

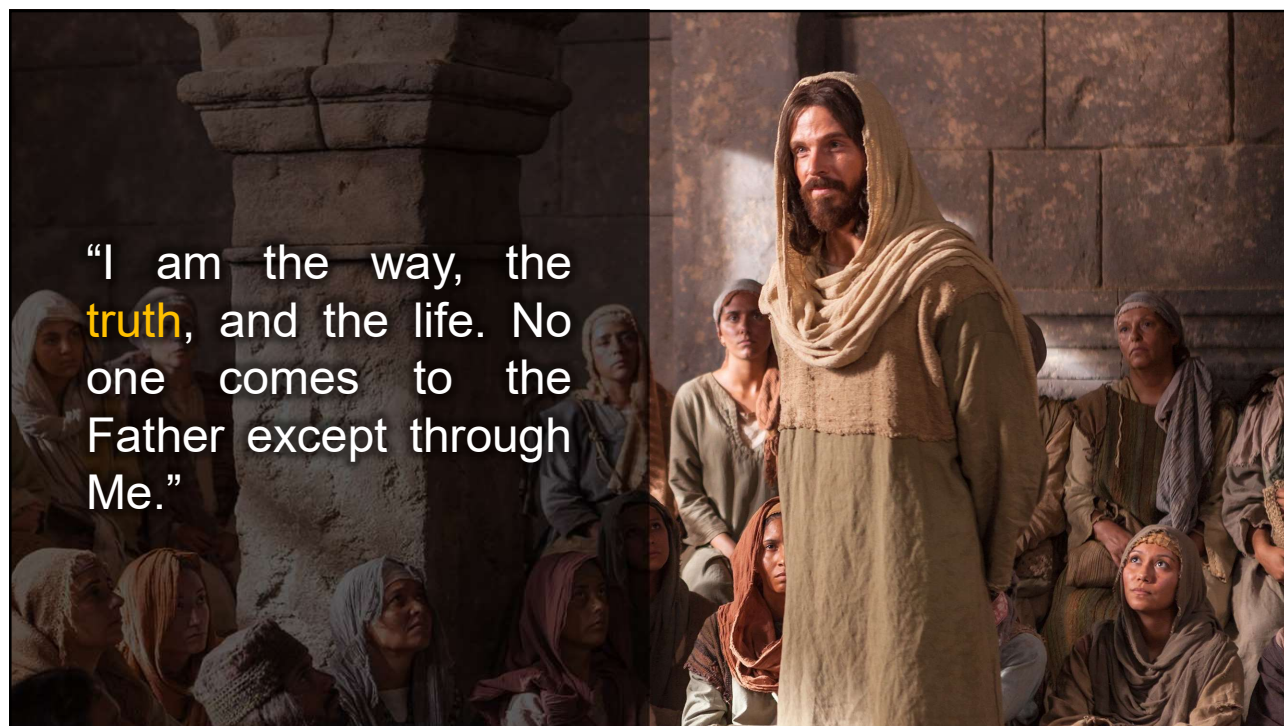
TRUTH MATTERS

Part 9: Jesus – the ultimate truth matter

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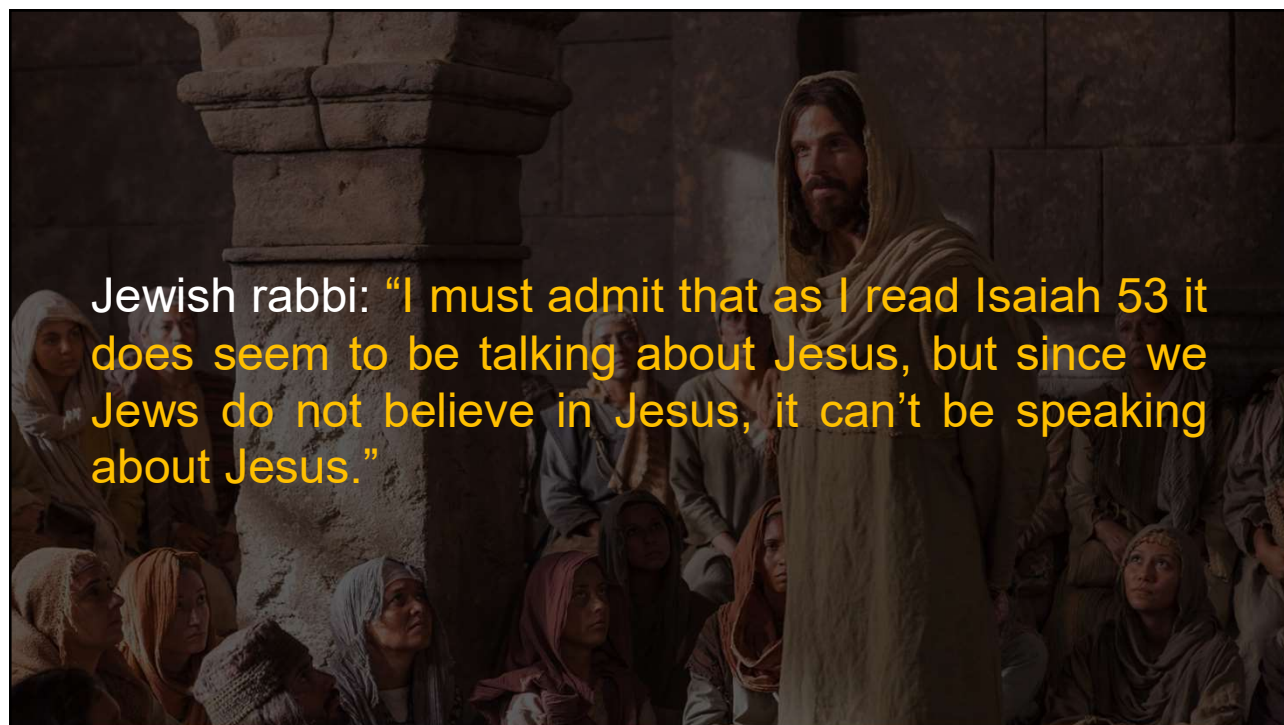


