 3. *Pharisees*



# *The Interrogation of John the Baptist*

## *2. The interrogation starts...*

### **John 1:20-21**

<sup>20</sup>He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely,  
“I am not the Christ.”

<sup>21</sup>They asked him, “Then who are you? Are you Elijah?”  
He said, “I am not.”  
“Are you the Prophet?”  
He answered, “No.”

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## **Malachi 4:5-6**

5“See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. 6He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse.”

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## **John 7:40**

On hearing his words, some of the people said, “Surely this man is the Prophet.”

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**John 1:22-23**

<sup>22</sup>Finally they said, “Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?”

<sup>23</sup>John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, “I am the voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’”

## **Isaiah 40:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice of one calling: “In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

# *The Interrogation of John the Baptist*

## *4. The interrogation escalates*

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**John 1:24-25**

<sup>24</sup>Now some Pharisees who had been sent <sup>25</sup>questioned him,  
“Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor  
the Prophet?”

# *The Interrogation of John the Baptist*

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### **John 1:26-28**

<sup>26</sup>“I baptize with water,” John replied, “but among you stands one you do not know. <sup>27</sup>He is the one who comes after me, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.” <sup>28</sup>This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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