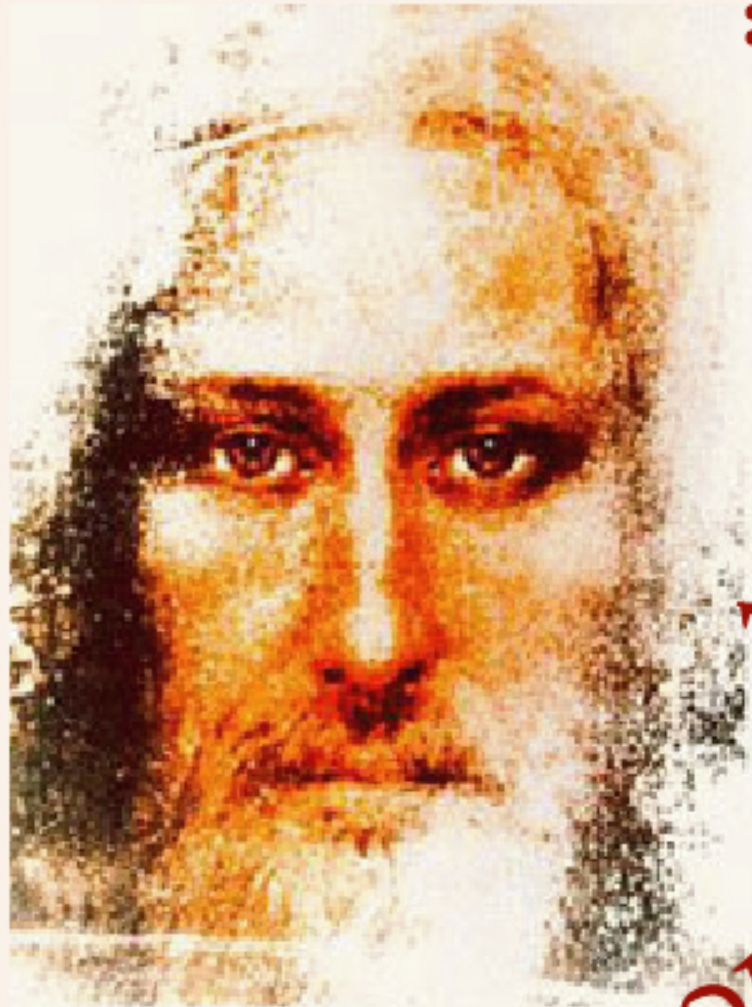


The Gospel of John ~ Part Two:



"Who do you say that I am?"

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

Jesus take a serious “hit” from his fellow Jews

John 6:41-51

⁴¹At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I came down from heaven’?”

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Matthew 4:1-4

¹Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”
⁴Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Matthew 4:1-4

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

⁶“If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.””

⁷Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Matthew 4:8-11

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹“All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” ¹¹Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Jesus response to this hit - He's comfortable in "his own skin"

John 6:43-51

⁴³"Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. ⁴⁴"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. ⁴⁶No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father.

Jesus response to this hit - He's comfortable in "his own skin"

John 6:43-51

⁴⁷"I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. ⁵⁰But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

The Seven "I Am" Sayings

1. *"I am the bread of life"*
John 6:35
2. *"I am the light of the world"*
John 8:12
3. *"I am the gate"*
John 10:7
4. *"I am the good shepherd"*
John 10:11
5. *"I am the resurrection and the life"*
John 11:25
6. *"I am the way, the truth, and the life"*
John 14:6
7. *"I am the true vine"*
John 15:1

How Jesus' temptations helps us...

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathies with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin. ¹⁶Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.