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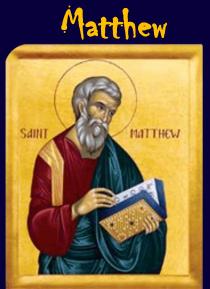
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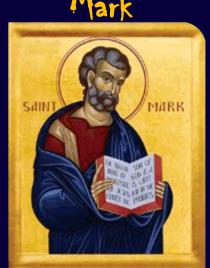
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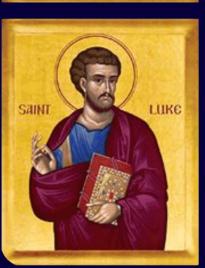
The Messiah
The Promised
One is here; see
His Credentials.
(To the Jew)



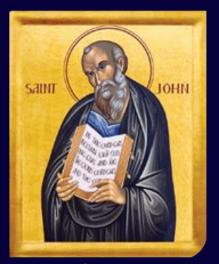


Suffering Servant
This is how He
worked; see
His Power
(To Romans)

Son of Man
This what He
was like; see
His Nature.
(To the Greek)







John

Son of God
This is who He
really was; see
His Godship.
(To Christians)

Key Theme

JOHN

JESUS IS THE CHRIST: BELIEVE AND LIVE!

in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

JOHN 20:31

Themes in the Gospel of John

Jesus is God, the "I am"

Signs and Wonders Validate Him

The Trinity

He existed before creation. As the sent Son of God, he reflects the Sender.

Signs, wonders, and witnesses validate that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ.

Father, Son, and Spirit are united in their work of revelation and redemption.

Salvation

Eternal Life

Mission

Jesus' death is the basis of salvation, obtained through believing in the living Jesus as the Son of God.

Jesus is the giver of eternal life. Believers through the Spirit can experience some of salvation's benefits in the present age.

Believers are called to continue Jesus' mission.

The Gospel of John

OPPORTUNITY

Christ presents
Himself to:

- His disciples—1:19-2:12
- The Jews—2:13-3:36
- The Samaritans—4:1-54
- The Jewish leaders—5:1-47
- The multitudes—6:1-71

OPPOSITION

There is conflict with the Jewish leaders over:

- Moses—7:1-8:11
- Abraham—8:12-59
- Who Messiah is—9:1-10:42
- His miraculous power—11:1-12:36
- They would not believe on Him-12:37-50

OUTCOME

Christ's farewell message to His beloved disciples:

- The faith of the disciples—13-17
- The unbelief of the Jews—18-19
- The victory of Christ—20-21

GOSPEL OHN OPPORTUNITY

	Literary Structure – 1 st of the 9-fold Chiasms	
A		The Word became flesh (1:1-18)
B		The testimony of John the Baptist (1:19-28)
C	A. The	The lamb of God (1:29-34)
D	Father's Son (flesh	The first disciple of Jesus (1:35-42)
E	and Spirit) B. Human testimony	Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael (1:43-51)
D'	C. A dove D. Beginning of	The wedding at Cana (2:1-12)
C'	evangelism E. The call	Jesus cleanses the Temple (2:13-25)
B'		Nicodemus visits Jesus (3:1-21)
A'		John the Baptist's final witness (3:22-26)

CHRIST THE WORD

The First Week

- Per John 1-3, the first week of Jesus' Ministry follows this path:
 - Bethabara beyond Jordan
 - Capernaum
 - Cana
 - Capernaum
- Notice how Jesus how the track led around Samaria, home to one of Judah's most implacable ancient enemies.
- Jesus kept things low-key, as this was a preparation week not covered by the other Gospels.
- Soon after that He went to Jerusalem for Passover.



Summary of John, Chapter 1

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



- John identified seven names and titles of Jesus that identify Him as eternal God:
 - 1. The Word (eternal, creative, incarnate)
 - 2. The Light
 - 3. The Son of God
 - 4. The Lamb of God
 - 5. The Messiah
 - 6. The King of Israel
 - 7. The Son of Man



Jesus of Nazareth is God come in the flesh!

God is here!



CHRIST THE CREATOR

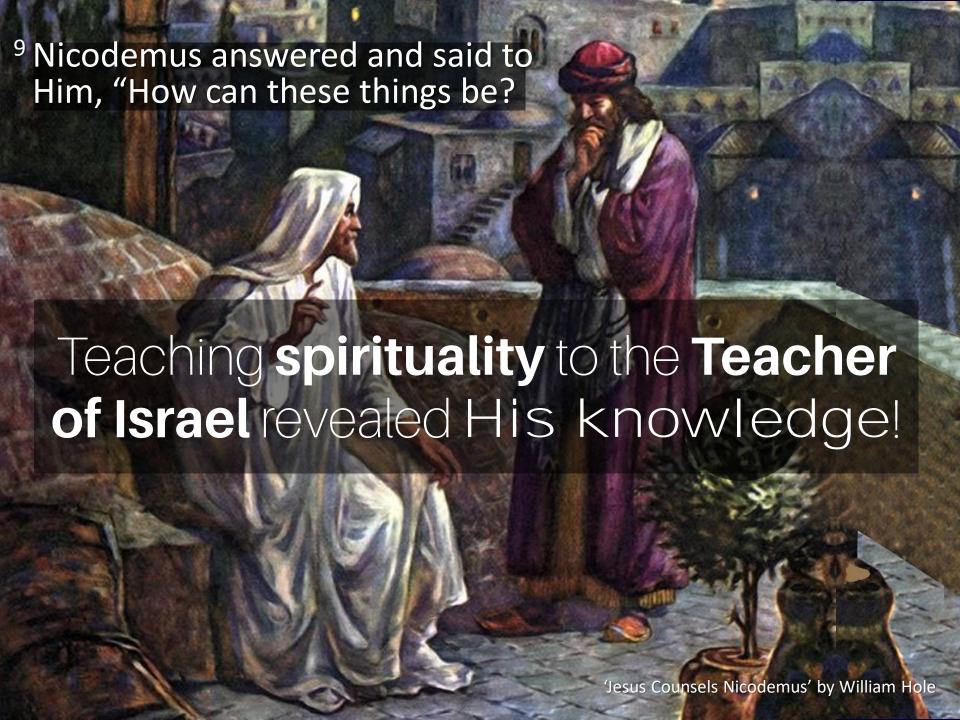


Jesus cleanses the temple

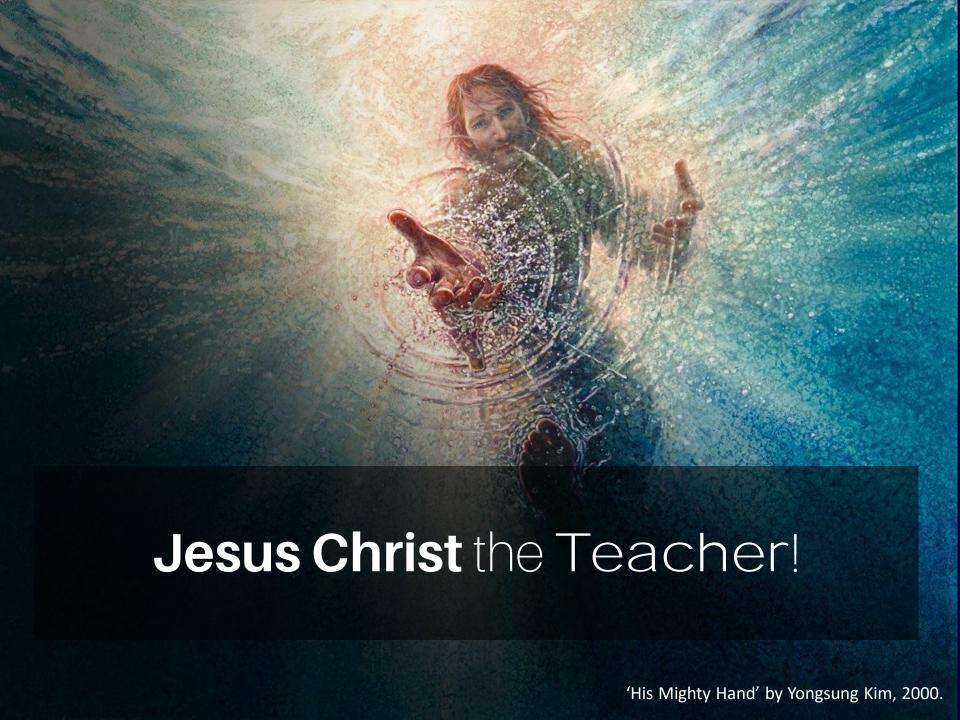
¹³ Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business.