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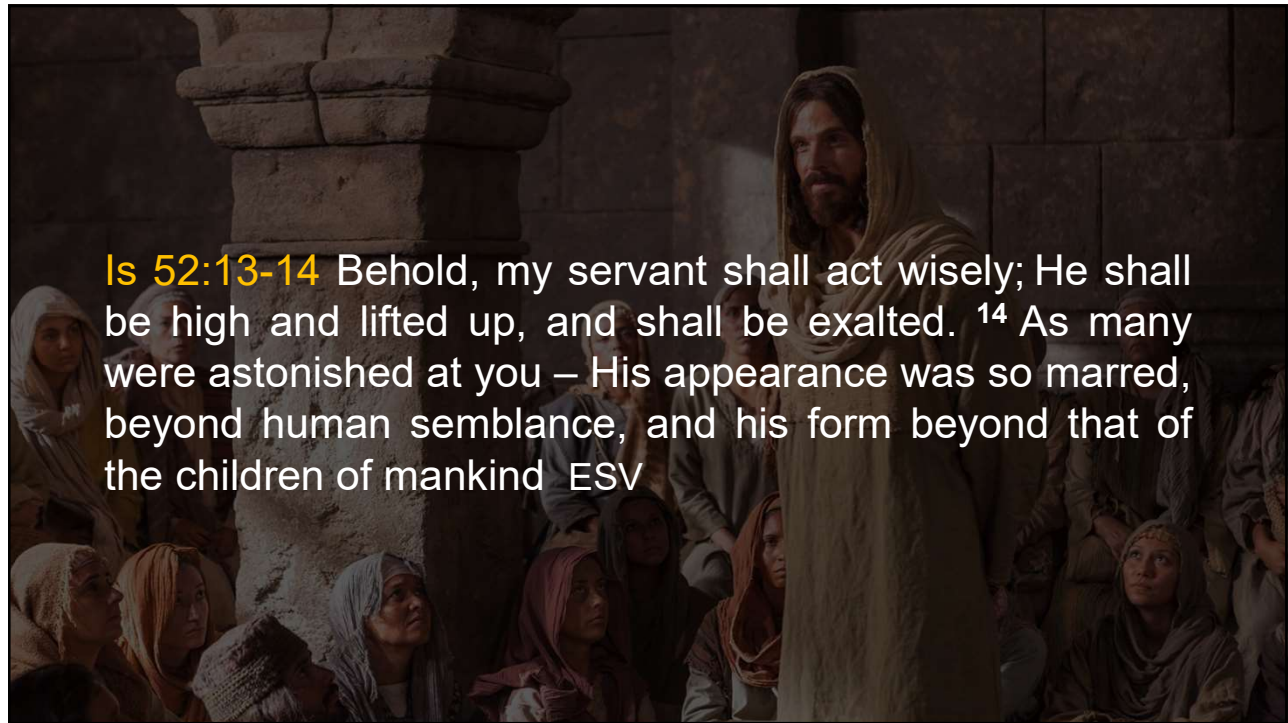
"I am the way, the **truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

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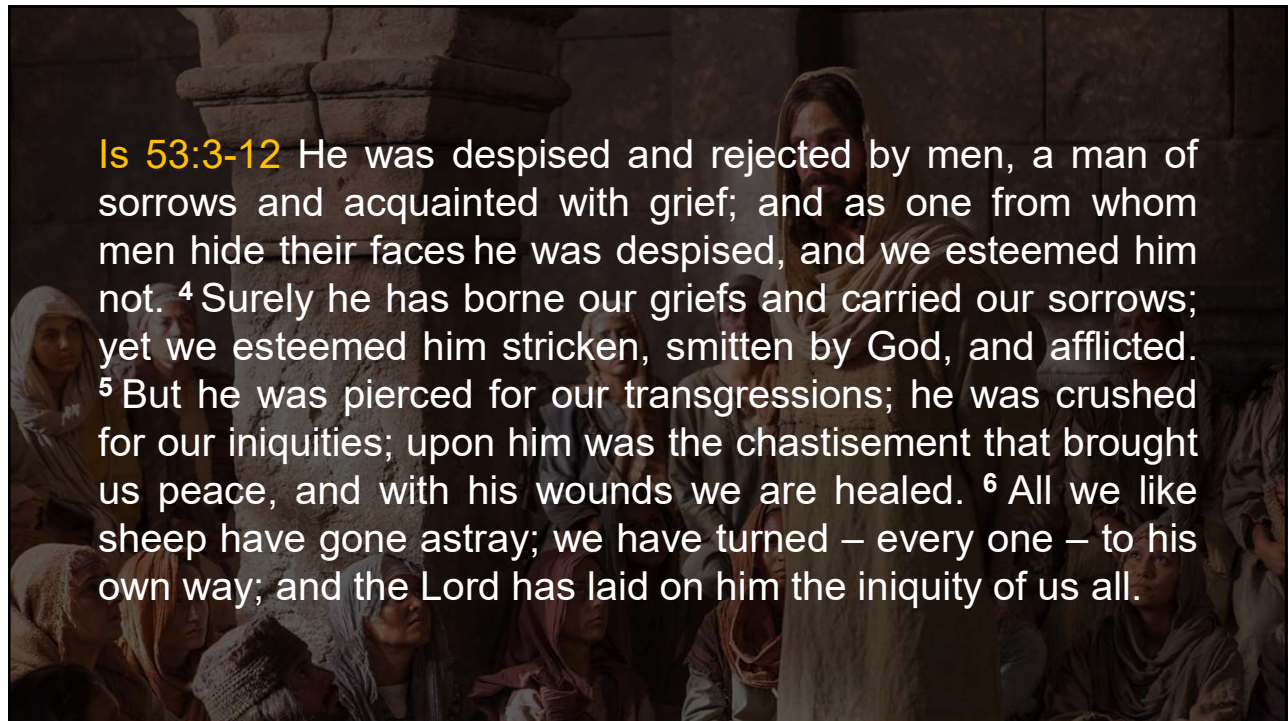
Jewish rabbi: "I must admit that as I read Isaiah 53 it does seem to be talking about Jesus, but since we Jews do not believe in Jesus, it can't be speaking about Jesus."

