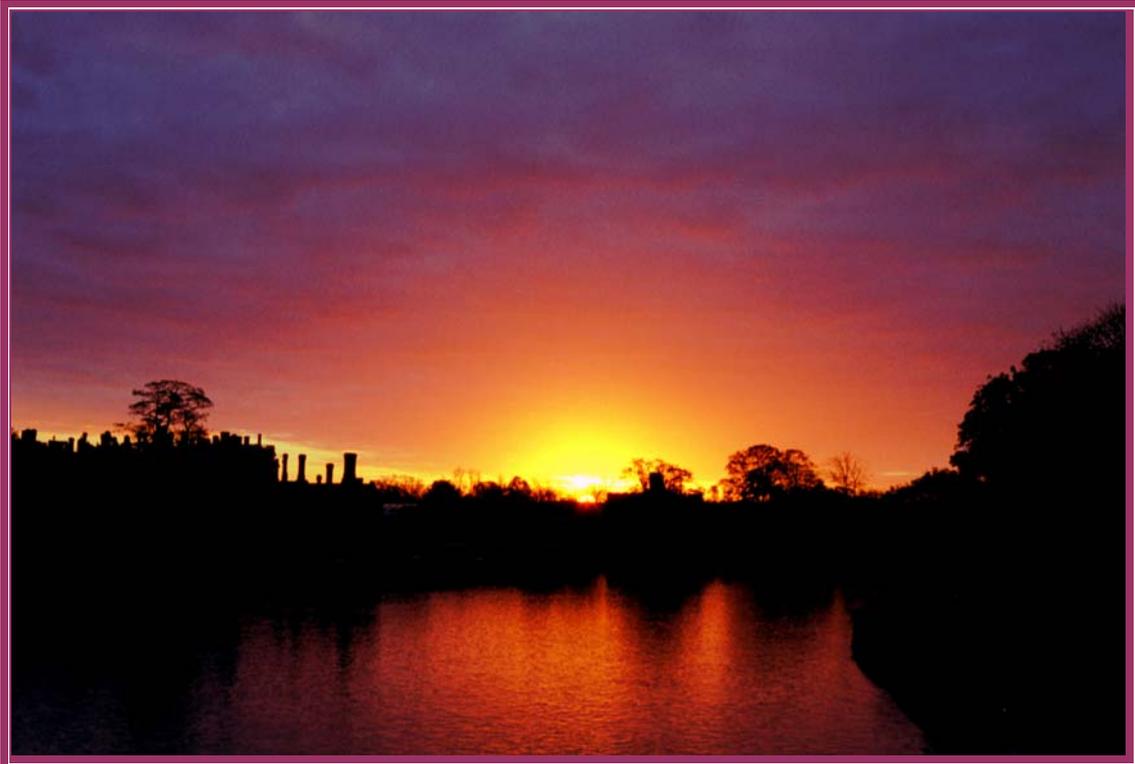




**I AND MY FATHER
ARE ONE**

Does Jesus Claim That He Is God?



John 10: verses 24 - 31

Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered them,

"I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand. I and *My* Father are One."

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.

The Jewish religious leaders (made up of Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees?) presumably wanted Jesus to claim to be Messiah (God's Anointed One) in order to justify accusing Him of blasphemy, rather than for edification: and His assertion to be One with the Father left them in no doubt that Jesus was claiming to be God the LORD, hence their opportunity to stone Him to death (see Leviticus 24:16) - except that Jesus Christ was God incarnate!



John 5: verses 14 - 21 & 28, 30

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.”**

The man departed and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, **“My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.”** 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. 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. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them*, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.... Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth - those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”

Firstly, John points out that the Jewish religious leaders persecuted Jesus and sought to kill Him, not because He broke the Mosaic law, but rather because He broke their rabbinic law regarding what they considered to be 'work' on the Sabbath (ie healing a man who had been infirm for 38 years and telling him to pick up his bed and walk): secondly, John makes it clear that they were in no doubt regarding the claim of Jesus to be the Son of God - and therefore equal with God - making them all the more determined to kill Him for His supposed blasphemy. Jesus then continues with the astounding statements that He has the same power as God the Father to raise the dead (which of course He demonstrated by raising from death the only daughter of Jair'us, the only son of a widow, and Laz'arus the brother of Mary and Martha), and that it is His voice which will call all who have ever died (that is everyone!) to their final resurrection judgement.



John 8: verses 53 - 59

“Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I honour Myself, My honour is nothing. It is My Father who honours Me, of whom you say that He is your God. Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad.”

Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” Then they took up stones to throw at Him;

These statements of Jesus told the Jewish leaders that their patriarch Abraham was still alive after more than 2000 years, and that Jesus Himself claimed to be the eternal and pre-existent ‘I AM’, YAHWEH/JEHOVAH, the covenant LORD of the Old Testament scriptures (see Exodus 3:14, Deuteronomy 32:39, Isaiah 41:4, Isaiah 43:10 - 13): once again the religious leaders were left with no doubts that Jesus was affirming Himself as God! Jesus alone made the ‘I AM’ name of God understandable, when He said, “I AM the bread of life”, “I AM the Light of the world”, “I AM the Door of the sheep”, “I AM the Good Shepherd”, “I AM the Resurrection and the Life”, “I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life”, “I AM the true Vine”.



John 16: verse 7

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.”

