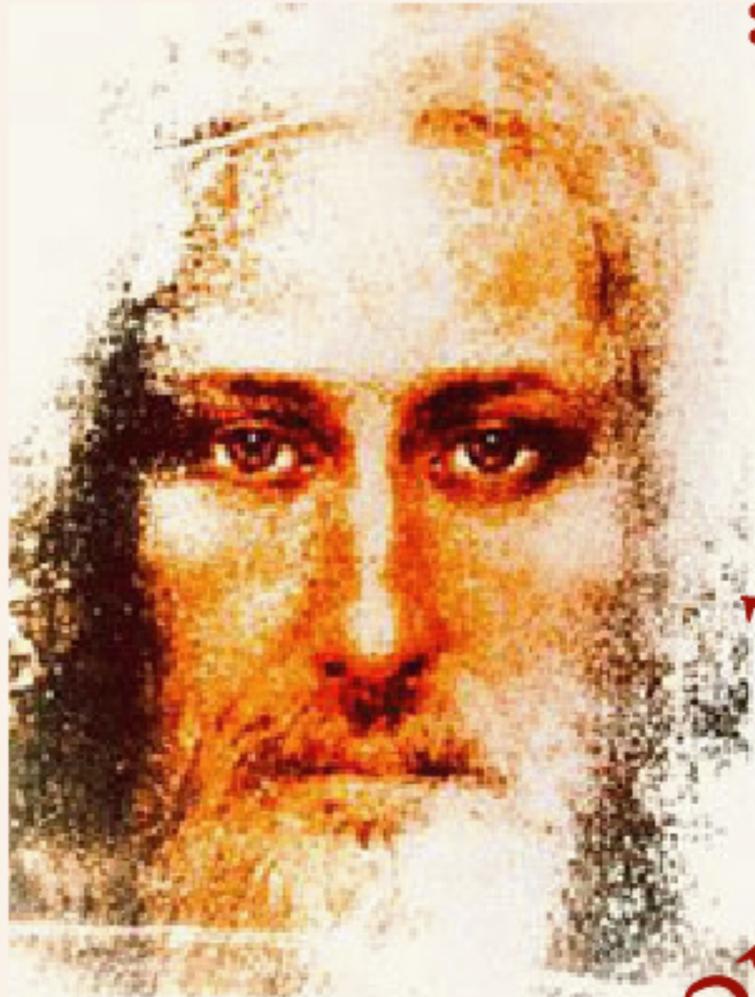


The Gospel of John ~ Part Two:



"Who do you say that I am?"

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

The story of a man blind from birth receiving his sight

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Luke 11:42 “Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.”

A recap of two weeks ago - Sermon Illustrations #1

John 10:1-6

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. 2 The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. 3 The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." 6 Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

A recap of last week - Sermon Illustration #2

John 10:7-10

7Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. 8All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 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.

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I am the GOOD shepherd and not a hired hand!

12The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.

13The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. **14**"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— **15**just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

What hired hand does this?

1. I lay down my life for the sheep.
2. I own the sheep.
3. I don't abandon the sheep when I see a wolf coming.
4. I care everything for the sheep.
5. I know the sheep.
6. My sheep know me.
7. And in case you missed it, I lay my life down for the sheep.

John 10:11-21

**I am the GOOD shepherd of all my sheep...
not just the Jewish ones.**

16I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

John 10:11-21

**I am the GOOD shepherd
and I lay down my life of my own accord!**

17The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. **18**No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

John 10:11-21

I am the GOOD shepherd!

19 At these words the Jews were again divided. 20 Many of them said, "He is demon-possessed and raving mad. Why listen to him?"

21 But others said, "These are not the sayings of a man possessed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

So...what should I be listening for?

God communicates spiritually

1 Corinthians 2:13-14 “This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

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6. “Listen” to your circumstances (suffering included!)

Listening to the Lord Leads to LIFE!

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

19 This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now **choose life**, so that you and your children may live **20** and that **you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him**. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Are you ready for LIFE life?