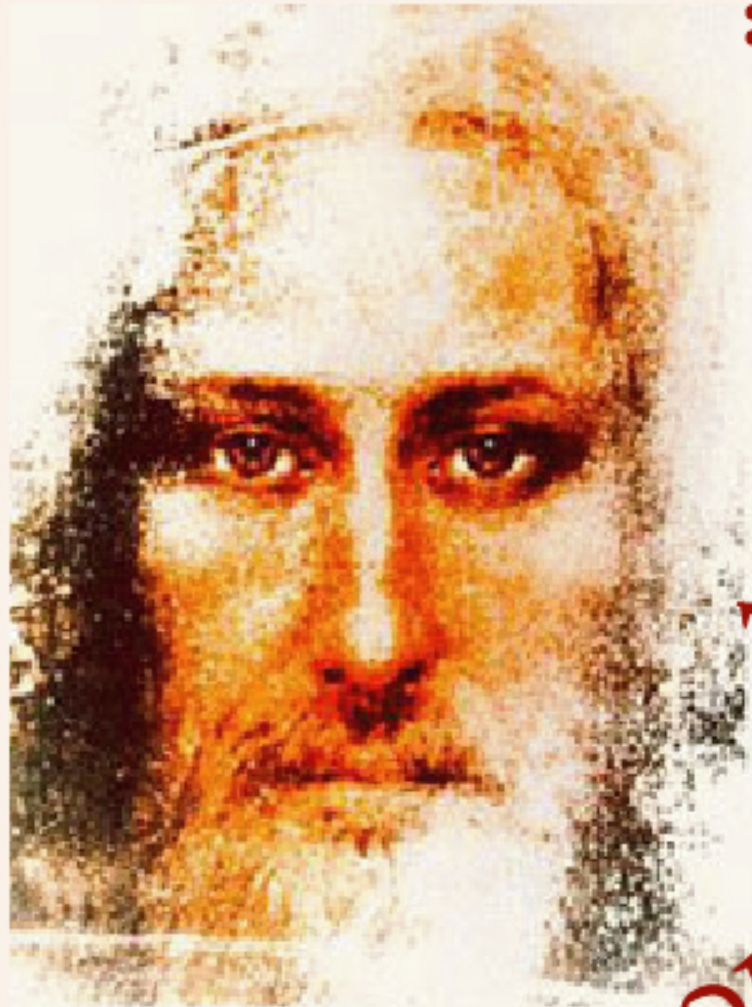


The Gospel of John ~ Part Two:



"Who do you say that I am?"

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

There's a big party going on...

John 7:1-2

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²But when the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near...

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Deuteronomy 16:16

¹⁶Three times a year all your men must appear before the LORD your God at the place he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Tabernacles.

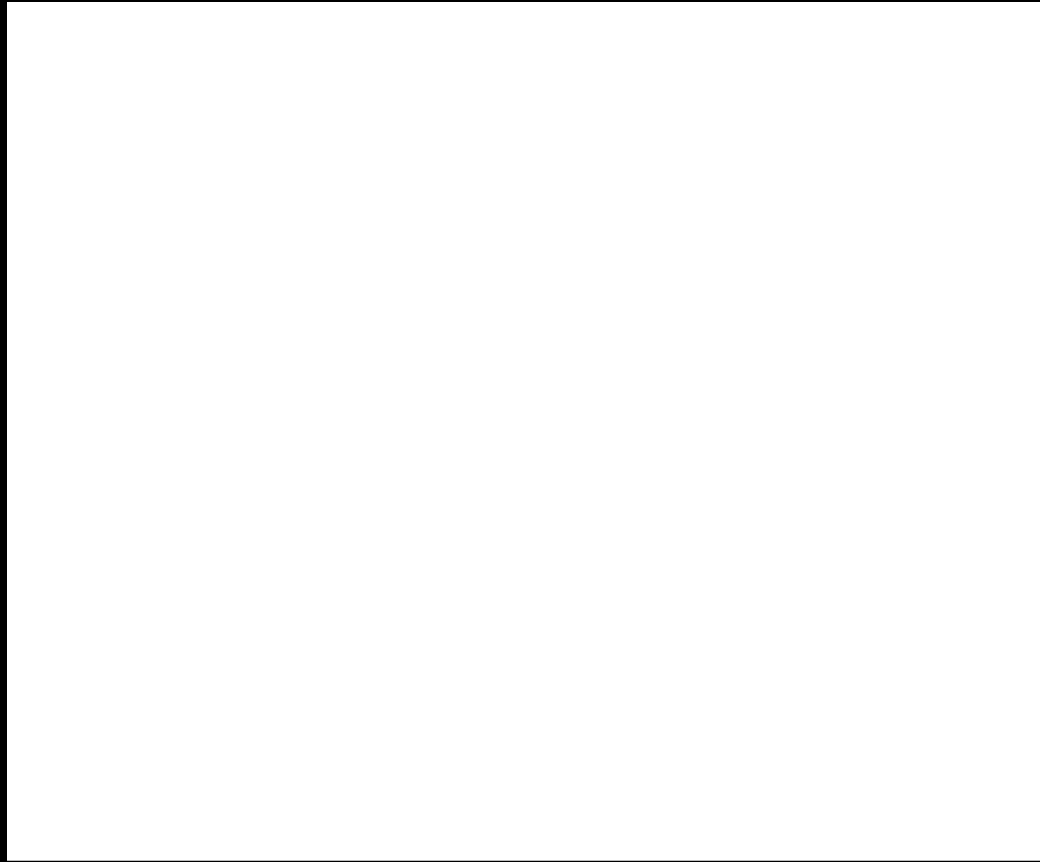
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Leviticus 23:33-36, 42