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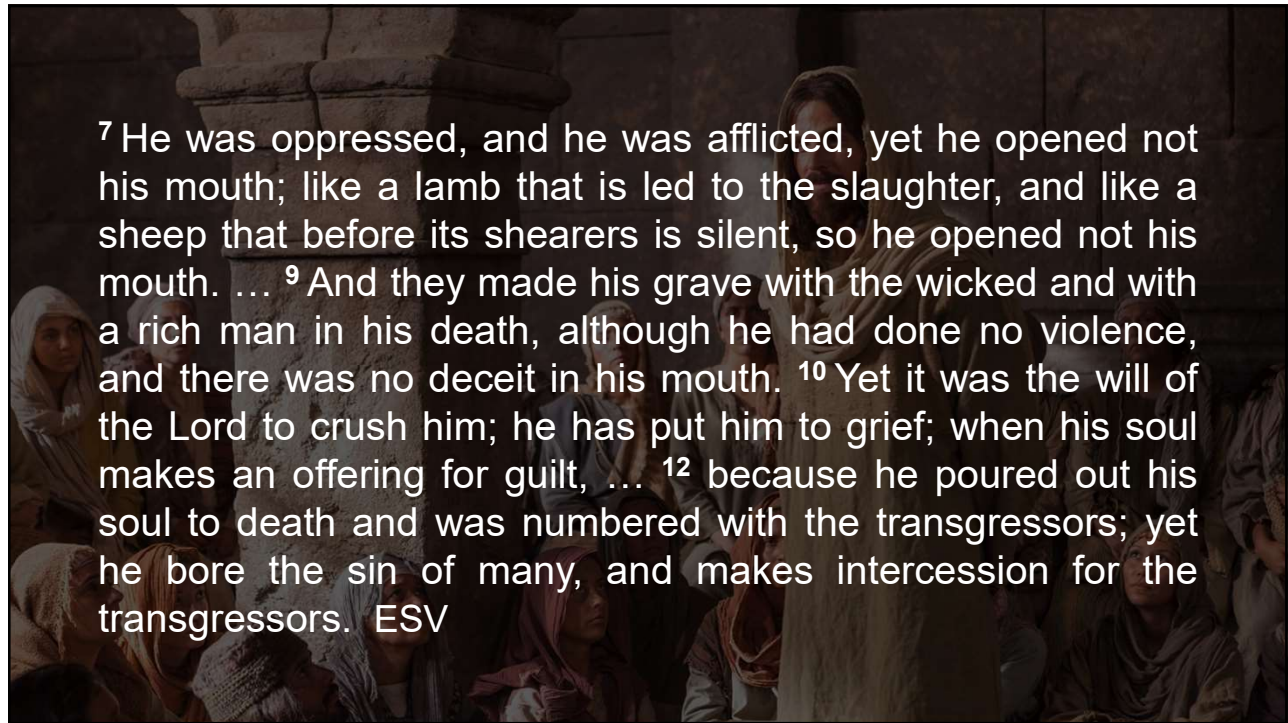
Is 52:13-14 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; He shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you – His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind ESV