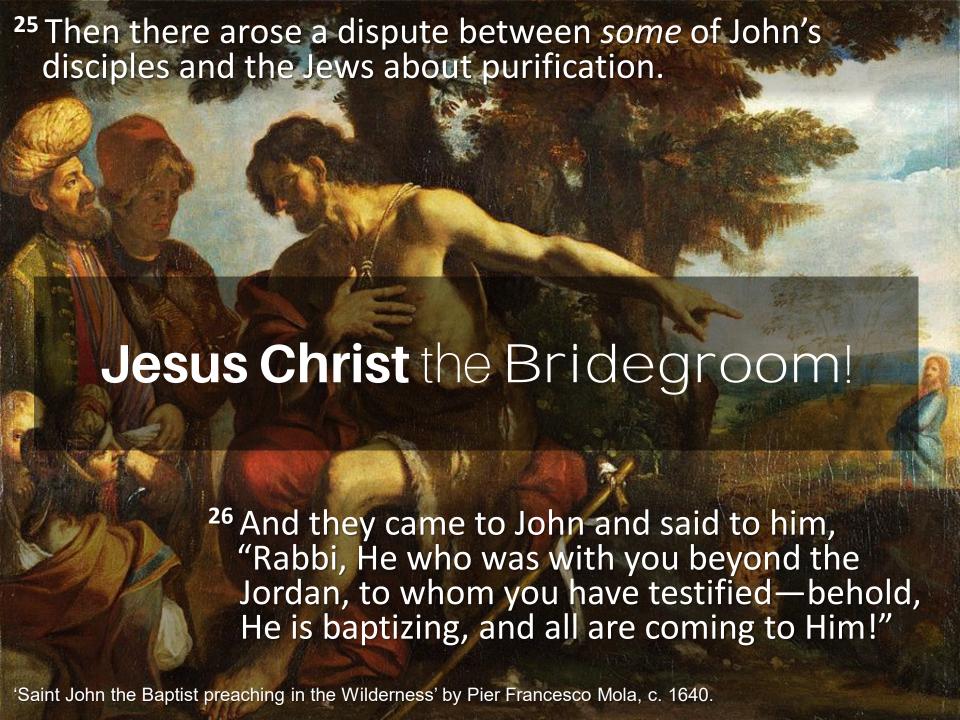
'The Merchants Chased from the Temple' by James Tissot, 1886-1894.



CHRIST THE SAVIOUR









He came from heaven.

He testifies what He has seen and heard.

He is authorised by the Father.

Jesus Christ the witness to the Truth!

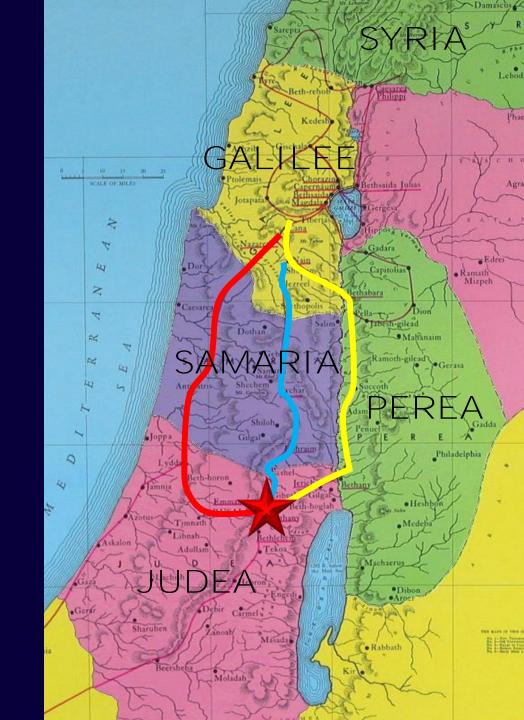
Through Him we may escape the wrath of God.

We either trust Him or we reject Him.

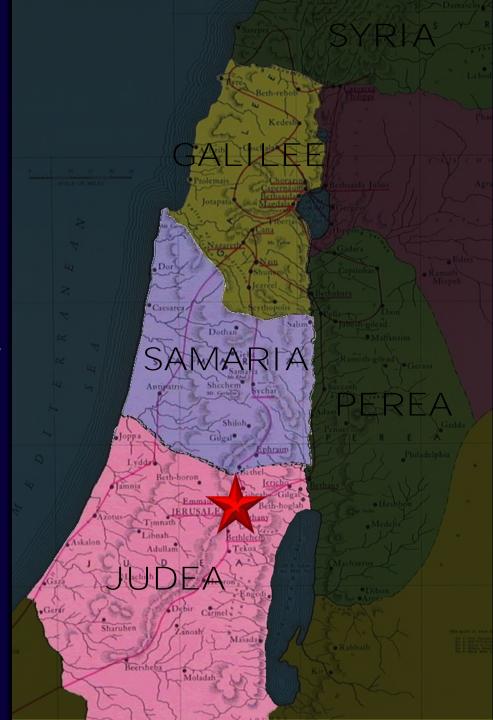
He offers a living, loving, learning relationship.

CHRIST THE WATER OF LIFE

- Because of the enmity between Judea and Samaria, Jews travelling northwards would normally take one of two routes:
 - Inland through Perea
 - The international trade route along the coast.
- Jesus chose instead to begin his formal ministry journey going through Samaria.

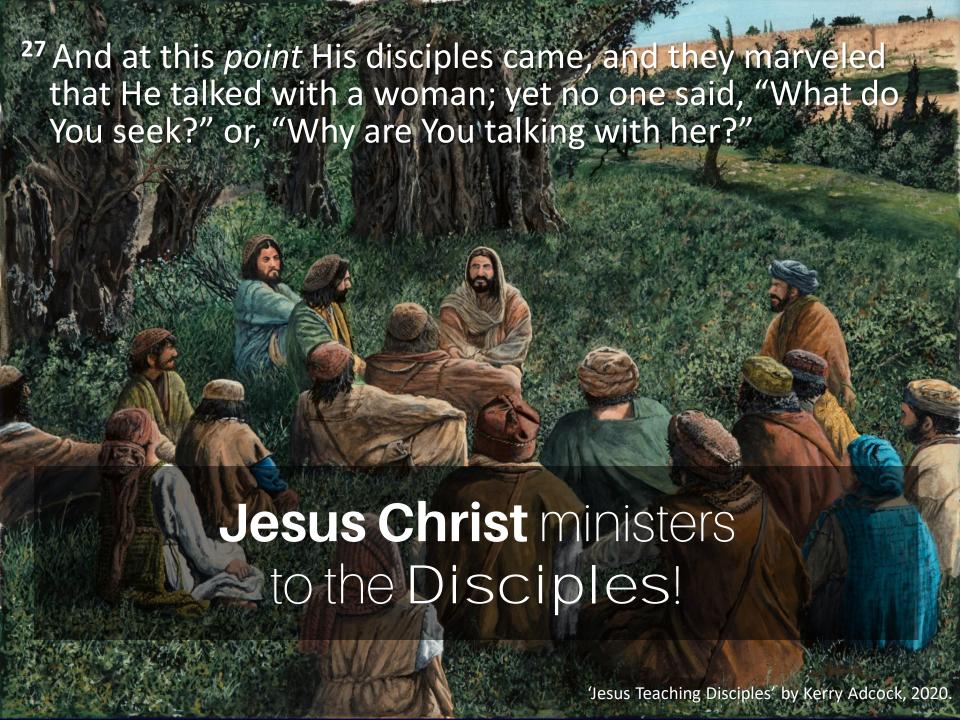


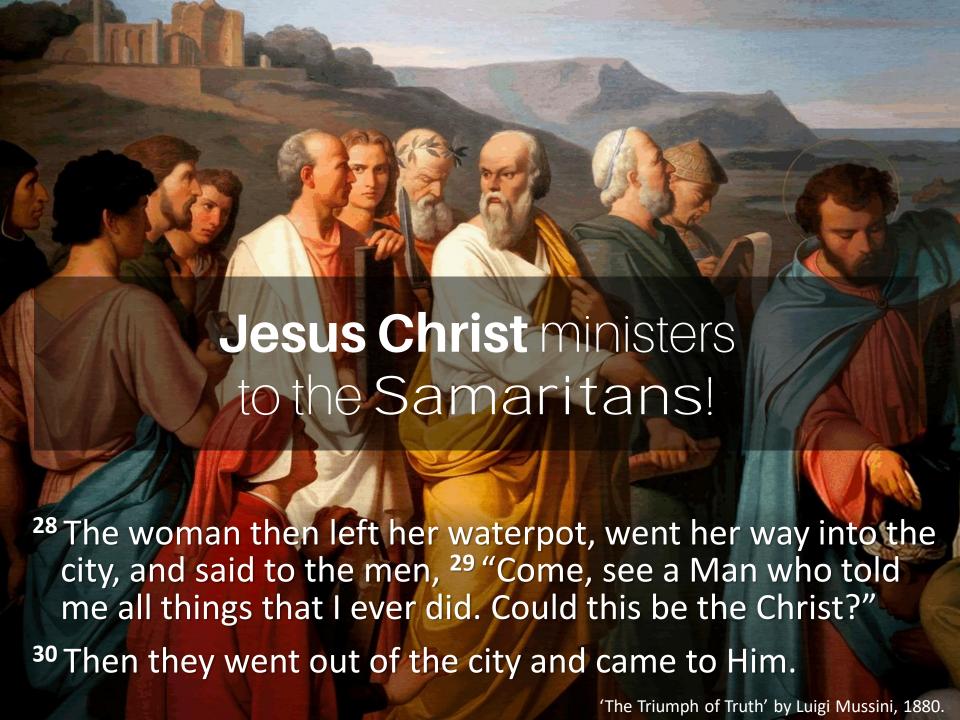
- Note an interesting parallel between Jesus' ministry and the Church in Acts 1:8, which follows the pattern:
 - Jerusalem
 - Judea
 - Samaria
 - Uttermost ends of the earth.
- Per John 4, Jesus went from:
 - Jerusalem
 - Judea
 - Samaria
 - Galilee
 - Elsewhere



19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship. ²² You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews."