Luke 24: verses 46 - 49

Then He spoke to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

And you are witnesses of these things. Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

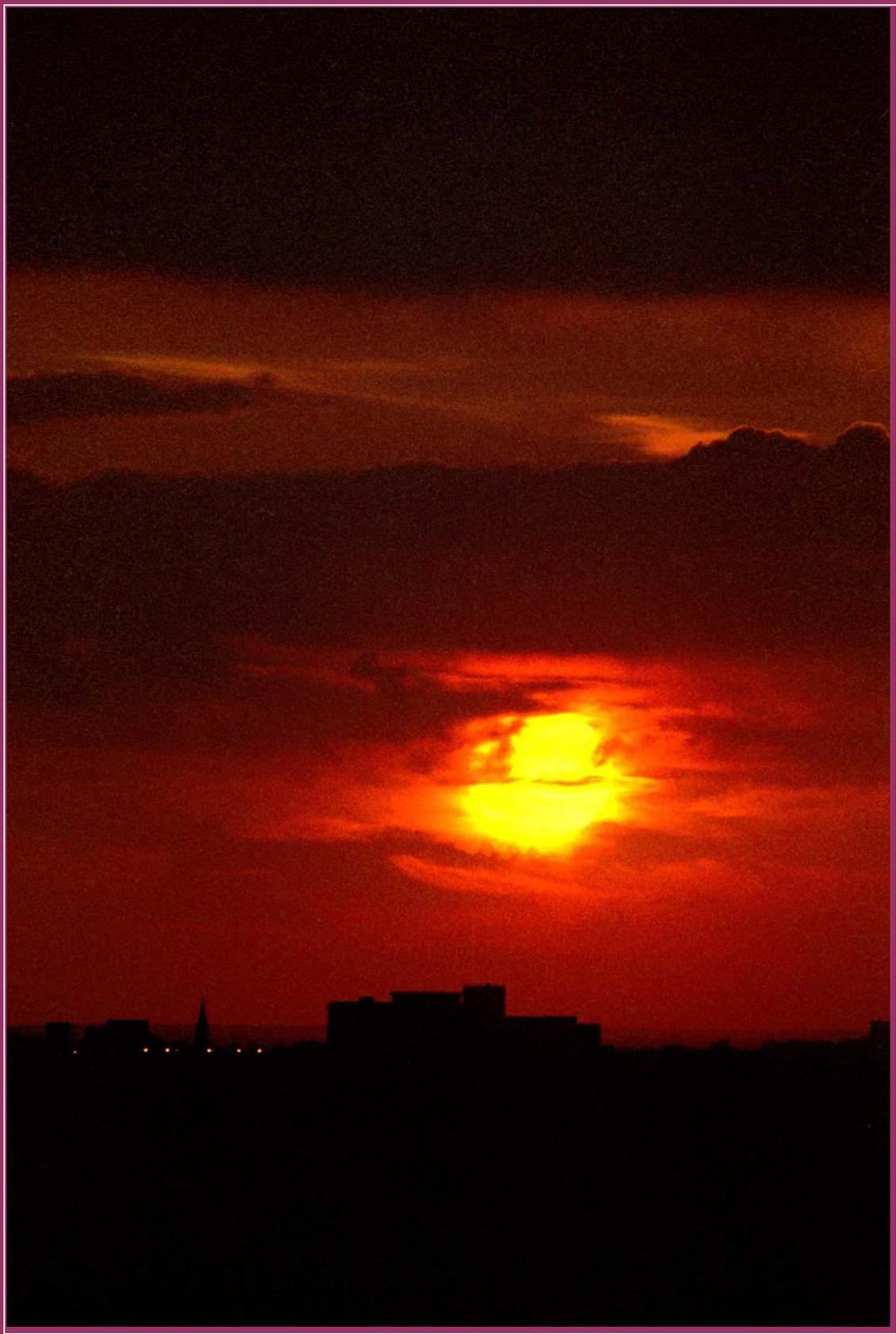
Acts 1: verses 4 & 5

And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “*which*,” He *said*, “you have heard from Me: for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Matthew 28: verses 17 - 20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.”

The risen Jesus claims to possess and command all authority and power (which as someone once remarked, “Is a lot of power and authority!”). Also, when He knew that His time had come to be crucified for the sins of the world and to receive back the eternal glory that He has as God the Son, His assurance as God was that He would send the Holy Spirit into the world in His place, to baptize and in-dwell first the Apostles and then all throughout the ages who believe in Him as Saviour and receive Him as Lord.



Revelation 1: verses 4 - 8

John, to the seven churches which are in Asia:
grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End,*"
says the Lord, **"who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."**

Revelation 1: verses 12 - 19

Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands, and in the midst of the seven lamp-stands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow and His eyes like a flame of fire; his feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength. And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, **"Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen.**

And I have the keys of Ha'des and of Death. Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this."

John the Apostle (now an old man) tells us that, when he was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, he was called and instructed to write by the One who had been pierced (crucified) and who now lives although He had been dead. The risen and now glorified Jesus Christ who John tries to describe claims to be the Alpha and the Omega; the Beginning and End; the First and the Last; the Eternal One; in fact El Shaddai - Almighty God Himself!



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Matthew 24: verses 3 - 5, 24 - 27, 29 & 30

Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of your coming, and of the end of the age?"

And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many....For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand. Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe. For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be....Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

Matthew 26: verses 62 - 65

And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?" But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!" Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy!"

To His disciples, and to the high priest, Jesus states unequivocally that He is the Christ (the Greek form of the Hebrew 'Messiah'), who is the Anointed One and Son of God. In addition, as the high priest plainly understood, Jesus not only used for Himself the Messianic title 'Son of Man' from the Old Testament Book of Daniel (Daniel 7: verse 13), but also claimed that He would sit at the right hand of the Power - that is of the LORD God - where only God Himself could sit! Jesus promises His disciples, and warns the high priest, that His return in power on the glory clouds of heaven is as certain as it will be global - no one will miss Him!

Exodus 3: verses 13 - 15

Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What *is* His name?' what shall I say to them?" And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.' " Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This *is* My name forever, and this *is* My memorial to all generations.' "

John 6: verses 32 - 35

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. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always." And Jesus said to them, "I AM the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."