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Is 53:3-12 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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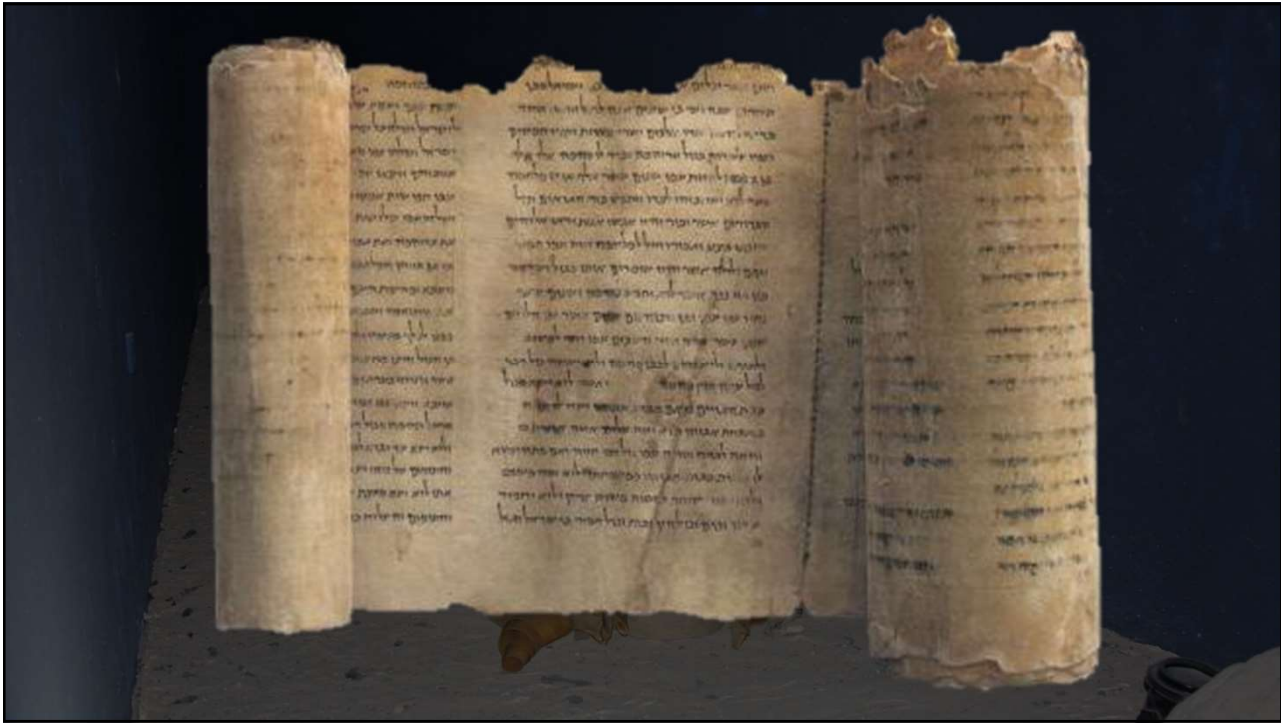


⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ... ⁹ And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, ... ¹² because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors. ESV

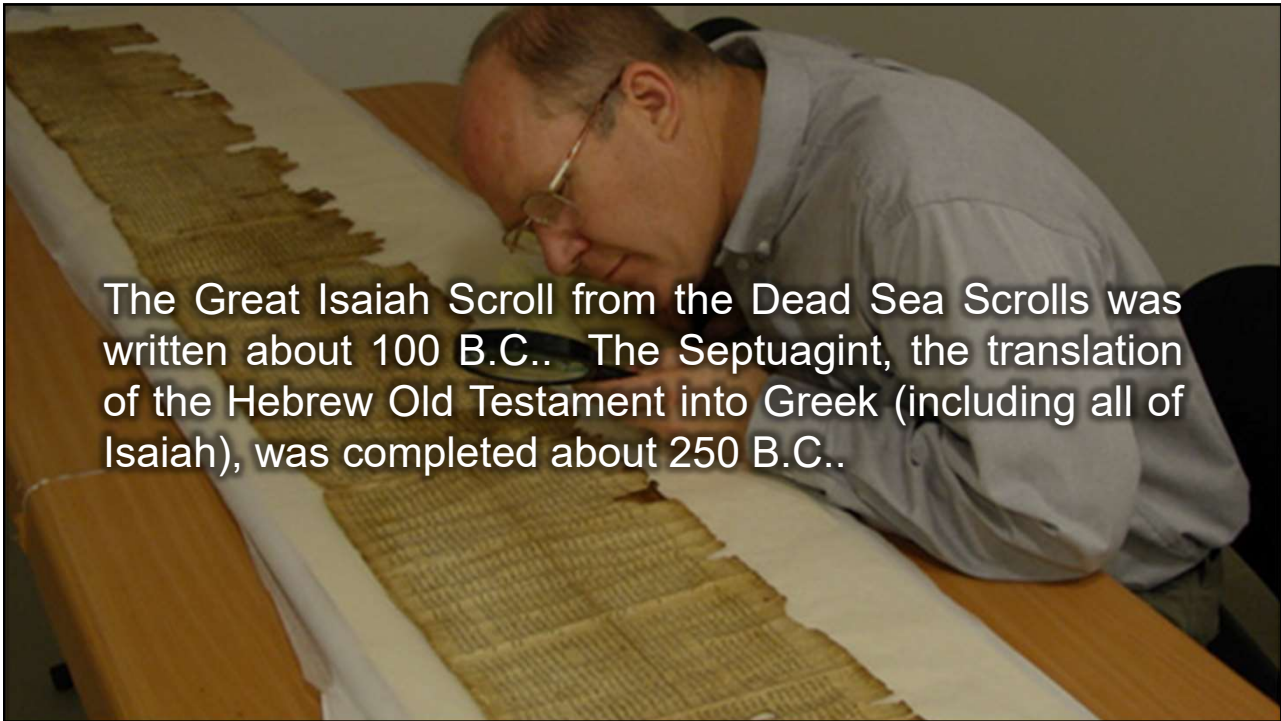
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The Great Isaiah Scroll from the Dead Sea Scrolls was written about 100 B.C.. The Septuagint, the translation of the Hebrew Old Testament into Greek (including all of Isaiah), was completed about 250 B.C..