Jesus Christ ministers to the Samaritan woman!







CHRIST THE JUDGE

Witnesses in John that Validate Jesus

The Witnesses



Their Testimony (John)

The Father



1:14, 18; 3:35; 5:17-30, 37-38; 6:27, 57; 8:12-19. 54; 10:17-18, 29-30; 11:40-42; 12:27-28, 44-45, 49

John the Baptist



1:6-8, 15, 19-36. 40; 3:23-30; 5:31-35; 10:41

Jesus' signs and works

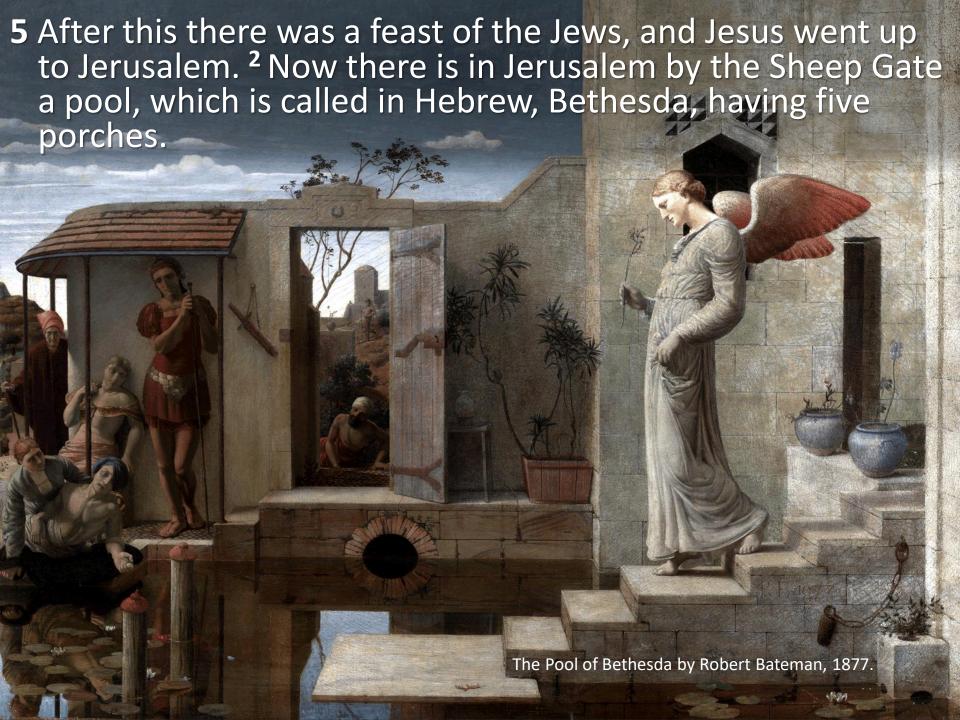


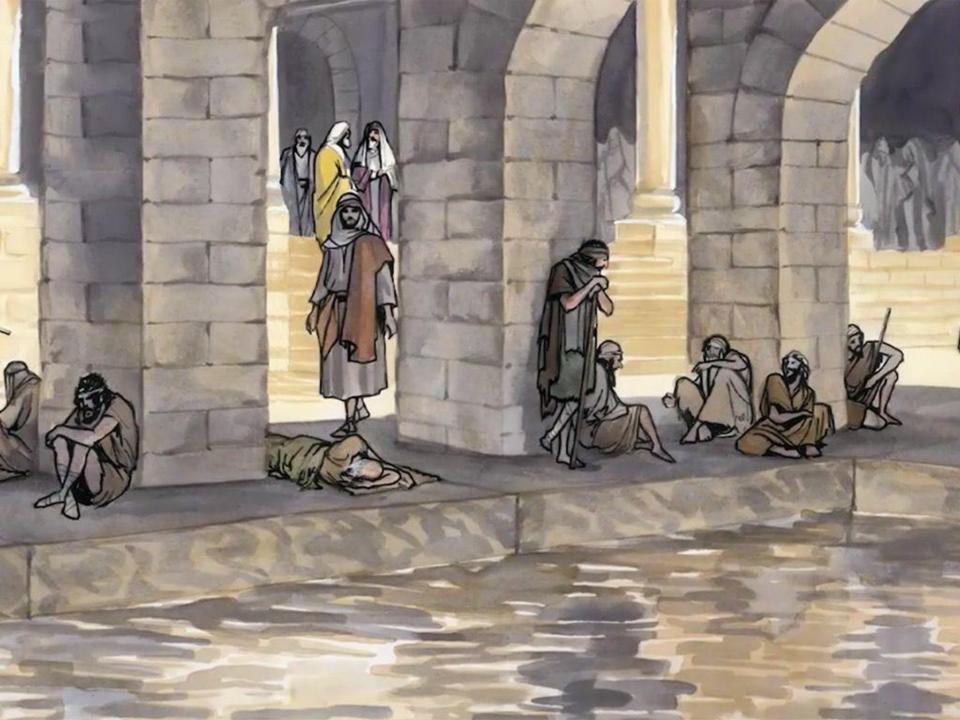
1:24, 51; 2:11, 23; 4:54; 5:20, 36; 6:14; 9:3-4, 16; 10:21, 25, 32, 37-38; 11:47; 12:17-18; 14:10-11; 15:24

The Scriptures / Moses



1:17, 45; 3:14; 5:39-47; 7:18-24; 9:28; 10:35; 13:18; 17:12; 19:24, 28, 36; 20:9











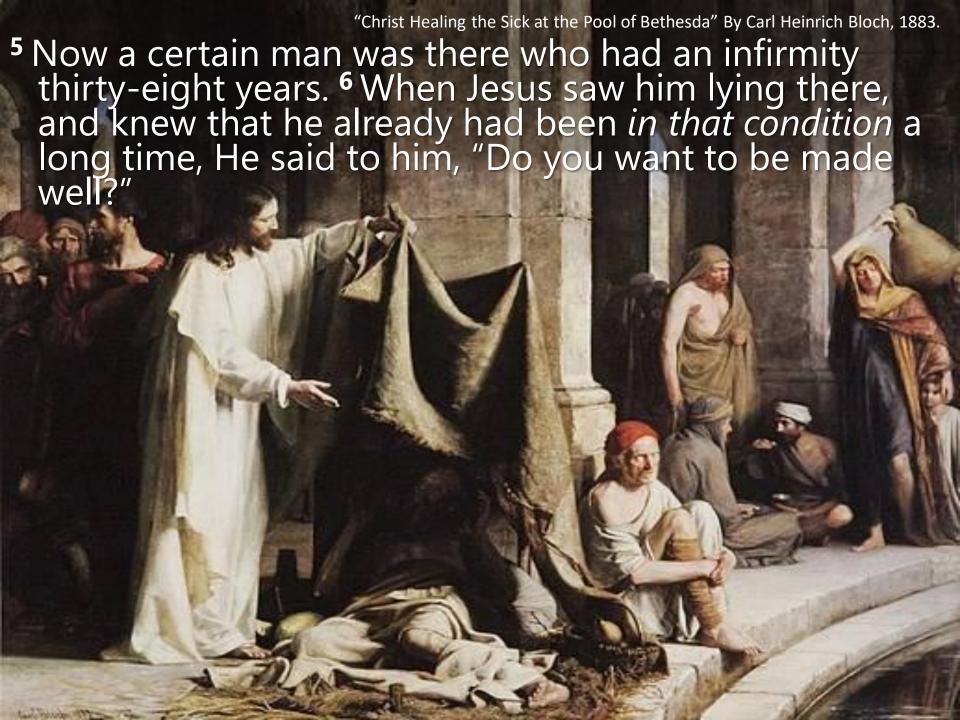


DISCOVERY OF THE POOL OF BETHESDA.