John 8: verse 12

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I AM the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 10: verses 7 - 9

Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I AM the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I AM the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."

John 10: verses 11 & 14

"I AM the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep....I AM the good shepherd: and I know My *sheep*, and am known by My own."

John 11: verses 21 - 27

Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I AM the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

John 14: verses 1 - 6

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwellings; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know."

Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I AM the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 15: verses 1 & 5

"I AM the true vine...I AM the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

The LORD, the covenant God of the Old Testament told Moses to say to the children of Israel "I AM has sent me to you." Despite the great power of this name of God, there was no real understanding of the meaning - until Jesus gave understanding! He made seven extraordinarily powerful and authoritative claims to be 'I AM', the covenant LORD: in doing so He revealed God's heart of compassion, God's means of redemption for a lost and sinful world, God's promise of eternal life, and that He is the only way to stand in acceptable righteousness before Almighty God who will judge the living and dead - that is by being washed in the Son's precious spilt blood and clothed in the Son's everlasting holiness and righteousness.



Matthew 11: verses 2 - 7, 10

And when John (the Baptist) had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see; *the blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.* And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John, "...For this is *he* of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.' "

John the Baptist was the one who'd introduced Jesus as the promised Messiah, whom he'd presumably expected to restore Israel from Gentile (Roman) control and bring down the vengeance of God to 'burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire' (Matthew 3: verse 12): thus it would have confused John that Jesus came with a ministry of healing not judgment, and with a time of grace by proclaiming 'the acceptable year of the LORD' (Luke 4: verses 18, 19). Therefore, Jesus performed miracles and told John's disciples to confirm that He was indeed the promised Holy One, since John would have known the prophecies given in Scriptures (eg. Isaiah 29: verses 18, 19, Isaiah 35: verses 5 - 10). Regarding who John was and his purpose, Jesus quotes from Malachi 3: verse 1 to identify John as the messenger sent by God to prepare the way before the LORD - Jesus Christ Himself.



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Psalm 110: verses 1 & 2

The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, till I make
Your enemies Your footstool."

The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion.
Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

John 5: verses 37 - 40

"And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom he sent, Him you do not believe. You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life."

Matthew 22: verses 41 - 46

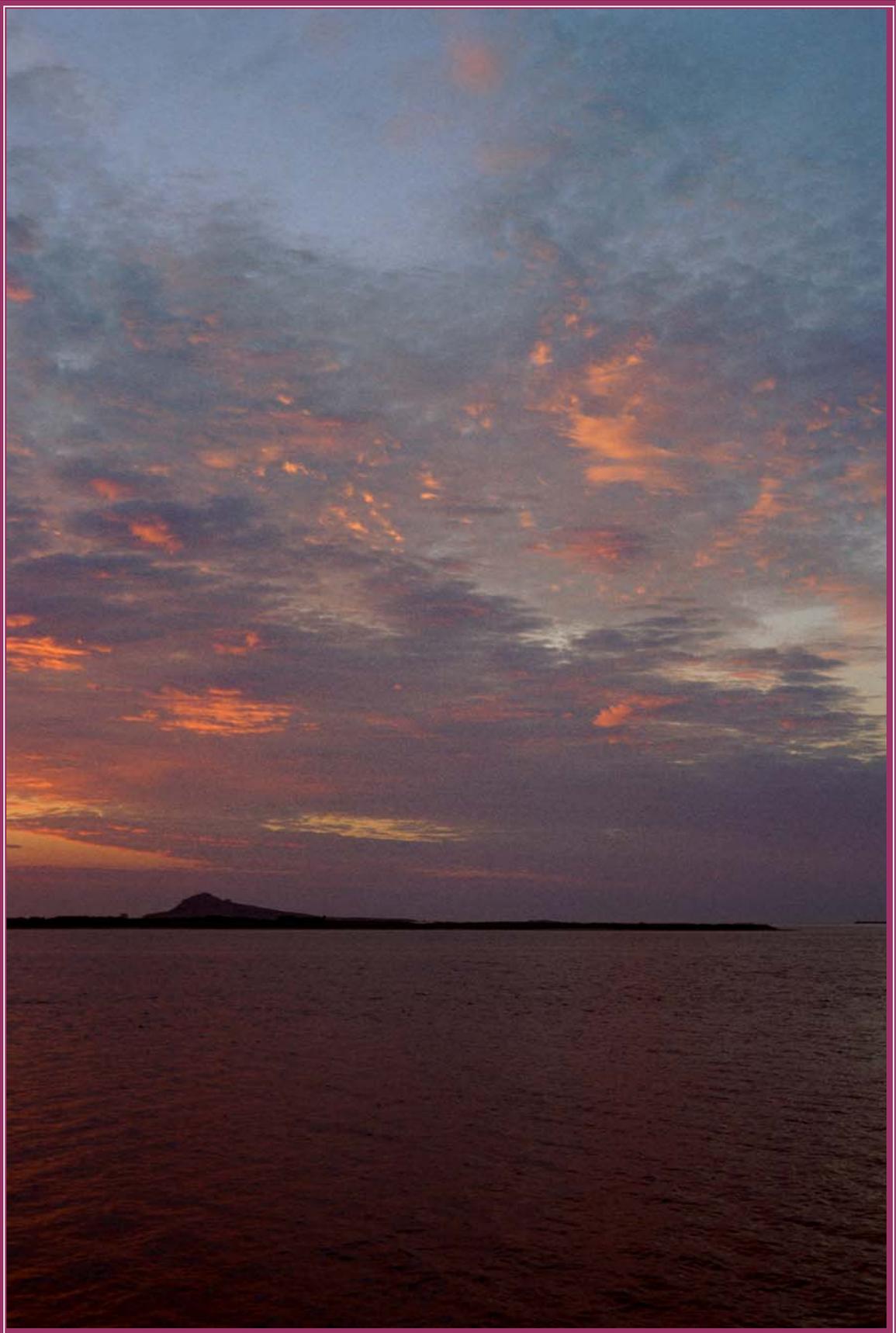
While the Phar'isees were gathered together, Jesus asked them saying, "What do you think about Christ? Whose Son is He?"