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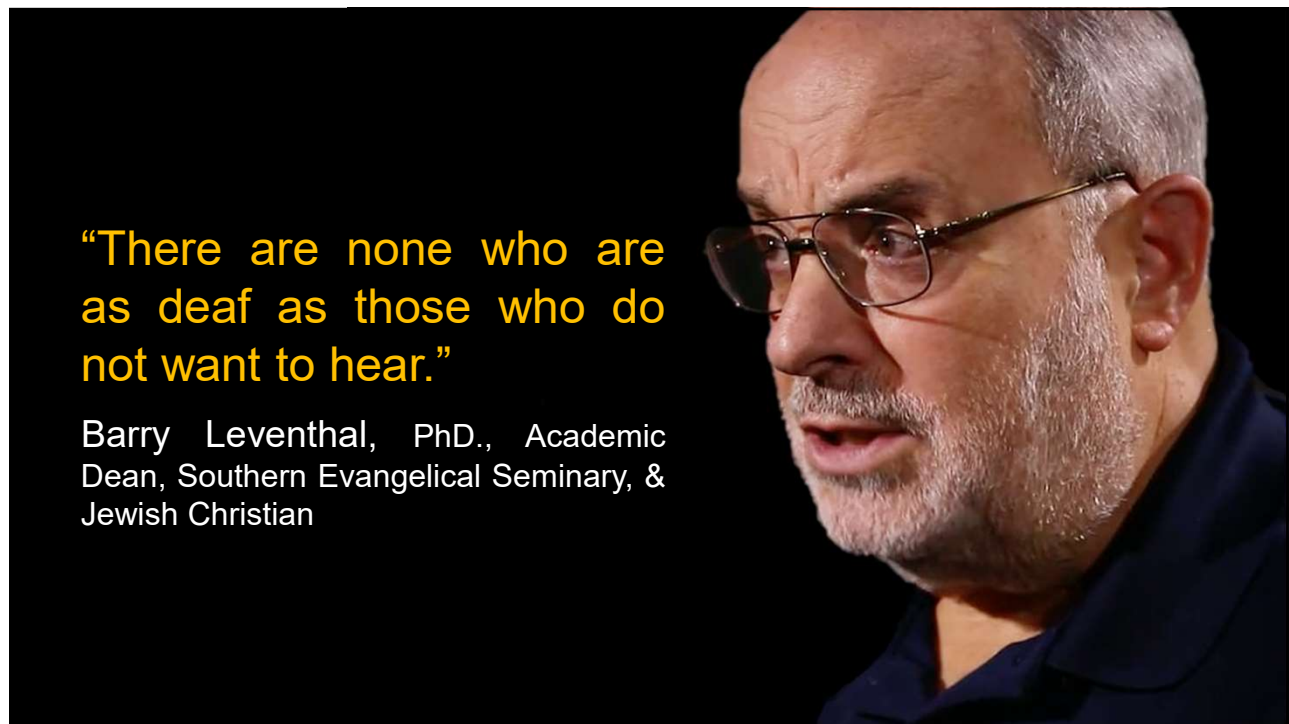
1. Why don't Jews see Jesus in the Old Testament?

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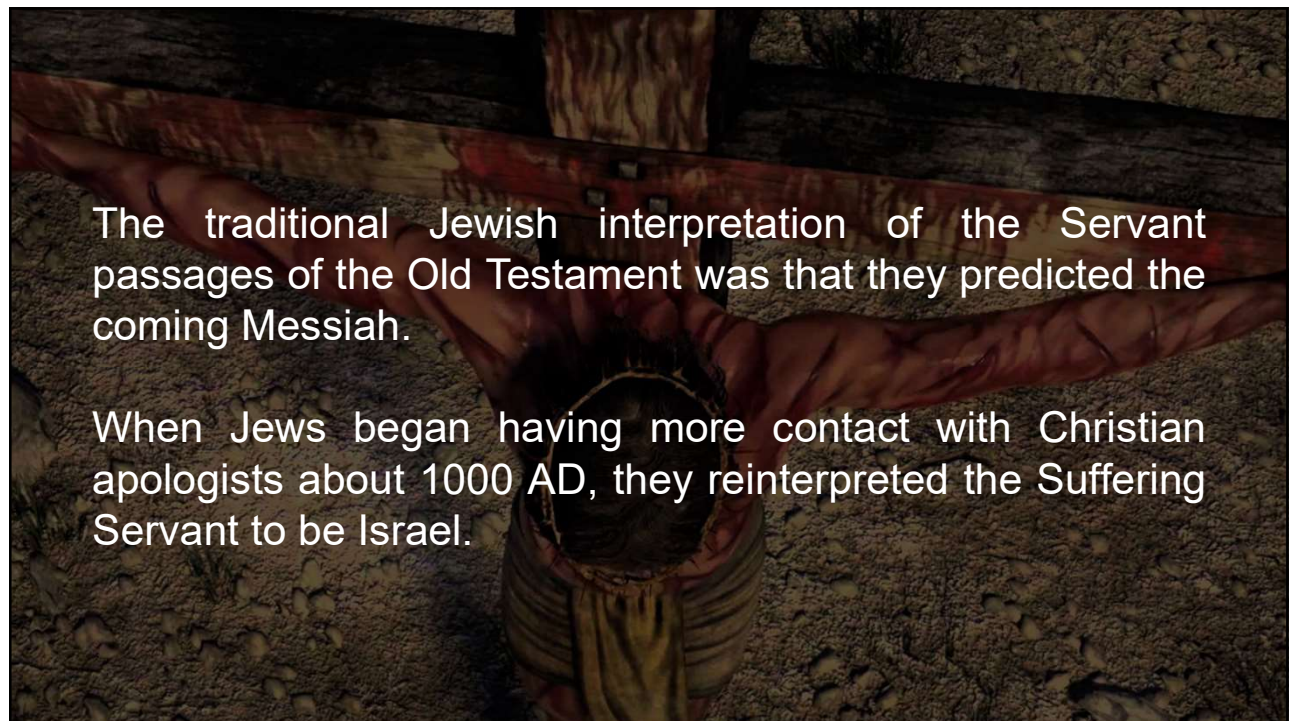


