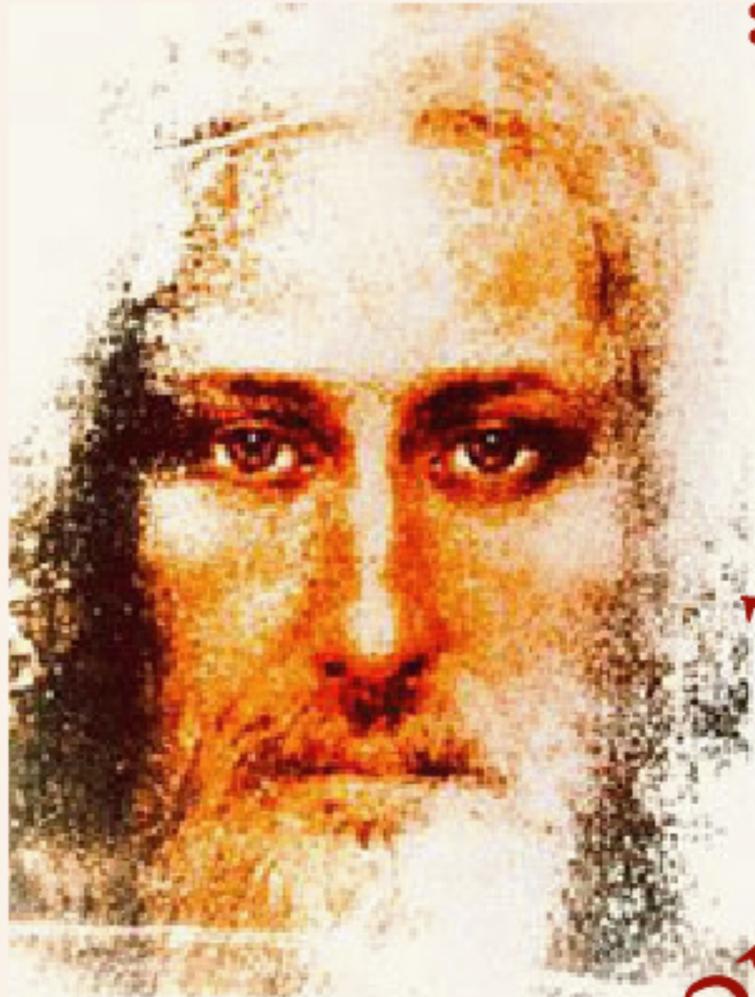


# The Gospel of John ~ Part Two:

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

Imagine for a moment...

# The man born blind

John 9:1-12

**1**As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. **2**His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" **3**"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. **4**As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. **5**While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." **6**Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. **7**"Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

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8His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" 9Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him."

But he himself insisted, "I am the man." 10"How then were your eyes opened?" they demanded. 11He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see." 12"Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said.

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**13**They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind.

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Chapter 6: Mishna 1: In what (ornamental) apparel may a woman go out, and in what may she not go out? A woman is not allowed to go out (even in private ground) either with woollen or linen bands or with straps on her head to keep her hair in tresses (as a precaution lest she enter public ground and take off the bands to show to her friends, thereby becoming guilty of carrying movable property for a distance of four ells or more).



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Chapter 5: Mishna 3: And what must (animals) not go about in?

The camel with a crupper, nor with hobbles on both legs, nor with the front leg hobbled with the hind. This law is applied to all other animals. It is not allowed to tie camels together with a rope and then lead them; but one is permitted to hold in his hand the several ropes on the camels and lead them, provided the ropes are not twisted into one.



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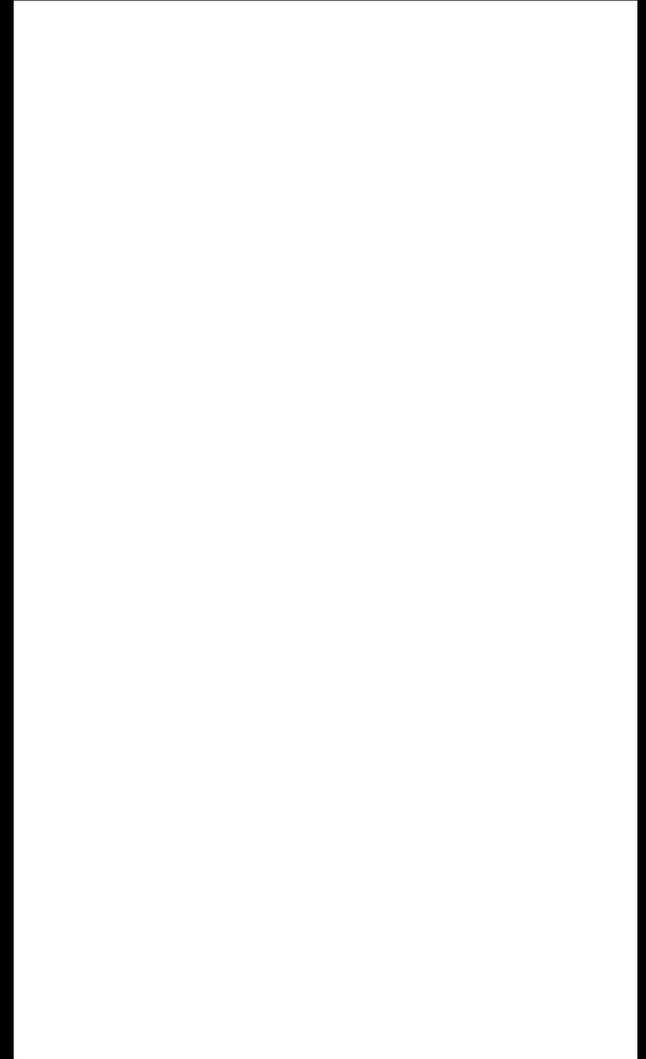
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The man born blind tips his hat.

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**17**Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet."

*“Hey, mom and dad, can you help me out here?”*

John 9:13-34

**18**The Jews still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. **19**"Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?" **20**"We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. **21**But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." **22**His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for already the Jews had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ would be put out of the synagogue. **23**That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

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