"We have generally an announcement to make, but not often of so much importance as that of this day. It is the discovery of the Pool of Bethesda." So writes Mr. Walter Besant in the quarterly statement issued by the Palestine Exploration Fund. He is jubilant, as all Palestine enthusiasts are likely to be, that a vexed question in regard to a site is apparently settled for ever. Bethesda is mentioned only by the fourth Evangelist. In the fifth chapter of his gospel, John says : " Now, there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market (or gate) a pool which is called in Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches." The word translated "pool" in the authorised version is given by some authorities as "swimming-bath," and the phrase "pool by the sheep market" is possibly better rendered "sheep pool." Eusebius explains the occasional red colour of the water in his "sheep pool" as being a trace of the carcasses of sheep washed in it before sacrificed; hence the name. They were, according to the Evangelist, five porches or porticos around the pool. These, Dr. Geikie thinks, charity built for the accommodation of sufferers. It seems to us, however, equally probable that they formed a part of the original scheme for the bath. Five portices would seem to imply a pentagonal structure; but this is by no means essential A roctangular pool, with a portico on every side, divided by one across the middle, would answer the description. "Betheada" (a Hebrew name which was very probably invented by St. John) may mean either "house of mercy" or "the place of the pouring forth" (of water). At the north-east of modern Jerusalem, close to St. Stephen's Gate, stands the Church of St. Anne. At the time of the Crimean war it was a ruined mosque, but when the French came into possession of it they restored the church and handed it over to the Algerian monks. It is near this Church of St. Anne, and in connection with excavations made around it, that the Pool of Bethesda has recently been discovered by Herr Conrad Schick. There is a courtyard to the north-west of the church, which leads through a newly-opened passage into another courtyard some 50ft square. At the north of this latter court-

vard there was at one time a small church. Beneath the floor of this some-time church are vaults, and through the floor of these vaults a cistern is reached, cut into the rock to a depth of 30ft. The cistern is a portion of the original Pool of Bethesda. There is still water in it, but it is difficult to say whence it comes. This, in brief, is Herr Schick's report of April 5th. Since then further excavations have been made. and he has prosecuted more extended inquiries. A twin pool has been discovered. Further examination will bring more details to light; but it may now fairly be assumed that the two pools, tanks, or cisterns thus discovered really constitutes the Pool of Bethesda, "having five porches," where Christ healed the paralytic of eight and thirty years' standing .- Pall Mall Gazette.

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⁷ The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. ⁴⁰ But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

⁸ Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." ⁹ And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed, and walked.

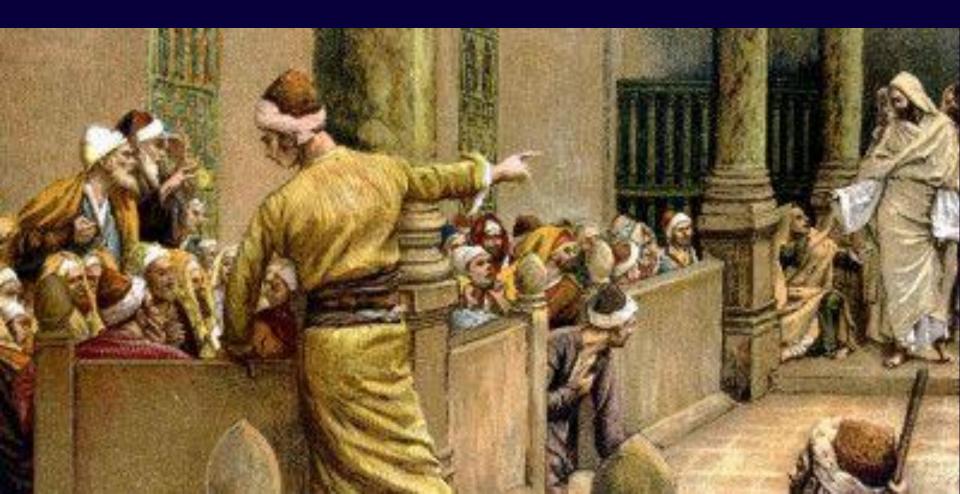
'Christ at the Pool of Bethesda' by Artus Wolffort, c. 1625.

And that day was the Sabbath. ¹⁰ The Jews therefore said to him who was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed."

- ¹¹ He answered them, "He who made me well said to me, 'Take up your bed and walk.'"
- 12 Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you, 'Take up your bed and walk'?" 13 But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, a multitude being in *that* place.



- ¹⁴ Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."
- ¹⁵ The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.



¹⁶ For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷ But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have been working."

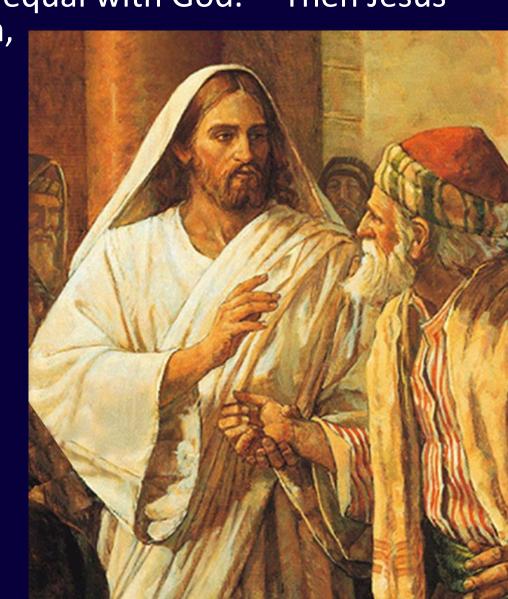


¹⁸ Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. ¹⁹ Then Jesus

answered and said to them,

"Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.



- ²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.
- For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

FOR THE FATHER HAS COMMITTED ALL

TO THE SON

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears my word and believes in him who sent me has eternal life, and

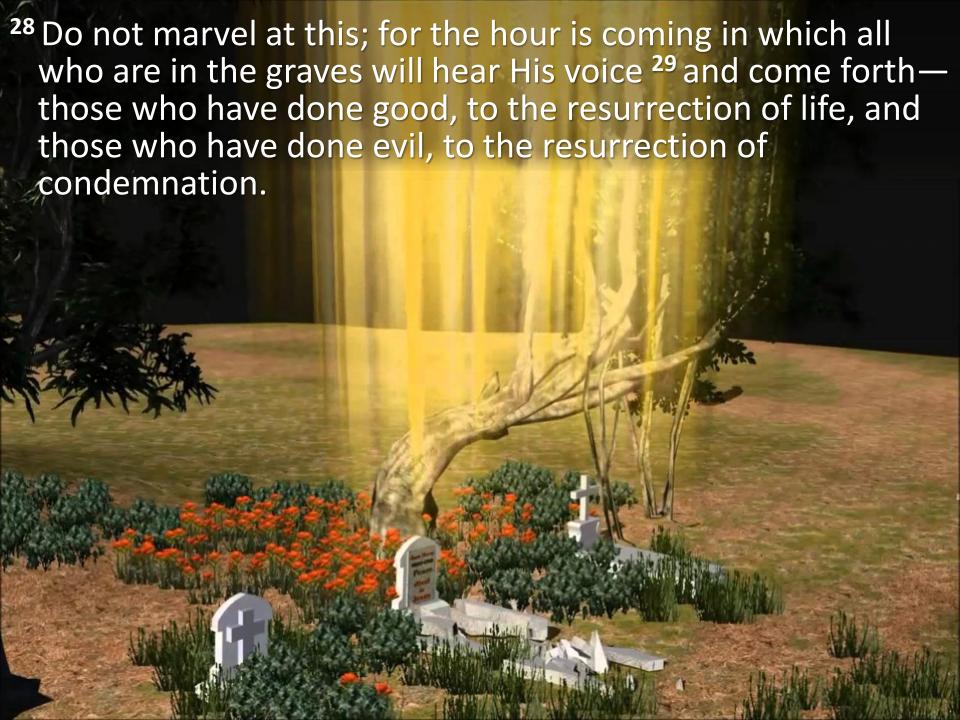
SHALL NOT COME INTO JUDGMENT, BUT HAS PASSED FROM DEATH TO LIFE.

John 5:24

²⁵ Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.

