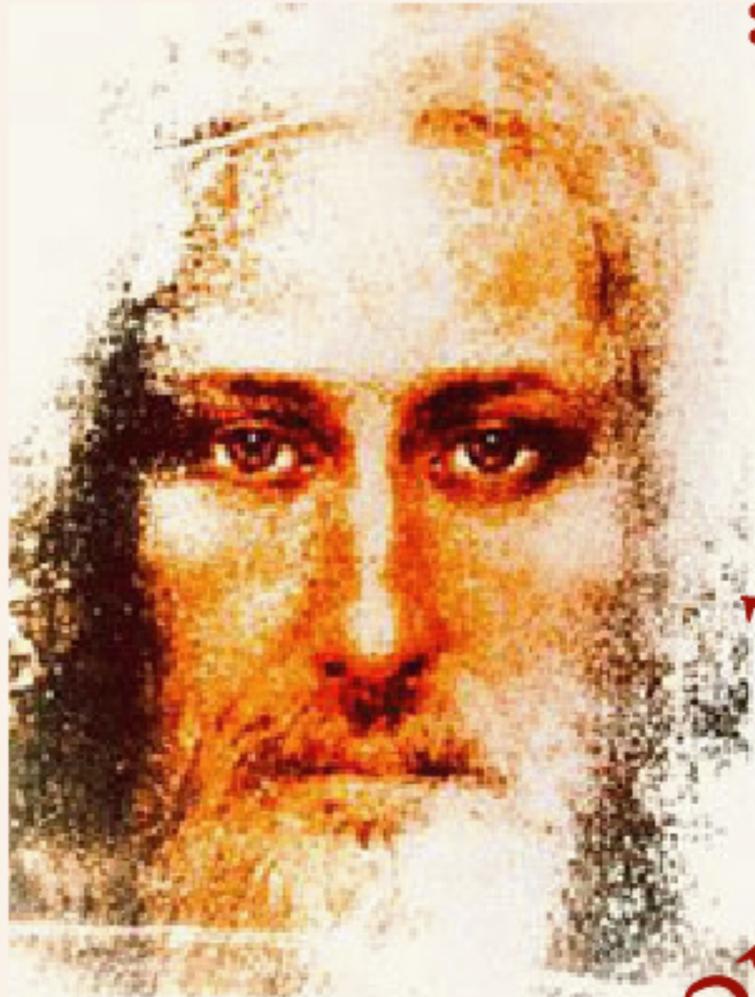


# The Gospel of John ~ Part Two:

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He says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

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The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that what it does is evil.

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