They said to Him, "*The Son of David.*"

He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool" '? If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?"

And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

Jesus, as always, refers to the Scriptures (in this case Psalm 110: verse 1) to testify that He is the Christ (Hebrew: Messiah), and to try to get the religious leaders to understand that, while the Christ is in the physical line of King David (through Nathan down to His mother Mary), He is also the Lord God incarnate, born of a virgin as prophesied by Isaiah (Isaiah 7: verse 14). But they were blind to the truths and prophecies of Scriptures, preferring their own interpretations - and ultimately they killed the Messiah because He obeyed God the Father rather than agreeing with them. Even this was of course predicted, and Christ's death, burial and resurrection became the means of propitiation by which we must be saved.



Genesis 3: verses 14, 15

So the LORD God said to the serpent: "...And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

Psalm 2: verses 7 - 9

"I will declare the decree; The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' "

Isaiah 7: verses 12 - 14

But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!" Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! *Is it* a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Imman'uel."

Isaiah 9: verses 6, 7

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of *His* government and peace *there will be* no end, upon the throne of David....

John 3: verses 10, 16 & 17

Jesus answered and said to him, "...For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

The LORD, the Creator, promised He would send a Redeemer to restore this humanity that had died to Him through sin. Messiah would be born of a virgin and therefore would be the Seed of a woman not of a fallen man: He would be the Son of God, and literally 'God-with-us' (Imman'uel). Jesus confirms that He, the Son of God, was sent into the world to be the Saviour of mankind - God's own shed blood the acceptable sacrifice for human sin.



Daniel 9: verses 24 - 26

“Seventy sevens are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.

Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah (*God's Anointed One*) the Prince, *there shall be* seven sevens and sixty-two sevens; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times. And after the sixty-two sevens Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself....”

Luke 4: verses 14, 17 - 21

Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee....And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: **“The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD”**And He began to say to them, **“Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”**

John 4: verses 21, 23 - 26

Jesus said to her, **“...But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”**

The woman said to Him, **“I know that Messiah is coming”** (who is called Christ). **“When He comes, He will tell us all things.”**

Jesus said to her, **“I who speak to you AM.”**

In the Old Testament, Daniel and Isaiah prophesy that Messiah, the LORD'S Anointed One, will come to save His people. Jesus begins His earthly ministry by reading the prophecy of Isaiah in the synagogue - and then stating that He is the Anointed One of God. To the Samaritan woman, who believes in the advent of Messiah, Jesus simply says, 'You are speaking to Him - and you are speaking to God the LORD!'



Luke 5: verses 18 - 25

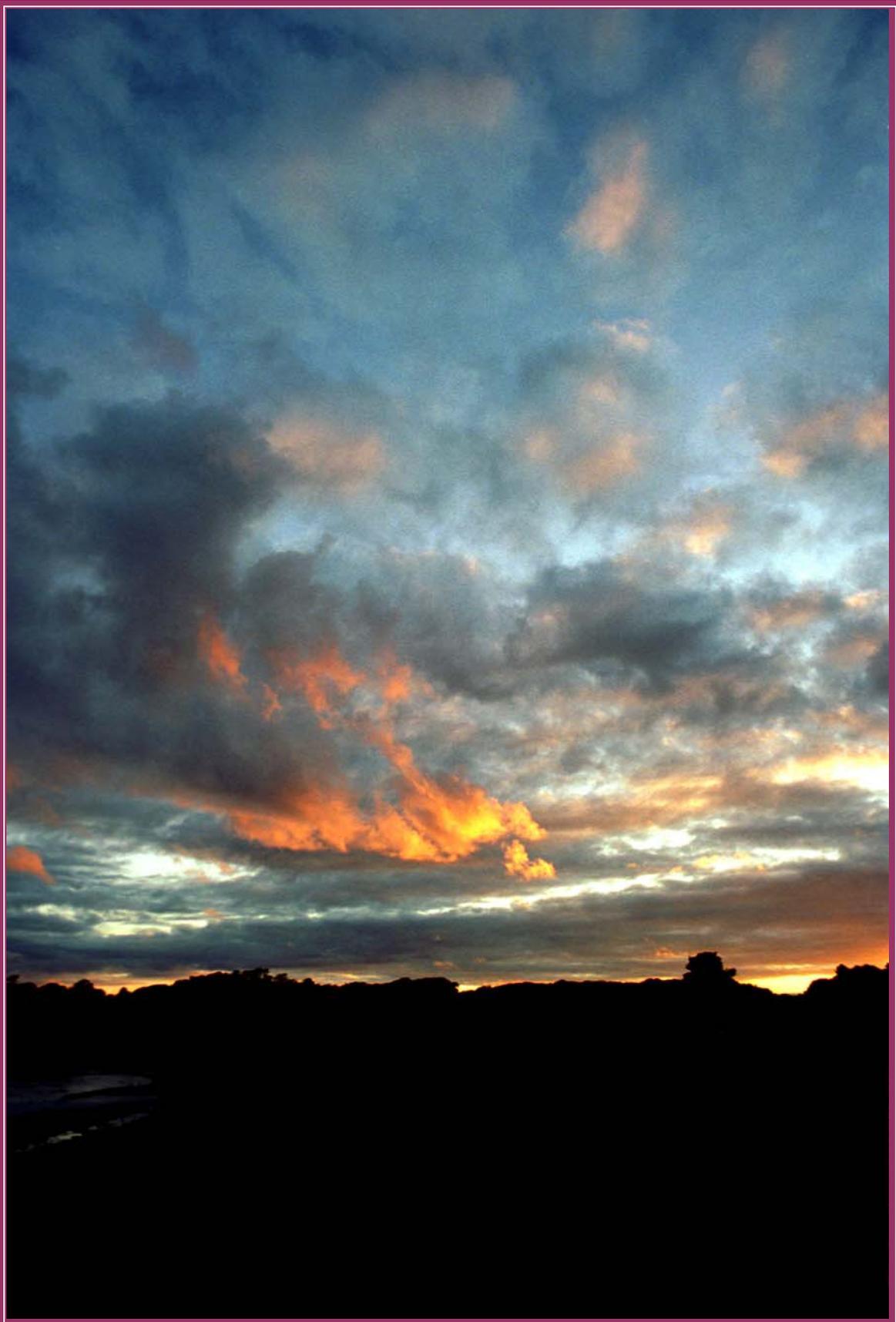
Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralysed.... and let him down with *his* bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus. When He saw their faith, He said to him, **“Man, your sins are forgiven you.”** And the scribes and the Phar’isees began to reason, saying, **“Who is this who speaks blasphemies?**

Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, **“Why are you reasoning in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise up and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”** - He said to the man who was paralysed, **“I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”**

Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

As Jesus knew, the large number of Jewish religious leaders present (Phar’isees and teachers of the law who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea and Jerusalem, Luke tells us) would not miss His statement, ‘Man, your sins are forgiven you’, and they didn’t! They knew that only God can forgive sins - which meant that Jesus was claiming to be God! And indeed He was when He also said, ‘But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins, I say to you stand up, pick up your bed, and go home.’ The man did, knowing he had God in Christ to thank.



Ecclesiastes 3: verses 14, 15 & 17

I know that whatever God does, it shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, and nothing taken from it. God does *it*, that men should fear before Him. That which is has already been, and what is to be has already been; and God requires an account of what is past....I said in my heart,
“God shall judge the righteous and the wicked, for *there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.*”

Psalm 96: verse 13

For He is coming, He is coming to judge the earth.
He shall judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with His truth.

John 5: verses 22 - 27

“For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honour the Son just as they honour the Father. He who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent Him. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. 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. For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.”

Acts 17: verses 30 & 31

“Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

Scripture confirms that everyone will stand before God to be judged in righteousness and truth. Jesus states that everyone will be judged by Him, and should honour Him as God the Father is honoured, which of course would make Him the righteous Judge of heaven and earth - that is God!

John 17: verses 1 - 5

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said;
"Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also
may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh,
that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given
Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only
true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.
I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which
You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me
together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You
before the world was."

John 17: verses 6 - 13

"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given
Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me,
and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all
things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given
to them the words which you have given me; and they have
received *them*, and have known surely that I came forth from
You; and they have believed that you sent Me.
I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom
You have given Me, for they are Yours.
And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified
in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the
world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name
those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We.
While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name.
Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost
except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.
But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world,
that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves."

John 17: verses 14 - 26

“I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.

They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

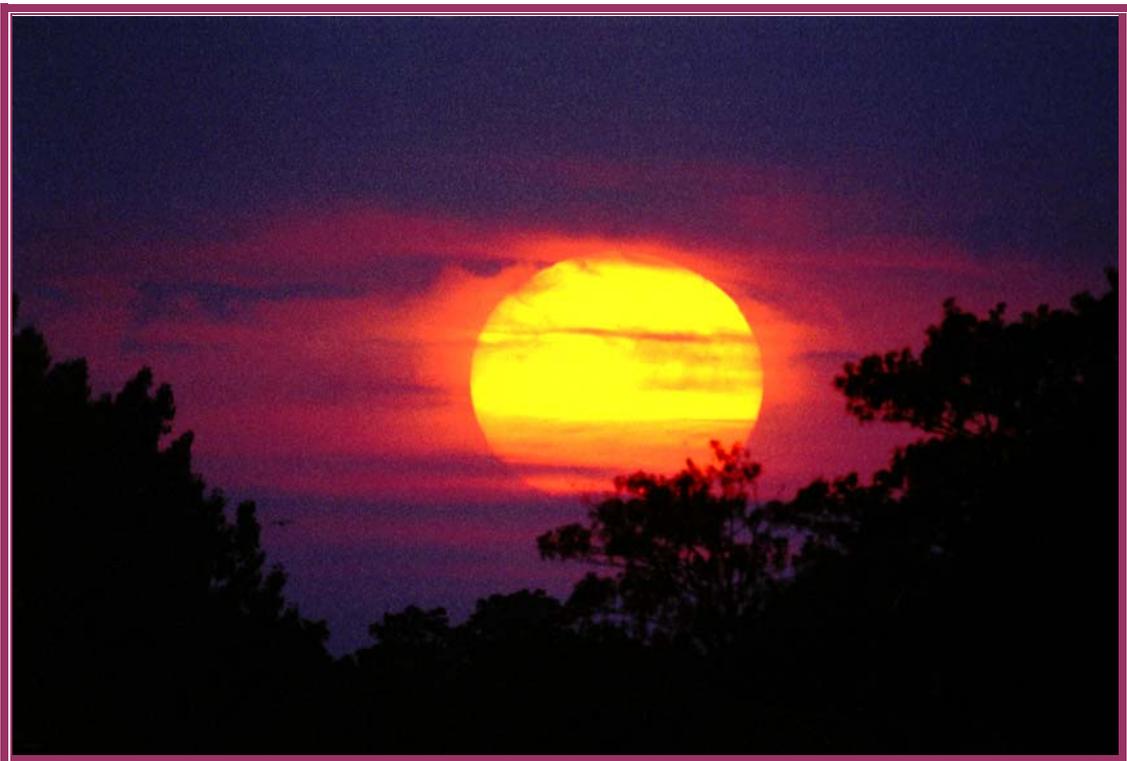
O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me.