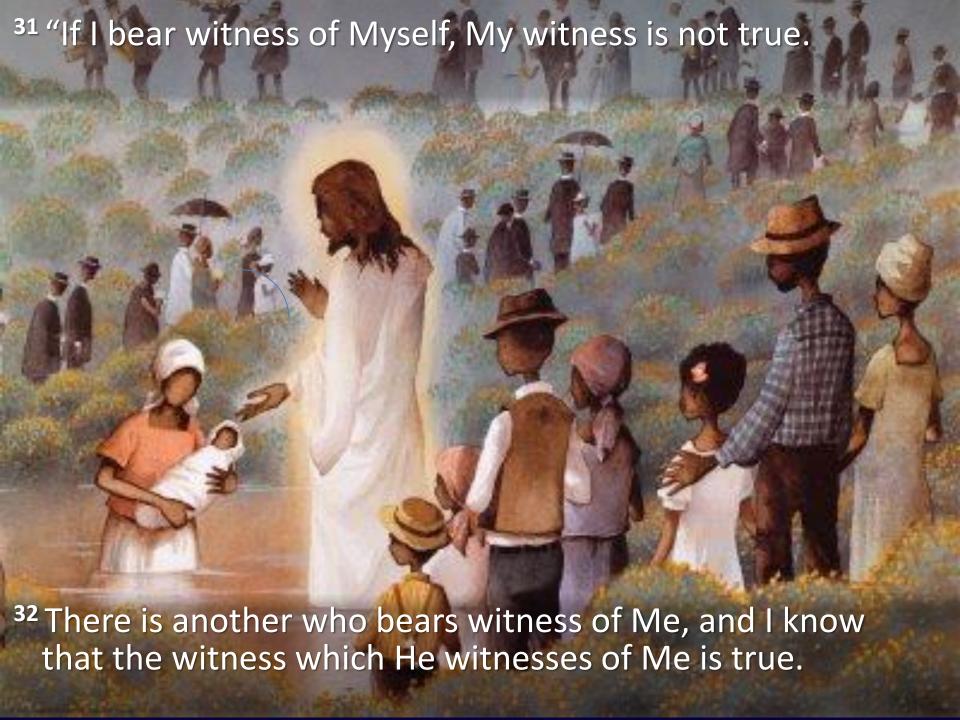


²⁶ For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, ²⁷ and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.



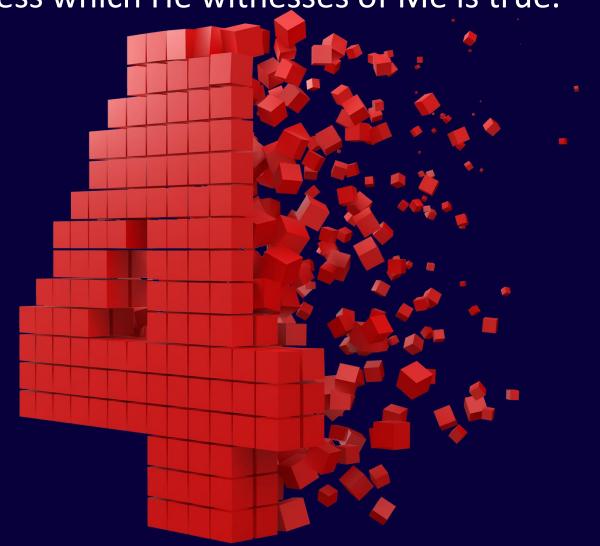


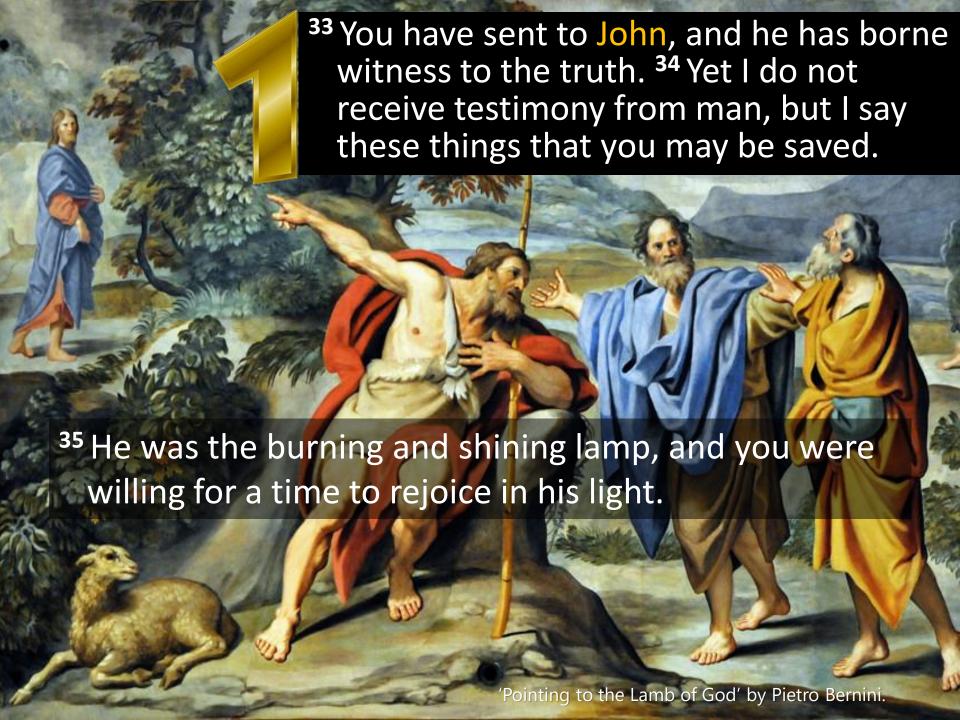
³⁰ I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

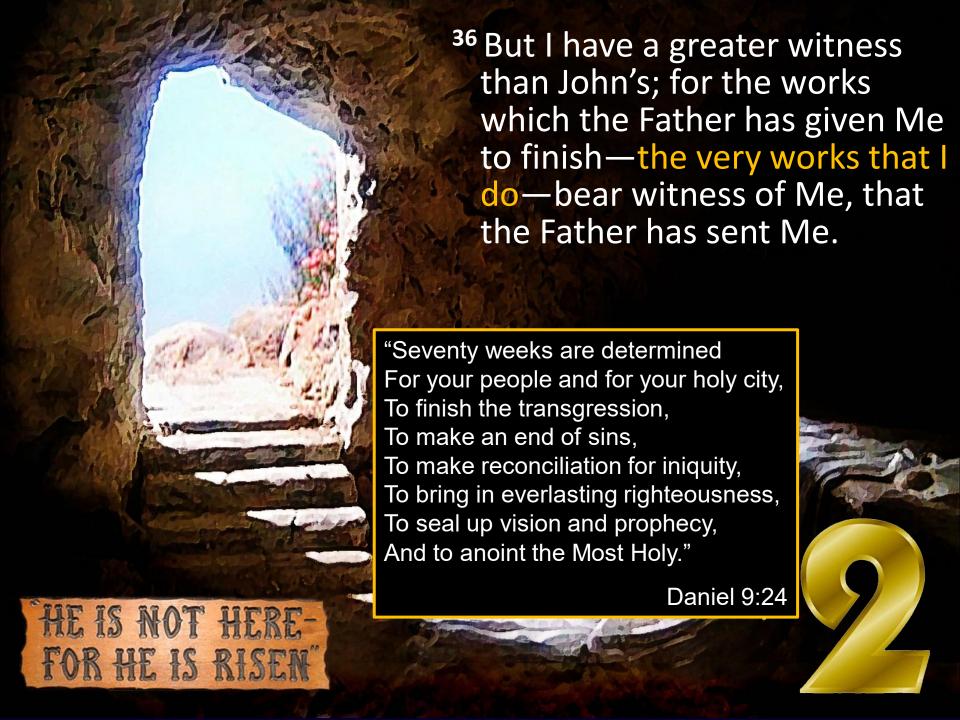


The Fourfold Witness

- ³¹ "If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true.
- There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true.

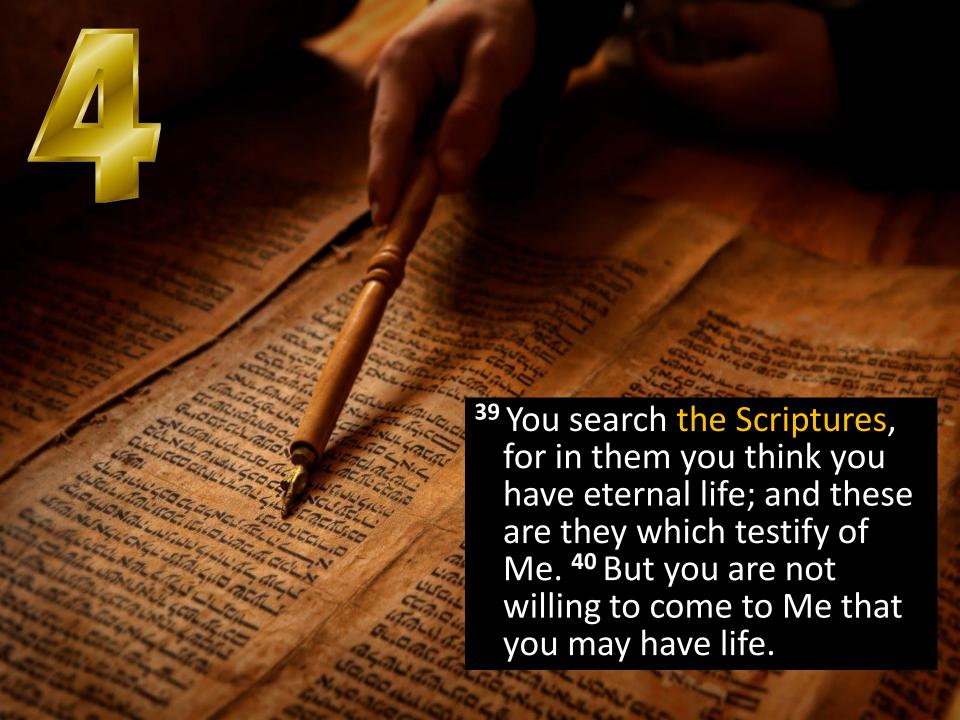








³⁷ And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. ³⁸ But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe.