Rom 11:25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

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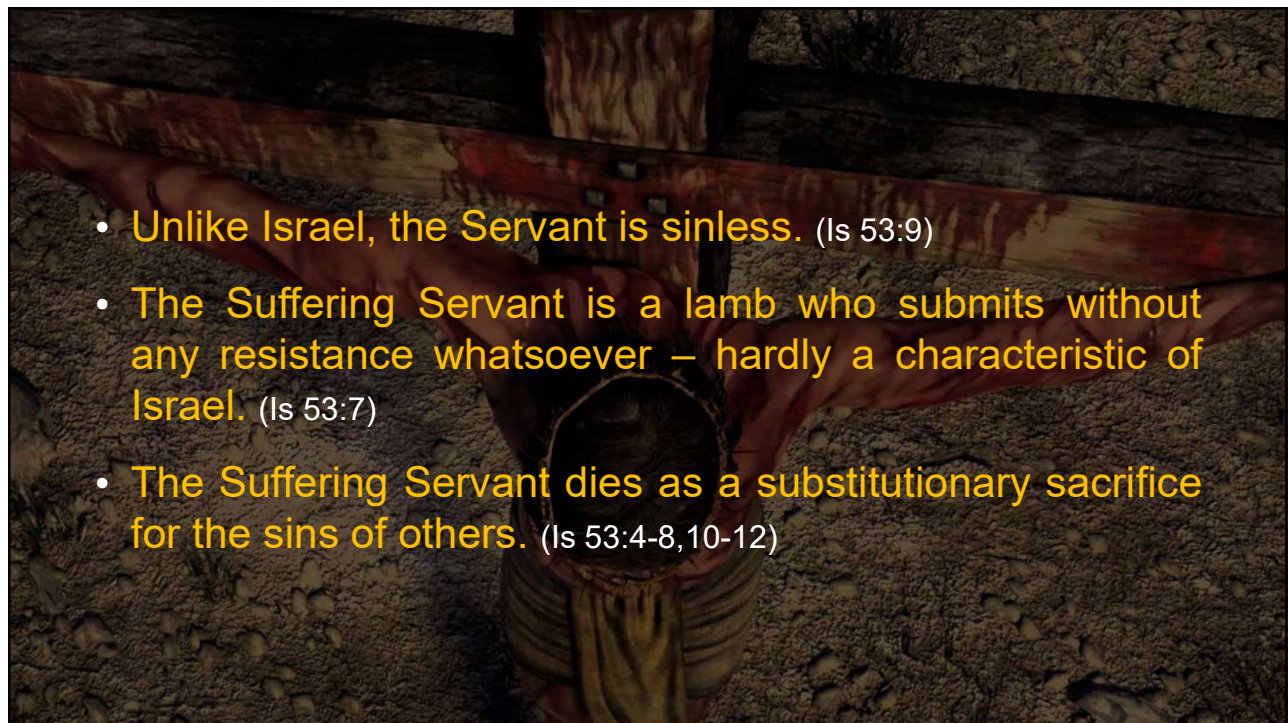


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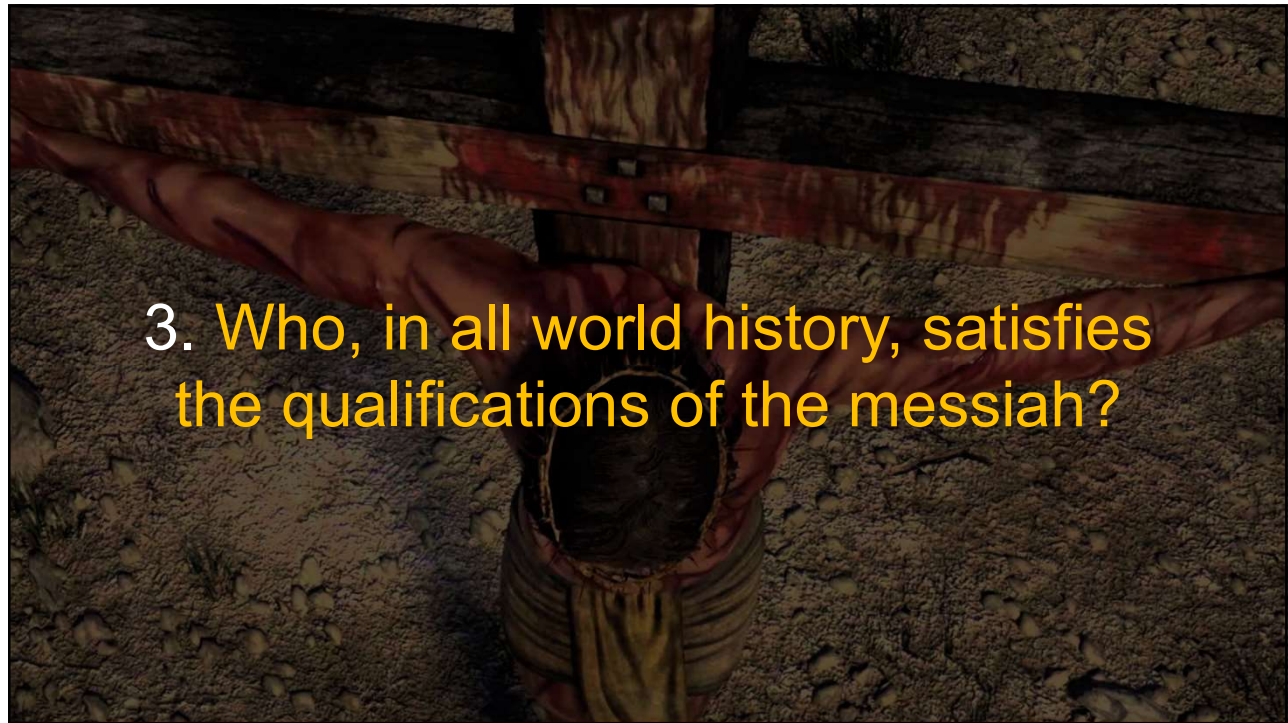
2. Reasons “the Suffering Servant” of Isaiah cannot be Israel