And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

In this Lord's prayer spoken from the threshold of His crucifixion and departure from the world, Jesus claims Son-ship with God the Father; He claims the authority of God over all living things, and that He will be the One who will give eternal life to as many as God chooses. Now in His final hours He is anticipating restoration to Himself of God's glory which He claims was already His before time and space existed (until He laid it aside). Categorically, He states that all who belong to the Father are the Son's, and all who belong to the Son are the Father's and that, as He is in the Father and the Father in Him, all these are in the Father and the Son - which of course makes Him one with the Father and therefore God!



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Matthew 11: verses 25 - 27

At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*."

Matthew 16: verses 13 - 21

When Jesus came into the region of Caesare'a Philip'pi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Eli'jah, and others Jeremi'ah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered and said,

"You are the Christ (*Messiah*), the Son of the living God."

Jesus answered and said to him,

"Blessed are you, Simon BarJo'nah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

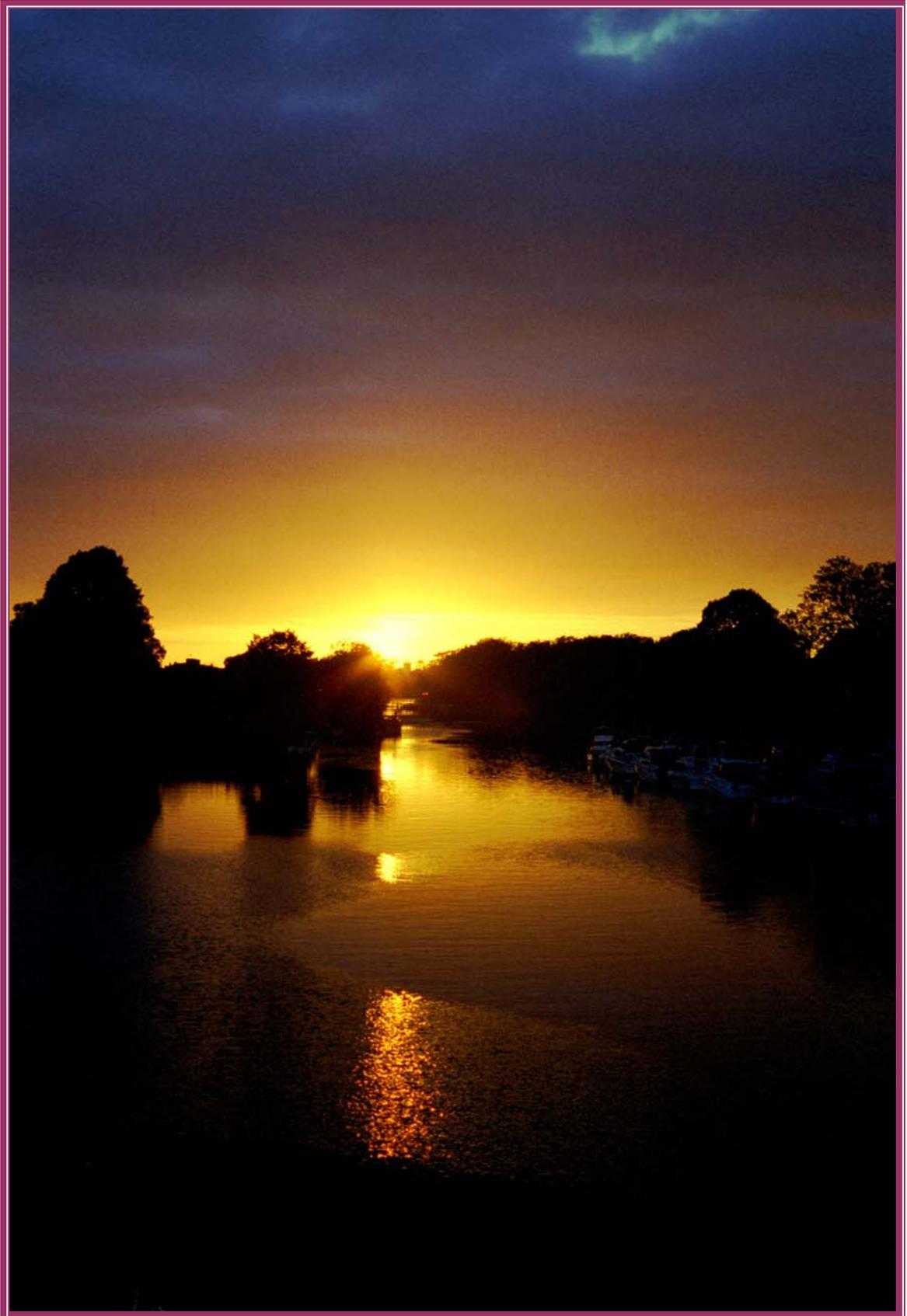
And I also say to you that you are Peter, (*Greek petros, a stone*) and on this rock (*Greek petra, a foundation stone*) I will build

My church, and the gates of Ha'des shall not prevail against it.

And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ. From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

Jesus claims that He alone knows God the Father (something which only God the Son can claim), and that only the Father knows who He is. Jesus confirms openly to His disciples that Peter's revelation that He is Messiah (*Greek, the Christ*), God's Anointed One, comes not from any human source but directly from God. In the moment of this momentous exchange, Jesus foresees the establishment of His church which death itself cannot prevent.



Matthew 12: verses 1 - 14

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath.

And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. And when the Phar'isees say, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!" But He said to them,

"Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?

Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?

Yet I say to you that in this place there is *One* greater than the temple. But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless.

For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue. And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" - that they might accuse Him. Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift *it* out?

