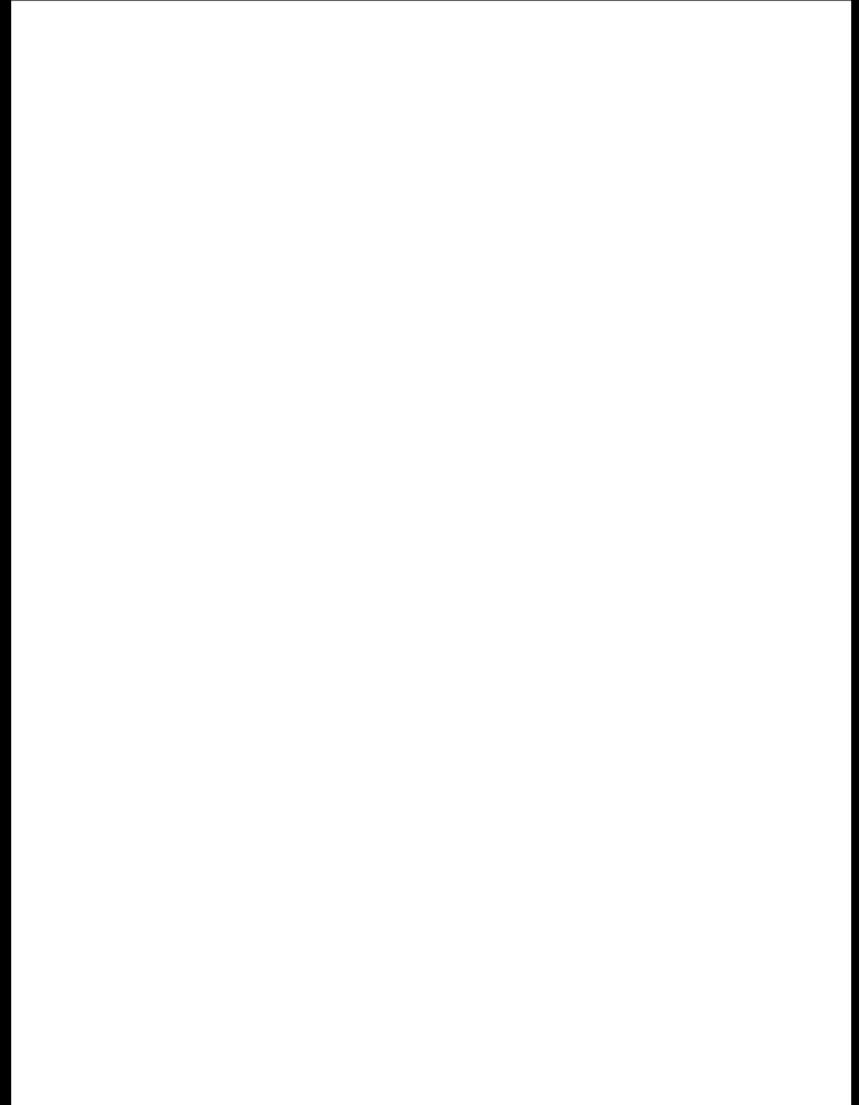


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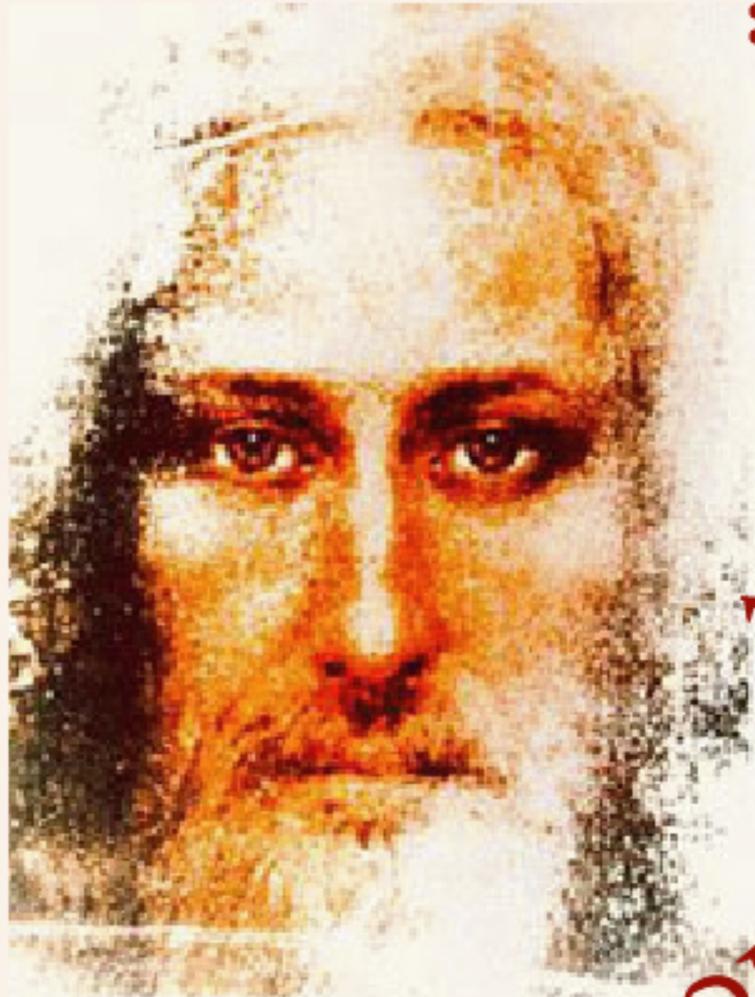
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# The Gospel of John ~ Part Two:

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*"Who do you say that I am?"*

*"Who do you say that I am?"*

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

John Chapter 8:

Conversation of the Weird!

# *Conversation of the Weird - Part One*

**John 8:12-30**

<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.”

# *Conversation of the Weird - Part One*

## **John 8:13-30**

<sup>13</sup>The Pharisees challenged him, “Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid.”

<sup>14</sup>Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup>You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. <sup>16</sup>But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. <sup>17</sup>In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid. <sup>18</sup>I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me.”

# *Conversation of the Weird - Part One*

## **John 8:13-30**

<sup>19</sup>Then they asked him, “Where is your father?”

“You do not know me or my Father,” Jesus replied. “If you knew me, you would know my Father also.”

<sup>20</sup>He spoke these words while teaching in the temple area near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his time had not yet come.

# *Conversation of the Weird - Part One*

## **John 8:13-30**

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**John 8:13-30**

<sup>25</sup>“Who are you?” they asked.

“Just what I have been claiming all along,” Jesus replied.

<sup>26</sup>“I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is reliable, and what I have heard from him I tell the world.”

# *Conversation of the Weird - Part One*

## **John 8:13-30**

<sup>27</sup>They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father.

<sup>28</sup>So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.