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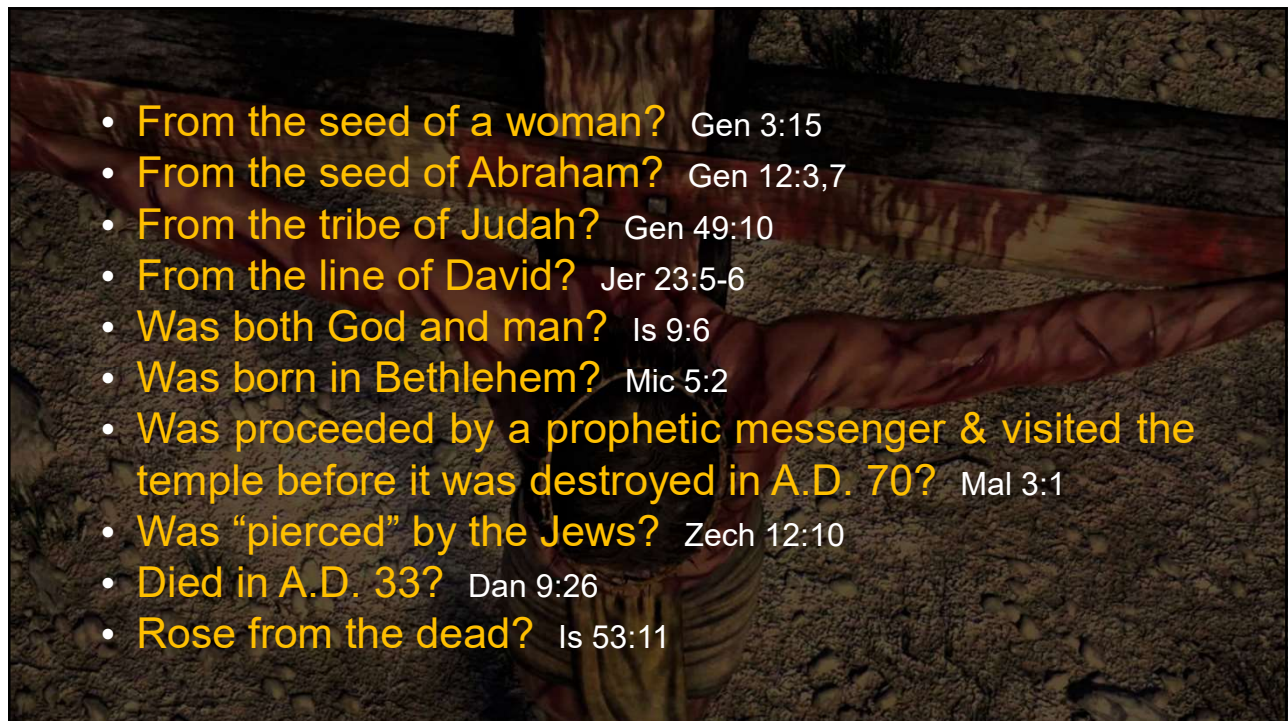
- Unlike Israel, the Servant is sinless. (Is 53:9)
- The Suffering Servant is a lamb who submits without any resistance whatsoever – hardly a characteristic of Israel. (Is 53:7)
- The Suffering Servant dies as a substitutionary sacrifice for the sins of others. (Is 53:4-8,10-12)

