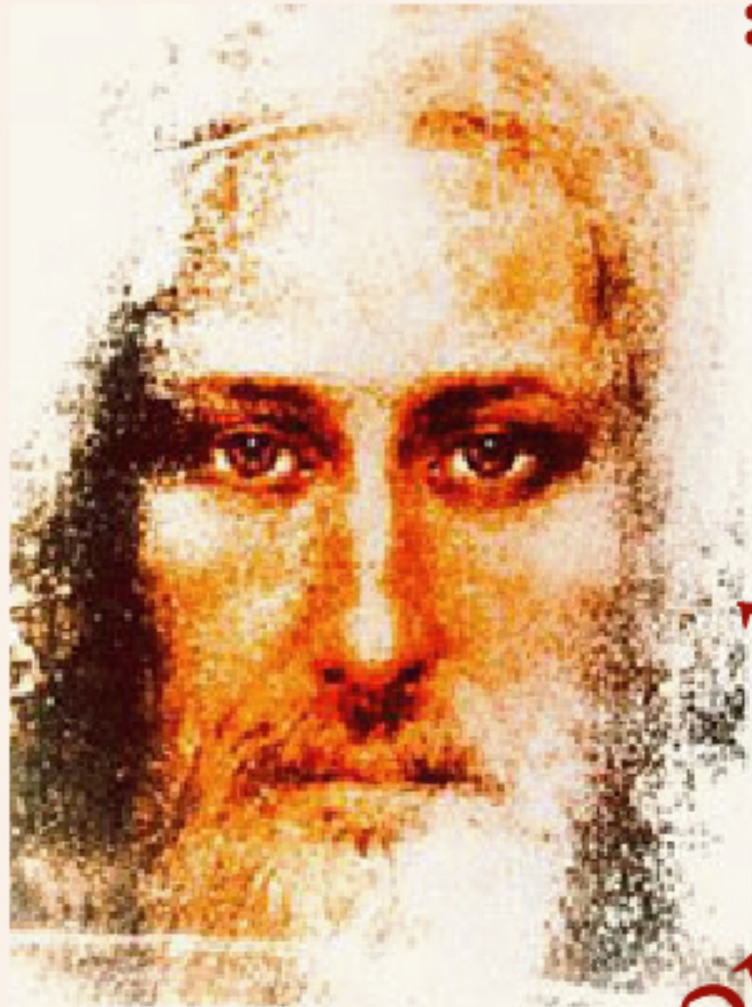


# The Gospel of John ~ Part Two:

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

John Chapter 8:

Welcome to The Matrix!

*The weird conversation...*

*The statement that started this all off!*

**John 8:12**

<sup>12</sup>When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

# *Summary of “The weird conversation...”*

## Statement#1

I am then light of the world (8:12)

## Objection

Hey, you don't have enough people  
in the witness stand! (8:13)

## Answer to Objection

Do the math! (8:14-18)

## Response to the Objection

Who's your daddy? (8:19-20)

# *Summary of “The weird conversation...”*

## Statement #2:

I am leaving, and when I do, you will die in your sin because you cannot follow me. (8:21)

## Super confused response:

Are you going to kill yourself? (8:22)

## Statement restated with superior clarity (8:23-24)

## Response to the restatement:

Who are you? (8:25a)

## Jesus clarification to them once again (8:25b-29)

# *Summary of “The weird conversation...”*

Yet, in spite of all this confusion, people actually  
respond positively to Jesus

<sup>30</sup>Even as he spoke, many put their faith in him.  
(John 8:30)

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# *Freedom?!?! Are we slaves?!?!?*

**John 8:33**

<sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

*Jesus' answer, "You are in deep slavery... to sin!"*

**John 8:34-36**

<sup>34</sup>Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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## **Romans 6:6-23**

<sup>6</sup>For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin — <sup>7</sup>because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

# *What is a slave to sin?*

## **Romans 6:6-23**

<sup>11</sup>In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup>Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup>Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.



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## **Romans 6:6-23**

<sup>15</sup>What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey – whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

<sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. <sup>18</sup>You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

# *What is a slave to sin?*

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<sup>19</sup>I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. <sup>20</sup>When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness.

<sup>21</sup>What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

<sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



*Which*

***SIDE***

*of the fence are you on?*

*Which*

***MASTER***

*are you listening to?*

# *A 'teaser' for next week...*

## **John 8:37-38**

<sup>37</sup>“I know you are Abraham’s descendants. Yet you are ready to kill me, because you have no room for my word. <sup>38</sup>I am telling you what I have seen in the Father’s presence, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

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