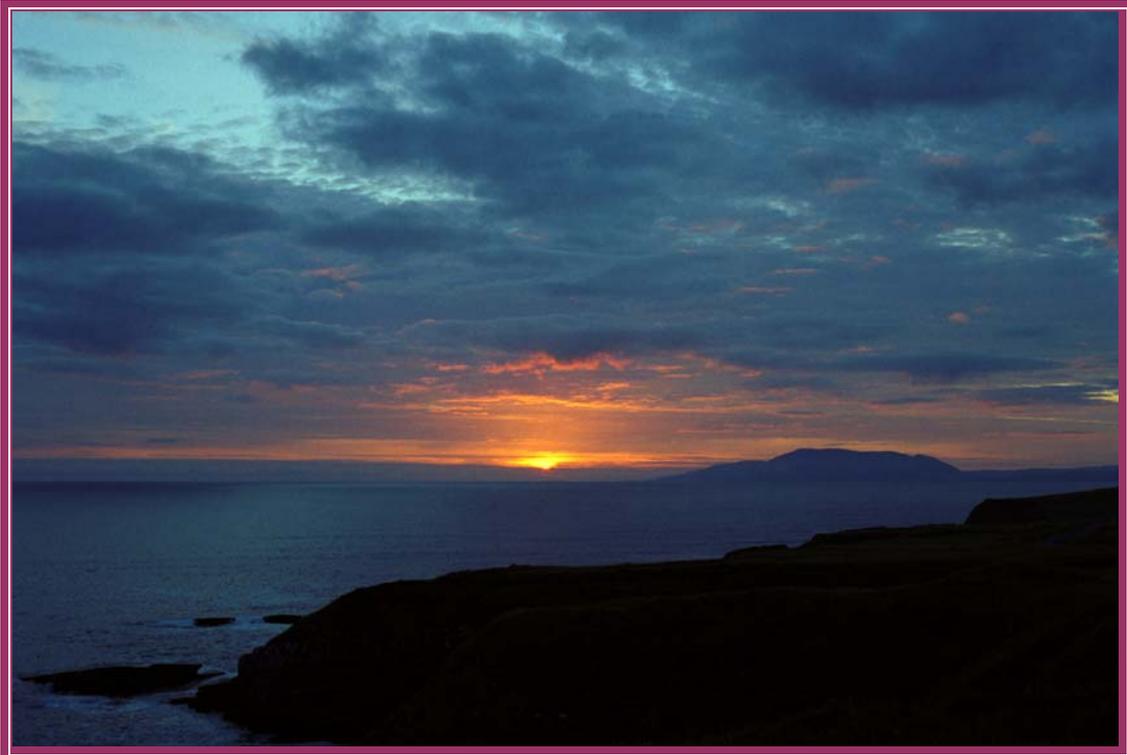
Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep?

Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath."

Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched *it* out, and it was restored as whole as the other.

Then the Phar'isees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

These Jewish religious leaders were in no doubt that they had several ironclad reasons to justify killing Jesus. Not only did He say that there was One present (Himself) who was greater than the temple of the LORD but also that, since the Sabbath was a day of rest to worship God, only God Himself could be Lord of the Sabbath - therefore Jesus was claiming to be God! Then He broke their man-made rabbinic law (but not the Mosaic law) regarding what they considered to be 'work' on the Sabbath (ie healing a man's arm), and even told them personally that God approves of works of goodness and mercy at any time including on the Sabbath. They were quite clear from His claims that either Jesus was the Messiah, God the Son, or He was a blasphemous impostor - and they chose the latter and crucified Him.



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Luke 7: verses 12 - 16

And when He (Jesus) came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.

When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, **“Do not weep.”** Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried *him* stood still. And He said,

“Young man, I say to you, arise.”

So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, **“A great prophet has risen up among us”;** and, **“God has visited His people.”**

Luke 8: verses 49, 52 - 55

While He (Jesus) was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's *house*, saying to him, **“Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher”**

Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said,

“Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.”