<sup>29</sup>The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him.”

<sup>30</sup>Even as he spoke, many put their faith in him.

# *Conversation of the Weird - Part Two*

## **John 8:31-32**

<sup>31</sup>To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup>Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

# *Conversation of the Weird - Part Two*

## **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?”

<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.

# *Conversation of the Weird - Part Two*

## **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.”

# *Conversation of the Weird - Part 3*

*Their reply to Jesus' implication*

**John 8:39-47**

<sup>39</sup>“Abraham is our father,” they answered.

# *Conversation of the Weird - Part 3*

*Abraham is your ancestor, but not your father!*

**John 8:39-47**

“If you were Abraham’s children,” said Jesus, “then you would do the things Abraham did. <sup>40</sup>As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. <sup>41</sup>You are doing the things your own father does.”

# *Conversation of the Weird - Part 3*

*Hey! Who's the one without a father here?*

**John 8:39-47**

*“We are not illegitimate children,” they protested.*

*“The only Father we have is God himself.”*

# *Conversation of the Weird - Part 3*

*Here's who your father is!*

## **John 8:39-47**

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. <sup>43</sup>Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. <sup>44</sup>You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. <sup>45</sup>Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! <sup>46</sup>Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? <sup>47</sup>He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

# *Conversation of the Weird - Part 4 of 4*

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*The Conversation turns into a Street Brawl*



# *Conversation of the Weird - Part 4 of 4*

## *The First Punch - You're a demon!*

### **John 8:48**

<sup>48</sup>The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?"

