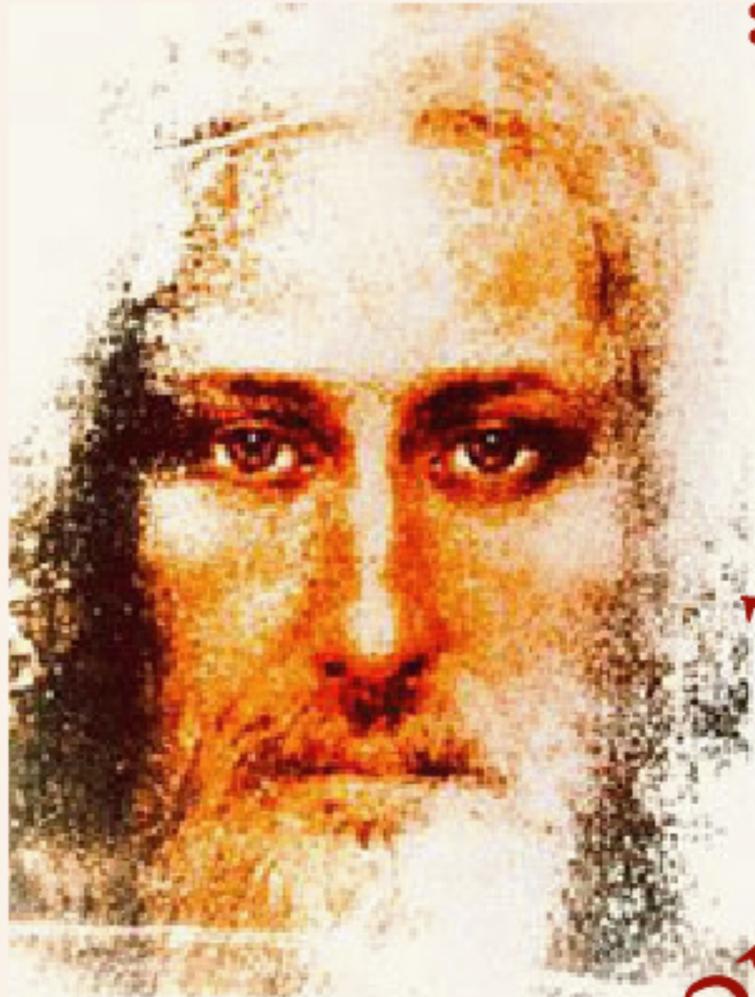


The Gospel of John ~ Part Two:



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~ John 1:19-12:50

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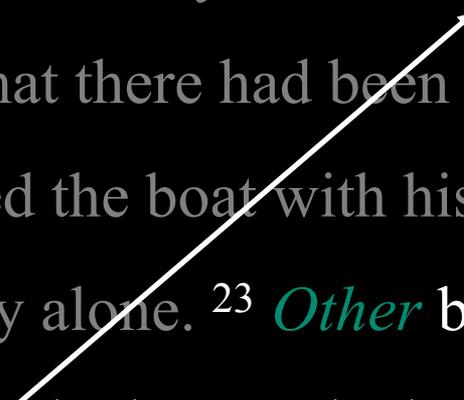


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Genesis 3:6 “So when the woman **saw that the tree was good** for food, and that **it was a delight to the eyes**, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.”

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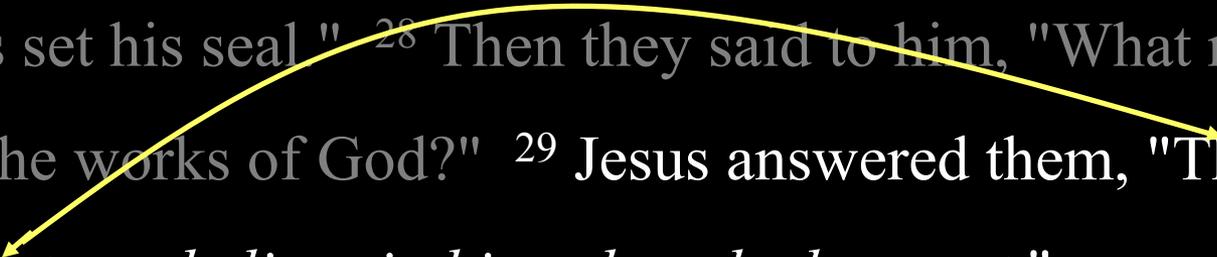
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So let's look at this meal...

- Could I have eaten my lunch on my own dime?
- Would the soup that I could afford have satisfied my cravings?
- If there were only two options on the menu, soup and steak, and I had to buy the steak dinner, could I have gotten it?
- Did I order the steak on faith that someone else was paying the tab?
- Was the steak then, ultimately a gift?

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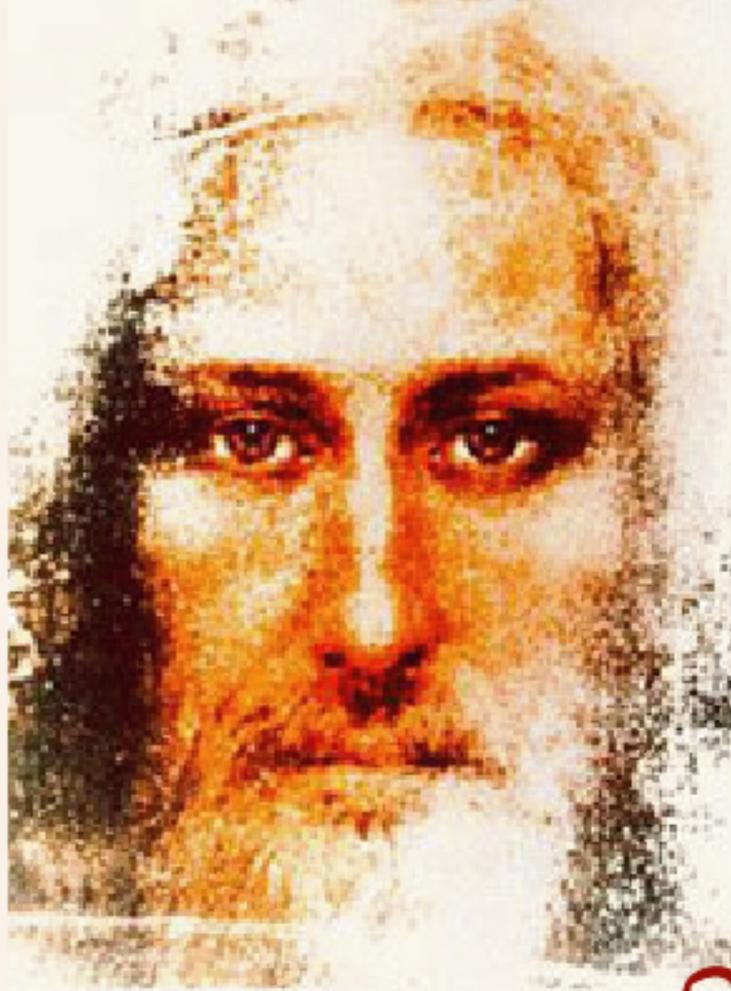
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Deuteronomy 8:3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, *that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.*



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