³³The LORD said to Moses, ³⁴“Say to the Israelites: ‘On the fifteenth day of the seventh month the LORD’s Feast of Tabernacles begins, and it lasts for seven days. ³⁵The first day is a sacred assembly; do no regular work. ³⁶For seven days present offerings made to the LORD by fire, and on the eighth day hold a sacred assembly and present an offering made to the LORD by fire. It is the closing assembly; do no regular work...

⁴²Live in booths for seven days: All native-born Israelites are to live in booths ⁴³so that your descendants will know that I made the Israelites live in booths when I brought them out of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.’”

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Jesus' brothers global plan!

John 7:1-5

¹After this, Jesus went around in Galilee, purposely staying away from Judea because the Jews there were waiting to take his life.

²But when the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near, ³Jesus' brothers said to him, "You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do. ⁴No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world." ⁵For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

Not the right time...

John 7:6-8

⁶Therefore Jesus told them, “The right time for me has not yet come; for you any time is right. ⁷The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that what it does is evil. ⁸You go to the Feast. I am not yet going up to this Feast, because for me the right time has not yet come.”

Now is the right time?!?!

John 7:9-10

⁹Having said this, he stayed in Galilee. ¹⁰However, after his brothers had left for the Feast, he went also, not publicly, but in secret.

The divided crowd - Who is Jesus?

John 7:11-13

¹¹Now at the Feast the Jews were watching for him and asking, “Where is that man?” ¹²Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, “He is a good man.” Others replied, “No, he deceives the people.” ¹³But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the Jews.

Hey, what's your pedigree?

John 7:14-15

¹⁴Not until halfway through the Feast did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach. ¹⁵The Jews were amazed and asked, “How did this man get such learning without having studied?”

*You want a pedigree, I'll give you a
pedigree!*

John 7:16-19

¹⁶Jesus answered, "My teaching is not my own. It comes from him who sent me. ¹⁷If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. ¹⁸He who speaks on his own does so to gain honor for himself, but he who works for the honor of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him. ¹⁹Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?"

Who us? Try to kill you?

John 7:20

²⁰“You are demon-possessed,” the crowd answered.
“Who is trying to kill you?”

A brilliant argument!

John 7:21-24

²¹Jesus said to them, “I did one miracle, and you are all astonished. ²²Yet, because Moses gave you circumcision (though actually it did not come from Moses, but from the patriarchs), you circumcise a child on the Sabbath. ²³Now if a child can be circumcised on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with me for healing the whole man on the Sabbath? ²⁴Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment.”

Applications:

1. *Are you making Jesus into what you want him to be?*

John 7:3-4

³Jesus' brothers said to him, "You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do.

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Applications:

2. *Have you settled your mind, your heart and your lifestyle the “Who is Jesus Christ” question?*

John 7:12-13

¹²Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, “He is a good man.” Others replied, “No, he deceives the people.”

Applications:

3. *Have you decided to simply obey Jesus, do his will and then seek to have him show himself to you?*

John 7:23-24

¹⁷“If anyone chooses to do God’s will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.”

Applications:

4. *Are you so rigid in your faith that you leave no room for Jesus Christ and his surprising ways in your life?*

John 7:23-24

²³“Now if a child can be circumcised on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with me for healing the whole man on the Sabbath? ²⁴Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment.”