FOURFOLDWITNESS OFCHRIST



Jesus' works

John 5:36

The Father

John 5: 37-38

The Scriptures

John 5:39

- ⁴¹ "I do not receive honor from men.
- ⁴² But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you.
- ⁴³ I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.
- ⁴⁴ How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that *comes* from the only God?

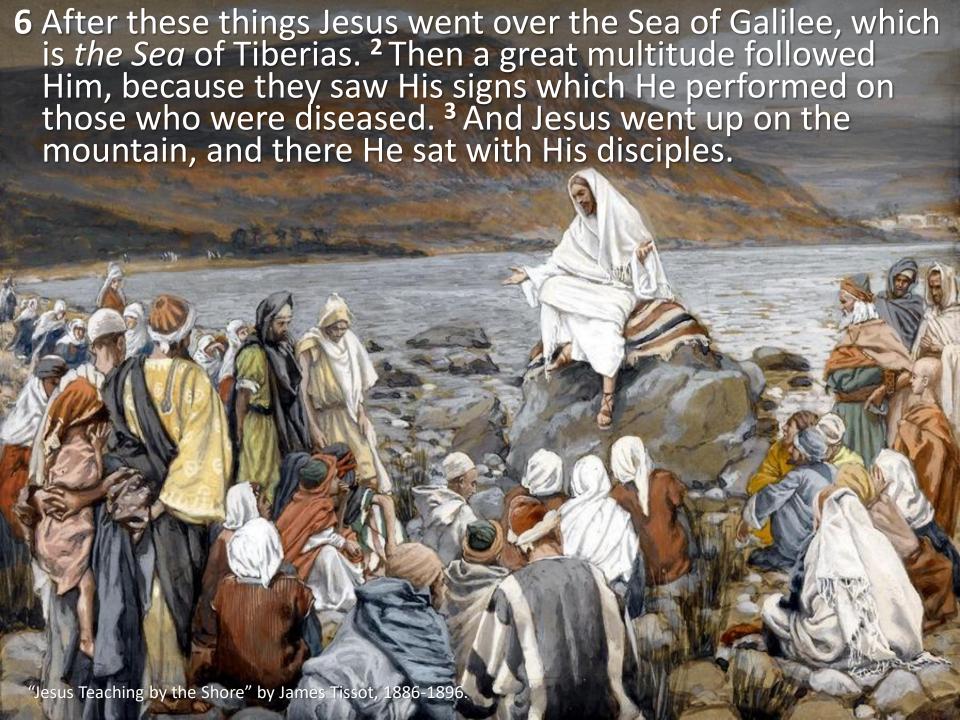


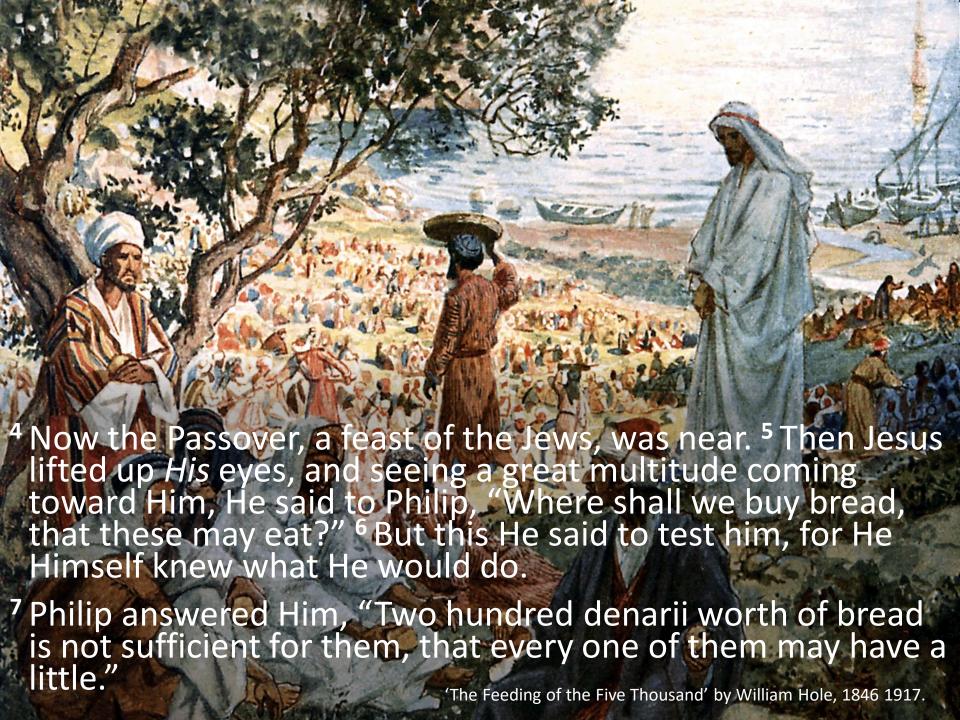
⁴⁵ Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is *one* who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. ⁴⁶ For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. ⁴⁷ But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

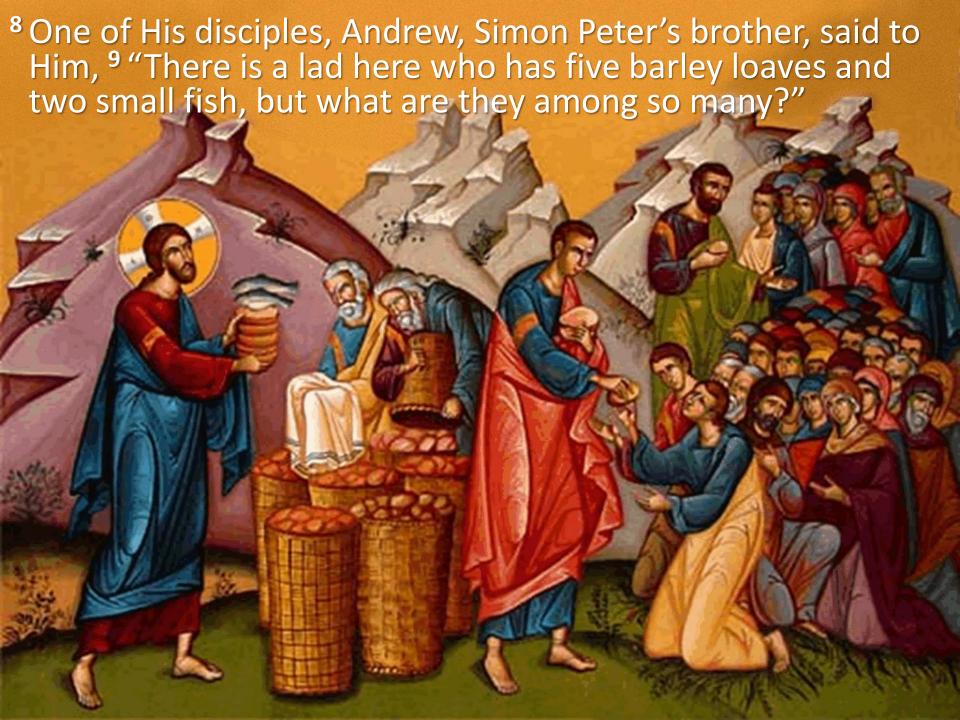


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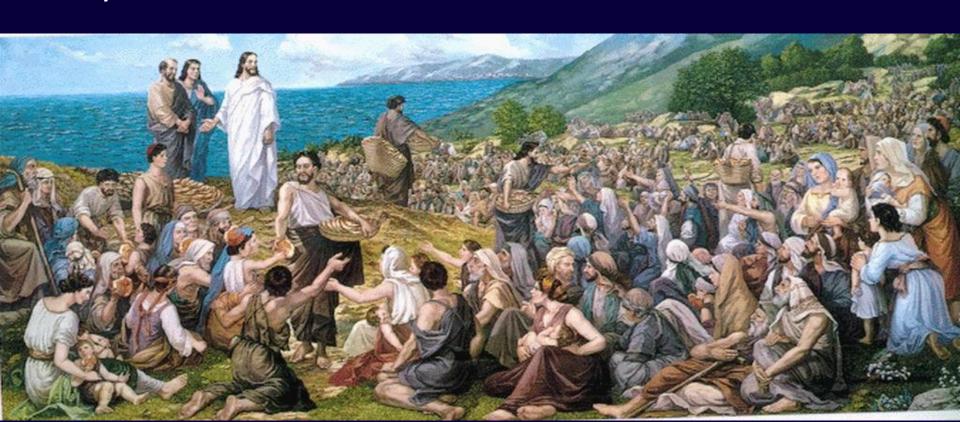
CHRIST THE BREAD OF LIFE

