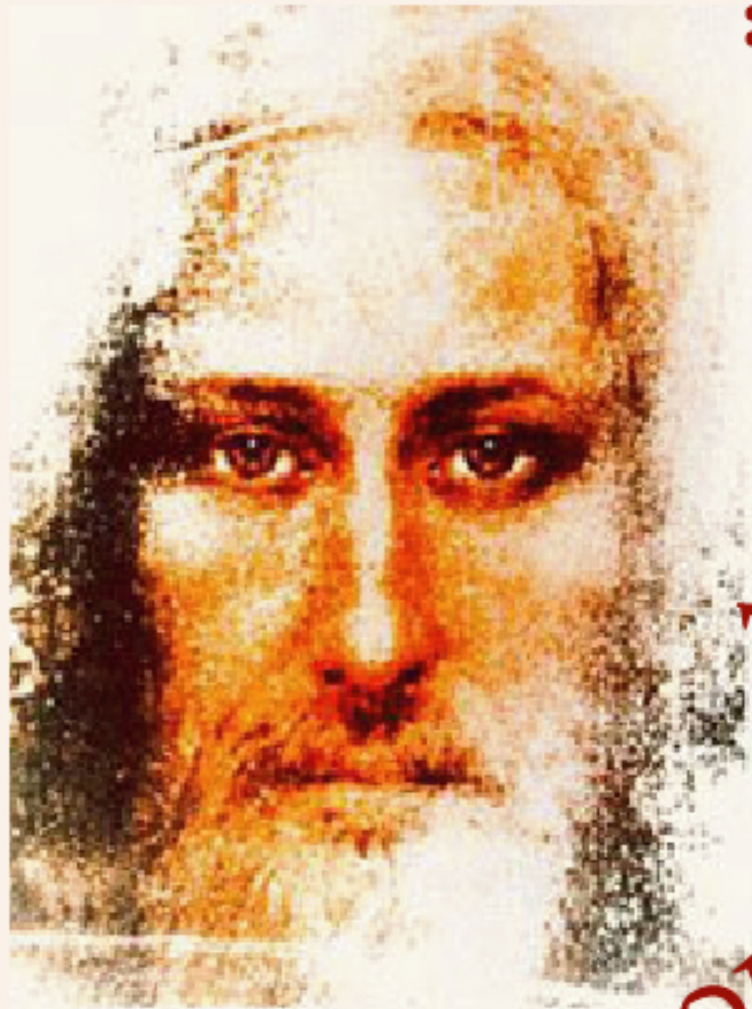


The Gospel of John ~ Part Two:



"Who do you say that I am?"

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

Jesus' figure of speech

John 10:1-2

¹“I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep.

The sheep will follow their shepherd...

John 10:3-4

³The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

*...but they will never follow a
stranger*

John 10:5

⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."

“They will never follow a stranger... in fact they will run away from him...”

John 9:24-41

²⁴A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God,” they said. “We know this man is a sinner.”

²⁵He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”

²⁶Then they asked him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”

²⁷He answered, “I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?”

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John 9:24-41

²⁸Then they hurled insults at him and said, “You are this fellow’s disciple! We are disciples of Moses! ²⁹We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don’t even know where he comes from.”

³⁰The man answered, “Now that is remarkable! You don’t know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will. ³²Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

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John 9:24-41

³⁴To this they replied,
“You were steeped in sin at birth;
how dare you lecture us!”
And they threw him out.

“They will never follow a stranger... in fact they will run away from him...”

John 9:35-41

³⁵Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

³⁶“Who is he, sir?” the man asked.

“Tell me so that I may believe in him.”

³⁷Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

³⁸Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshipped him.

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John 9:35-41

³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”

⁴⁰Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, “What? Are we blind too?”

⁴¹Jesus said, “If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

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“What we have ‘ere is a failure to communicate!”

John 10:6

⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

“I am the gate”

John 10:7

⁷Therefore Jesus said again,
“I tell you the truth,
I am the gate for the sheep.

Understanding Jesus' use of "gate"

“In this parable Jesus spoke about two kinds of sheep-folds. In the villages and towns themselves there were communal sheep-folds where all the village flocks were sheltered when they returned home at night. These folds were protected by a strong door of which only the guardian of the door held the key. It was to that kind of fold Jesus referred in verses 2 and 3. But when the sheep were out on the hills in the warm season and did not return at night to the village at all, they were collected into sheep-folds on the hillside. These hillside sheep –folds were just open spaces enclosed by a wall. In them there was an opening by which the sheep came in and went out; but there was no door of any kind. What happened was that at night the shepherd himself lay down across the opening and no sheep could get out or in except over his body. In the most literal sense the shepherd was the door.”

~ William Barclay, *The Gospel of John (volume 2, page 58)*



“Everyone else claiming to be a direct doorway to God is a phony!”

John 10:8

⁸All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers,
but the sheep did not listen to them.

Two shepherds, two outcomes:

*1. The shepherd who loves the sheep
enough to be the 'gate'*

John 10:9-10a

⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.
He will come in and go out, and find pasture.

*Two shepherds, two outcomes:
2. The other shepherds ultimate
agenda is for selfish gain*

John 10:9-10a

⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;

Two shepherds, two outcomes:
**3. The end result of Jesus being our
shepherd and gate**

John 10:9-10a

⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

*What does it mean to “have life and
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John 1:1-4

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning.

³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

What does it mean to “have life and have it to the full?”

John 3:16-18

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.”

What does it mean to “have life and have it to the full?”

John 4:13, 14

¹³Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

What does it mean to “have life and have it to the full?”

John 5:39, 40

³⁹ “You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, ⁴⁰yet you refuse to come to me to have life.”

What does it mean to “have life and have it to the full?”

John 6:26-29

²⁶Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.” ²⁸Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” ²⁹Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

What does it mean to “have life and have it to the full?”

John 12:24, 25

²⁴ “I tell you the truth, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”

What does it mean to “have life and have it to the full?”

John 14:5, 6

⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

What does it mean to “have life and have it to the full?”

John 17:1-3

¹After Jesus said this, he looked towards heaven and prayed: “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ²For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”

What does it mean to “have life and have it to the full?”

John 20:30, 31

³⁰Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

What does it mean to “have life and have it to the full?”

1 John 5:10-13

¹⁰Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.