# *Conversation of the Weird - Part 4 of 4*

*“Ouch, that hurt... try this one on for size”*

## **John 8:49-51**

<sup>49</sup>“I am not possessed by a demon,” said Jesus, “but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.”

# *Conversation of the Weird - Part 4 of 4*

*“You are absolutely nuts!  
Are you greater than Abraham?”*

## **John 8:52-53**

<sup>52</sup>At this the Jews exclaimed, “Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death. <sup>53</sup>Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?”

# *Conversation of the Weird - Part 4 of 4*

*“Yup! Can’t deny it or I would be a liar like you...”*

<sup>54</sup>Jesus replied, “If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me.

<sup>55</sup>Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and keep his word.

<sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”

# *Conversation of the Weird - Part 4 of 4*

*“The Math PROVES you don’t know  
what you are talking about!”*

**John 8:57**

<sup>57</sup>“You are not yet fifty years old,” the Jews said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!”

# *Conversation of the Weird - Part 4 of 4*

*The knockout punch -  
“Try the new, infinity-based math!”*

**John 8:58**

<sup>58</sup>“I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!”

## Exodus 3:1-15

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. <sup>3</sup>So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight— why the bush does not burn up."

<sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

Exodus 3:1-15

<sup>5</sup>“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”

<sup>6</sup>Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.”

At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

## Exodus 3:1-15

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. <sup>8</sup>So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey — the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup>So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

## Exodus 3:1-15

<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

<sup>12</sup>And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

## Exodus 3:1-15

<sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers — the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob — has sent me to you.' This is my name for ever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

# *Before Abraham was born, I AM!*

## **Mark 12:18-27**

<sup>18</sup>Then the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. <sup>19</sup>“Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and have children for his brother.

<sup>20</sup>Now there were seven brothers. The first one married and died without leaving any children. <sup>21</sup>The second one married the widow, but he also died, leaving no child. It was the same with the third. <sup>22</sup>In fact, none of the seven left any children. Last of all, the woman died too. <sup>23</sup>At the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?”

# *Before Abraham was born, I AM!*

## **Mark 12:18-27**

<sup>24</sup>Jesus replied, “Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? <sup>25</sup>When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. <sup>26</sup>Now about the dead rising – have you not read in the book of Moses, in the account of the bush, how God said to him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? <sup>27</sup>He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!”

# *Before Abraham was born, I AM!*

**Isaiah 43:10-13**, *New American Standard Bible*

<sup>10</sup>“You are My witnesses,” declares the LORD, “And My servant whom I have chosen, So that you may know and believe Me And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, And there will be none after Me. <sup>11</sup>“I, even I, am the LORD, And there is no savior besides Me. <sup>12</sup>“It is I who have declared and saved and proclaimed, And there was no strange god among you; So you are My witnesses,” declares the LORD, “And I am God. <sup>13</sup>“Even from eternity I am He, And there is none who can deliver out of My hand; I act and who can reverse it?”

# *Before Abraham was born, I AM!*

**Psalms 90:1, 2**

*A prayer of Moses the man of God*

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our dwelling-place throughout all generations. <sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

# *Conversation of the Weird - Part 4 of 4*

*“We’re done talkin’ here – the total meltdown”*

## **John 8:59**

<sup>59</sup>At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.

# *Conversation of the Weird - Part 4 of 4*

*“We’re done talkin’ here - the total meltdown”*

**Leviticus 24:15, 16**

<sup>15</sup>Say to the Israelites: ‘If anyone curses his God, he will be held responsible; <sup>16</sup>anyone who blasphemes the name of the LORD must be put to death. The entire assembly must stone him. Whether an alien or native-born, when he blasphemes the Name, he must be put to death.

*Does the eternal, living Christ have  
your personal attention,*

*or*

*are you full of religious hostility  
toward him?*