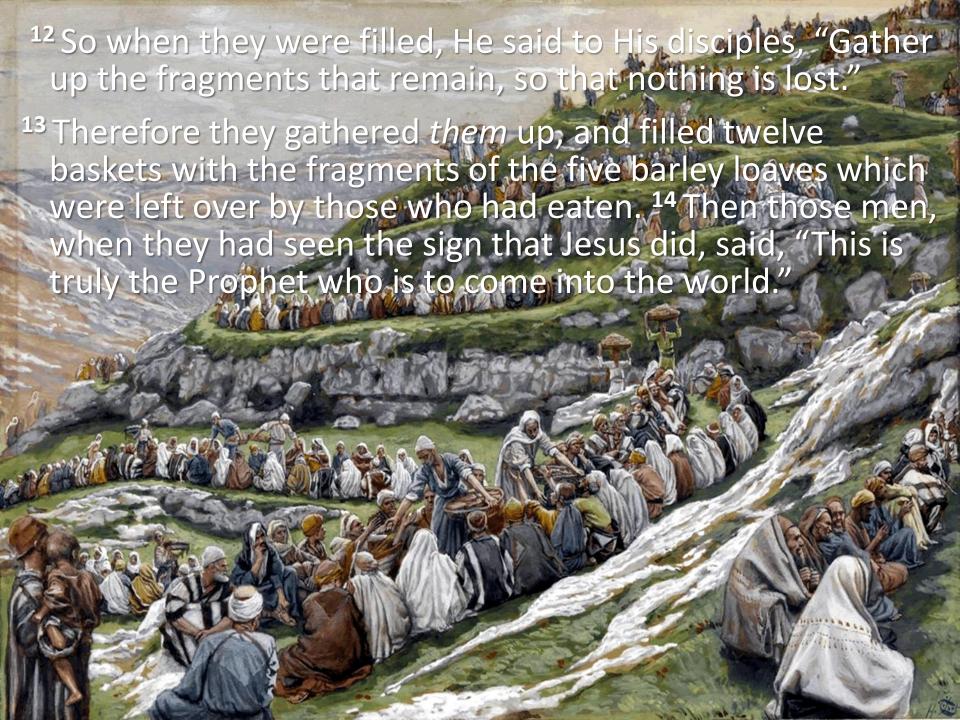


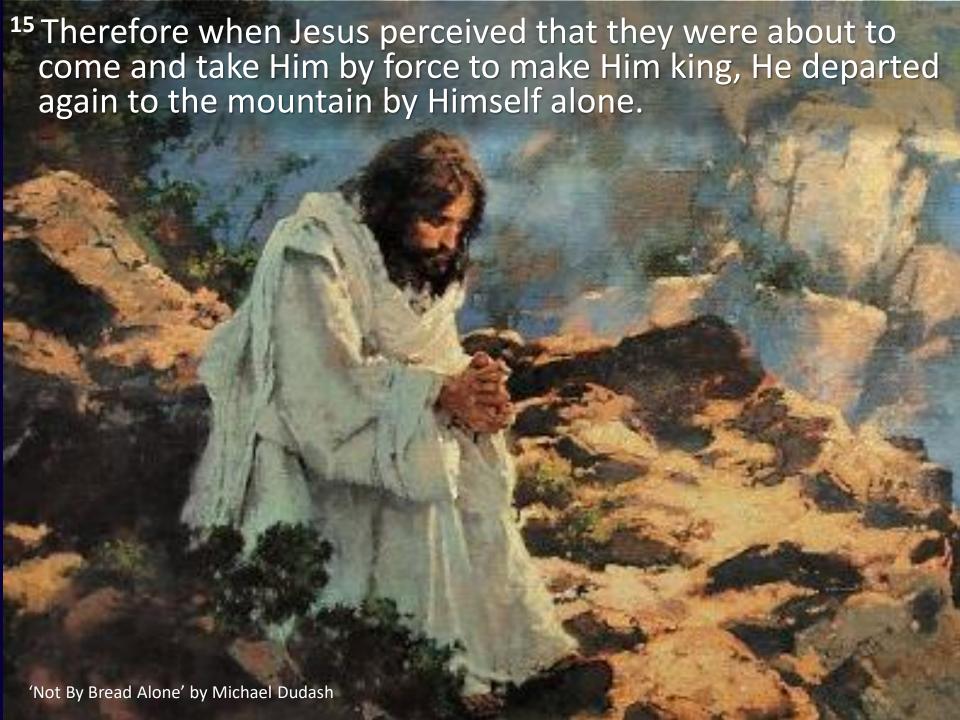


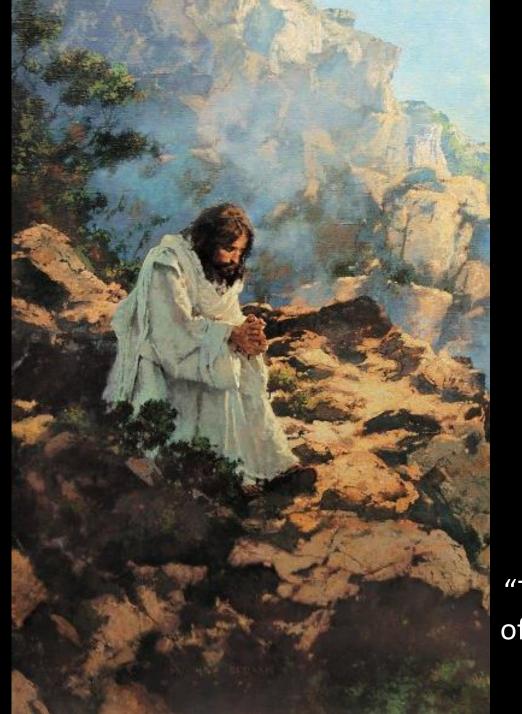


- ¹⁰ Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.
- ¹¹ And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed *them* to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.