And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying,

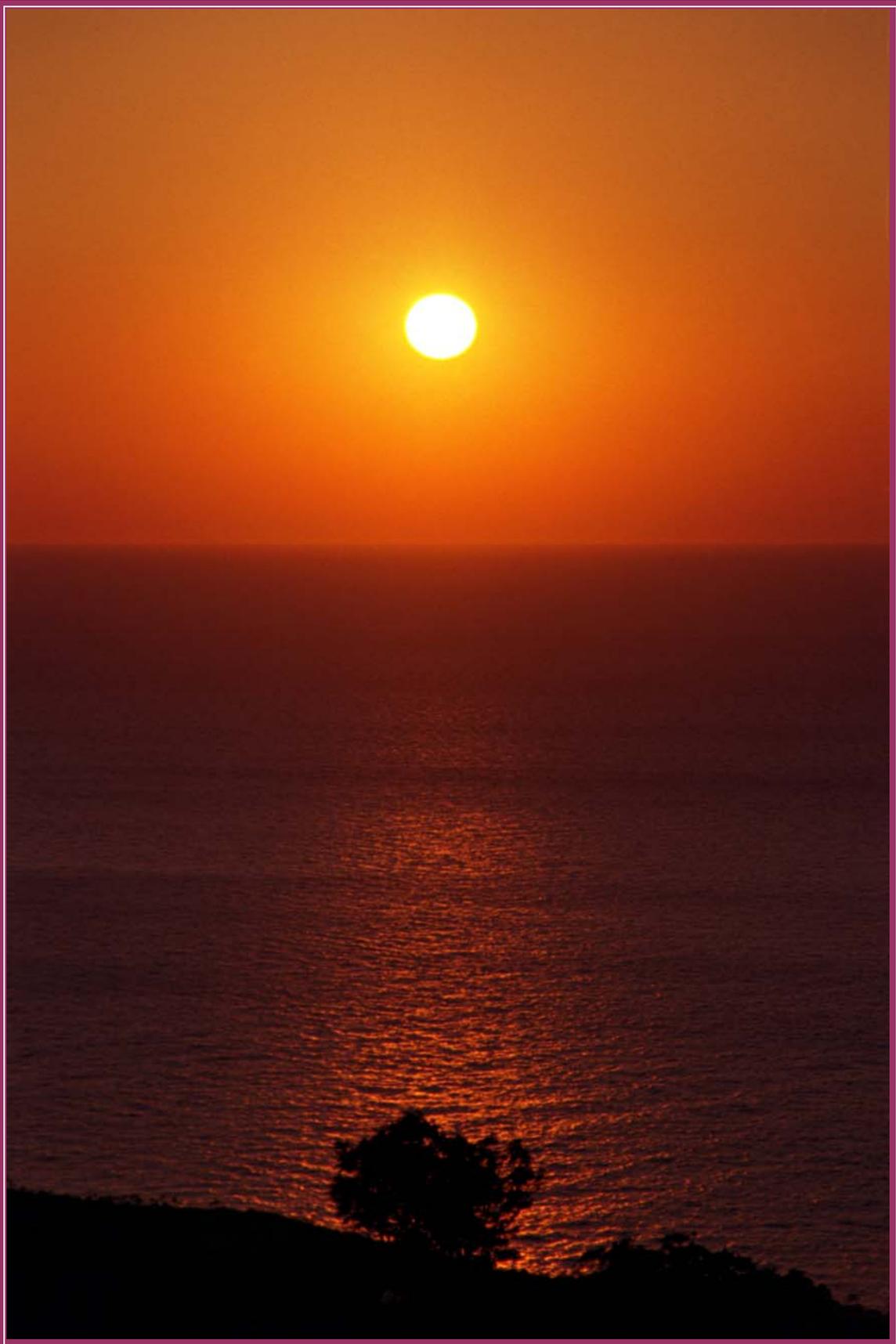
“Little girl, arise.”

Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately.

John 11: verses 39, 40, 43, 44

Jesus said, **“Take away the stone.”** Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, **“Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been *dead* four days.”** Jesus said to her, **“Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?”** Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, **“Laz'arus, come forth!”** And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with grave-clothes.... Jesus said to them, **“Loose him, and let him go.”**

Three times, by the power of His word alone, Jesus calls back into the world the spirits of a dead little girl, a dead young man, and a dead old man - Laz'arus being in an advanced state of bodily decay after four days in a hot climate. This did not deter Jesus, as He claimed to the sister of Laz'arus that the glory of God would be seen (that is God would be seen in Him).



Acts 9: verses 1 - 6, 10 - 17, 20

Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven.

Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do? Then the Lord *said* to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Anani'as; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Anani'as." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." So the Lord *said* to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for *one* called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. And in a vision he has seen a man named Anani'as coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight."

Then Anani'as answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

And Anani'as went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

...Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.

Saul of Tarsus knew instantly that God was speaking to him on the Damascus road, as he said, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" And the Lord who said "He is a chosen vessel of Mine" made this persecutor and enemy into the great apostle Paul - who never ceased thereafter to be His witness; who took the church of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles; and who suffered extremely as the Lord promised he would, and nevertheless died gladly for his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ the Son of God.



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John 6: verses 28 - 40, 48 - 51

Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "

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. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

And Jesus said to them, "I AM the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. This is the will of the 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....

I AM the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

The crowd were thinking only of their stomachs, and the physical bread which Jesus could continue to miraculously provide to feed their bodies. Jesus brushed this aside and spoke of the spiritual food - His own body as a sin offering to redeem back to life fallen humanity - that He, the Son of God (and therefore God Himself), had come down from heaven to give to everyone who believed in Him as Saviour. As God incarnate, His claim was (and is) that He will raise to everlasting life at the last day of human history all (with not even a single loss) who put their trust in Him to forgive sin!



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Daniel 7: verses 13 & 14

"I was watching in the night visions, and behold, *One* like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the *one* which shall not be destroyed."

Luke 24: verses 46 - 49

Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

Matthew 13: verses 36 - 42

Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares (*weeds that resemble wheat*) of the field." He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked *one*. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire."

The great prophet Daniel identified Messiah with the title 'Son of Man', to whom he saw the LORD God personally give dominion over everything and everyone, as eternal King, forever! So when Jesus said simply that, 'the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head', He was applying the messianic title to Himself - saying in effect that He was the everlasting God and King of eternity! In the parable of the tares Jesus spells it out for His disciples: the end of this present age will reveal those who have believed in Christ as Saviour and Lord and those who have not. And He, Jesus, will send His angels (who only God commands) into His kingdom (in which therefore He is God and King) to remove all who offend Him - that is who offend God by rejecting, ignoring or opposing Him - to be cast out and destroyed.

John 9: verses 32, 35 - 41

"Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind...." Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshipped Him. And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind."

Then *some* of the Phar'isees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, "Are we blind also?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains."

Matthew 25: verses 31 - 40

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I *was* naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* drink? When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You*? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to *You*?'

And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.' "

Matthew 25: verses 41 - 46

“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’

Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’

Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Revelation 22: verses 12 & 13

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work. I AM the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last.”

Revelation 22: verses 16, 17 & 20

“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”

And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely....He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

Jesus variously refers to Himself as the Son of God, the Son of Man, the King who will judge all the nations of mankind, the commander of all heaven's angels, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last, the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star - these claims make Him the Messiah, God the Son, the Judge of all the earth, the Eternal One, the LORD of hosts, the pre-existent One who was before all things, and the One who will always be - that is almighty God the LORD! And God in Christ Jesus invites everyone to come to Him for mercy, and for His gift of everlasting life, now in the time of grace - for His second coming will be a sudden and catastrophic judgment!

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