

Gospel of John

Verses 5:31-47

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You have never heard his voice or seen him face to face, and you do not have his message in your hearts, because you do not believe me—the one he sent to you. "You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life.

"Your approval means nothing to me, because I know you don't have God's love within you. For I have come to you in my Father's name, and you have rejected me. Yet if others come in their own name, you gladly welcome them. No wonder you can't believe! For you gladly honor each other, but you don't care about the honor that comes from the one who alone is God.

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John 1:26; 29-34

John told them, "I baptize with water, but right here in the crowd is someone you do not know, who will soon begin his ministry. I am not even worthy to be his slave. ...

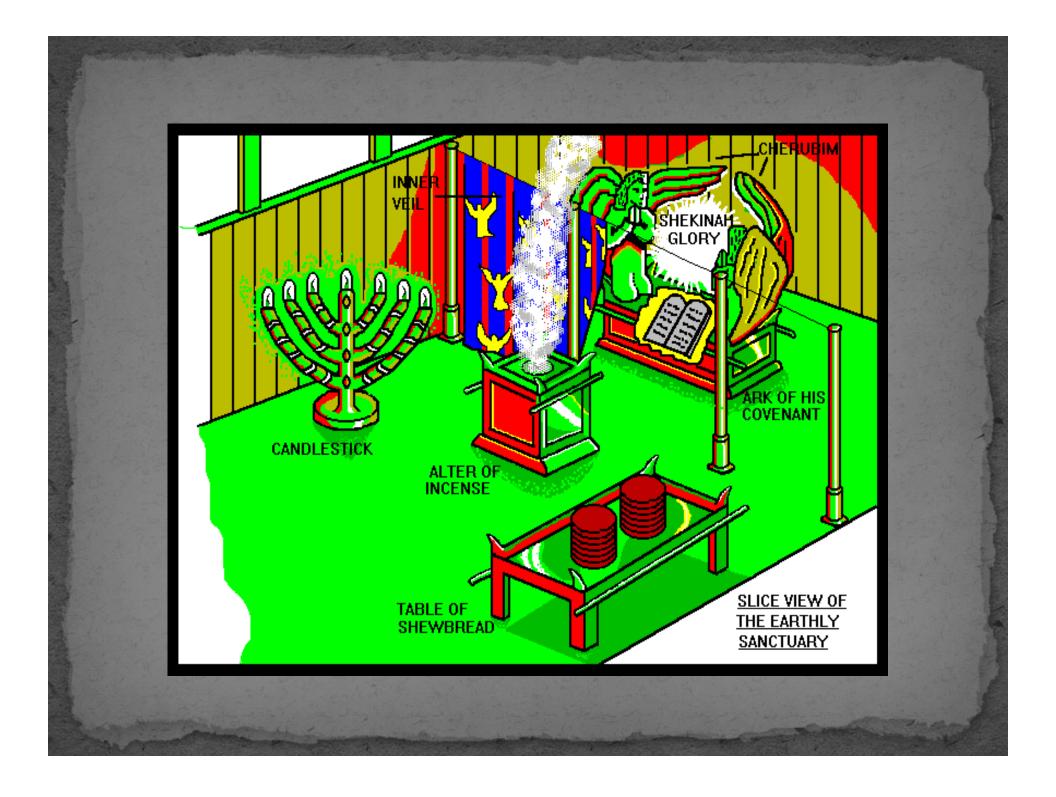
Look! There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world! He is the one I was talking about when I said, 'Soon a man is coming who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before I did. I did not recognize him as the Messiah, but I have been baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel."

John 1:26; 29-34

Then John testified, "I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him. I didn't know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God."

John 5:34-36

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Isaiah 42:6-7

I am the Lord, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations, to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon and those who dwell in darkness from the prison.

Isaiah 49:6

He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

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Mark 1:9-11

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; and a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

Isaiah 45:19

"I publically proclaim bold promises. I do not whisper obscurities in some dark corner where no one can understand what I mean."

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Matthew 6:22-23

The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

Matthew 7:28

After Jesus finished speaking, the crowds were amazed at His teaching, for he taught as one who had real authority—quite unlike the teachers of the religious law.

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John 5:38-40

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John 5:40-44

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Galatians 5:16, 25

So I advise you to live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit.

If we are living now by the Holy Spirit, let us follow the Holy Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

John 15:18-21

"If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you." If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. "Remember the word that I said to you, ' A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. "But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me.

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John 5:45-47

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Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Moses continued, "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your fellow Israelites. **You must listen to him**. For this is what you yourselves requested of the Lord your God when you were assembled at Mount Sinai. You said, 'Don't let us hear the voice of the Lord our God anymore or see this blazing fire, for we will die.'

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

"Then the Lord said to me, 'What they have said is right. I will raise up a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites. I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell the people everything I command him. I will personally deal with anyone who will not listen to the messages the prophet proclaims on my behalf.

John 5:24

"I assure you, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life."

The End