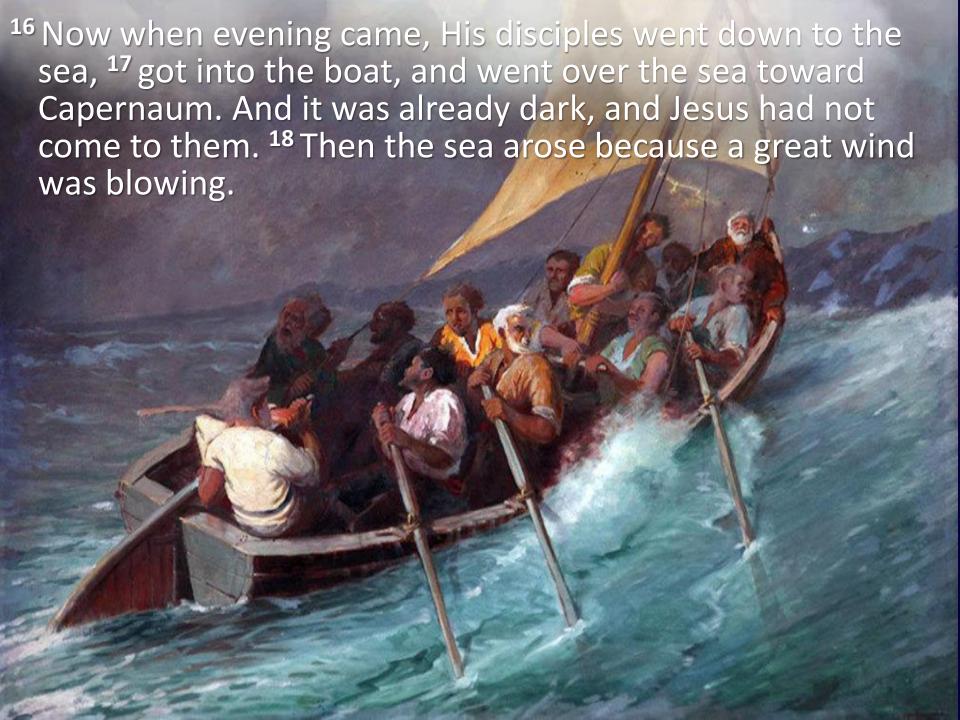




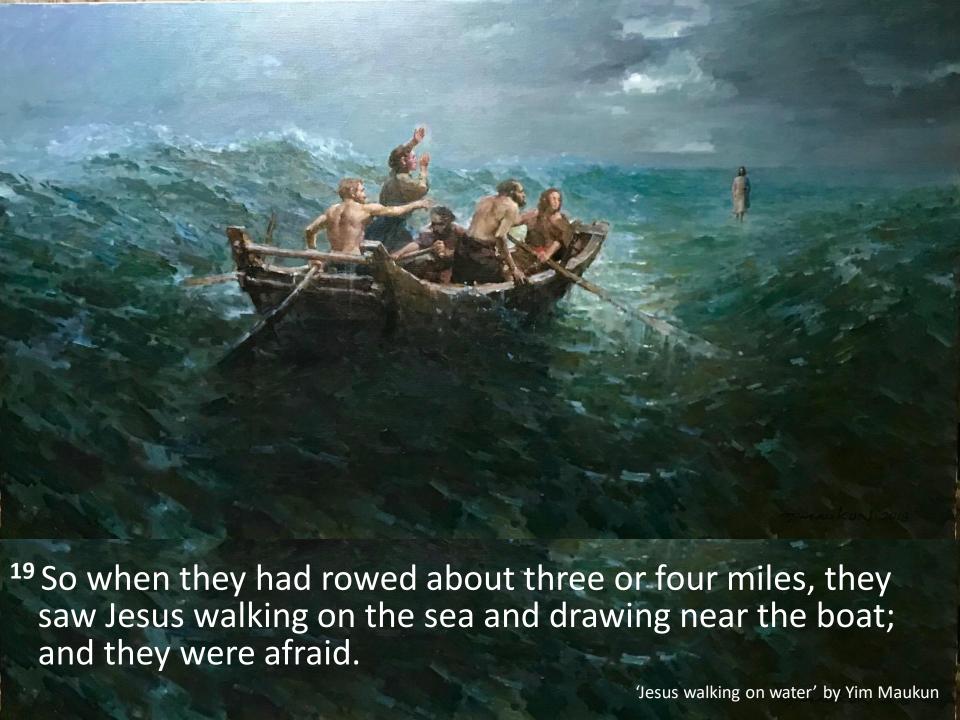




"The High Priest officiates alone."
Leviticus 16:17







²⁰ But He said to them,

"It is I; do not be afraid."

received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.

"Jesus walks on water" by Ivan Aivazovsky, 1888.

The Bread from Heaven

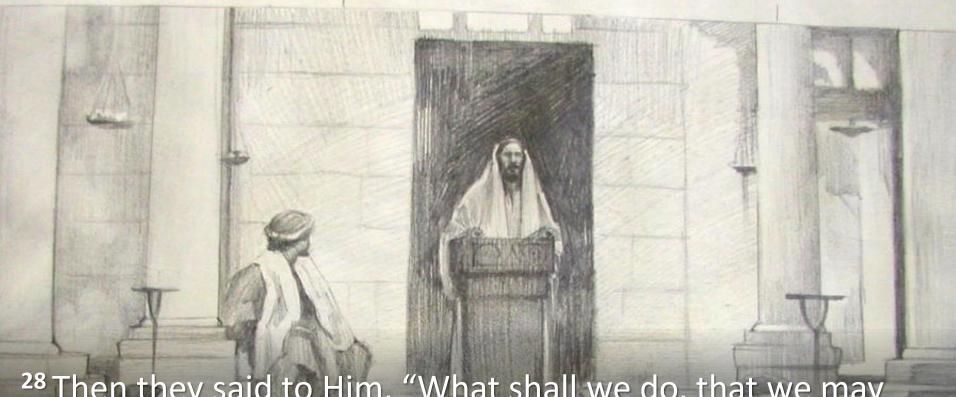
- On the following day, when the people who were standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except that one which His disciples had entered, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but His disciples had gone away alone—
- however, other boats came from Tiberias, near the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks—
- when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.





²⁵ And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?"

Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. ²⁷ Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."



²⁸ Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"

²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them,

"This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

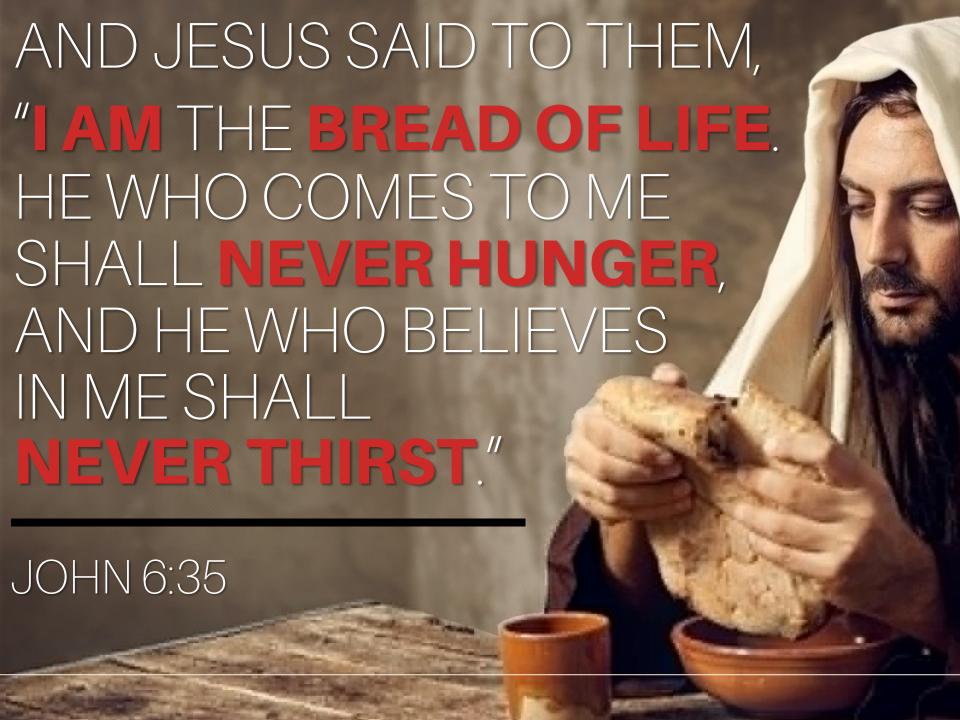
³⁰ Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written,

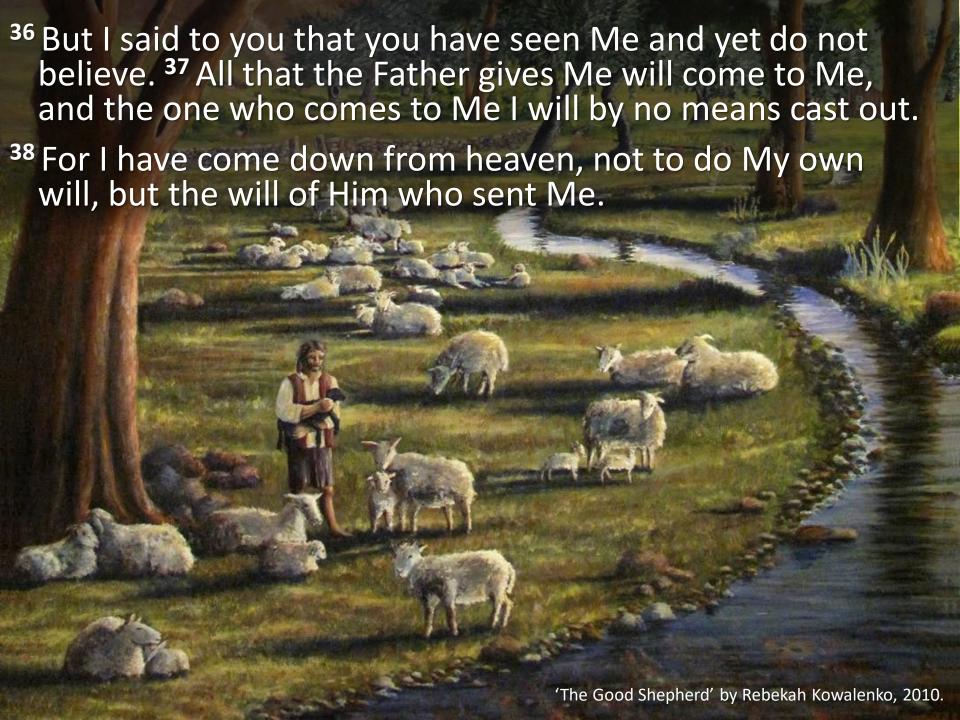
'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "

'Manna being gathered' by James Tissot.

- Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."
- ³⁴ Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."







Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.

And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