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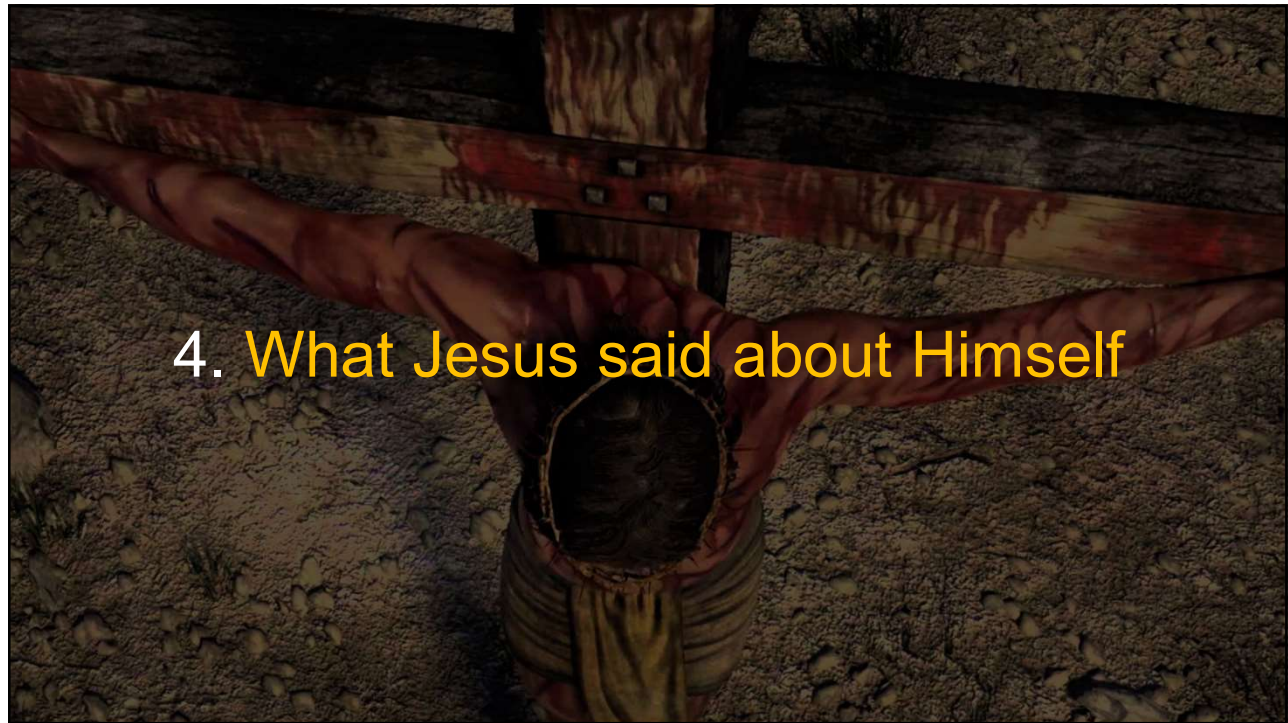
3. Who, in all world history, satisfies the qualifications of the messiah?

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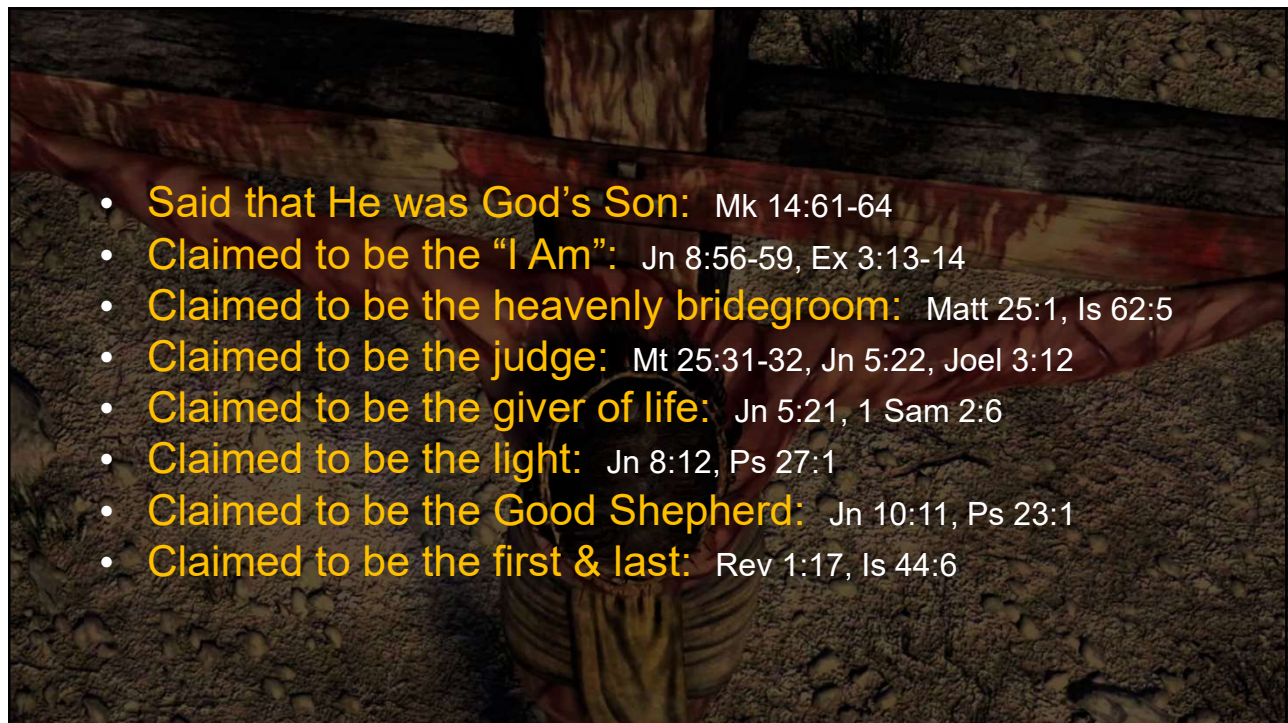


- From the seed of a woman? Gen 3:15
- From the seed of Abraham? Gen 12:3,7
- From the tribe of Judah? Gen 49:10
- From the line of David? Jer 23:5-6
- Was both God and man? Is 9:6
- Was born in Bethlehem? Mic 5:2
- Was preceded by a prophetic messenger & visited the temple before it was destroyed in A.D. 70? Mal 3:1
- Was "pierced" by the Jews? Zech 12:10
- Died in A.D. 33? Dan 9:26
- Rose from the dead? Is 53:11

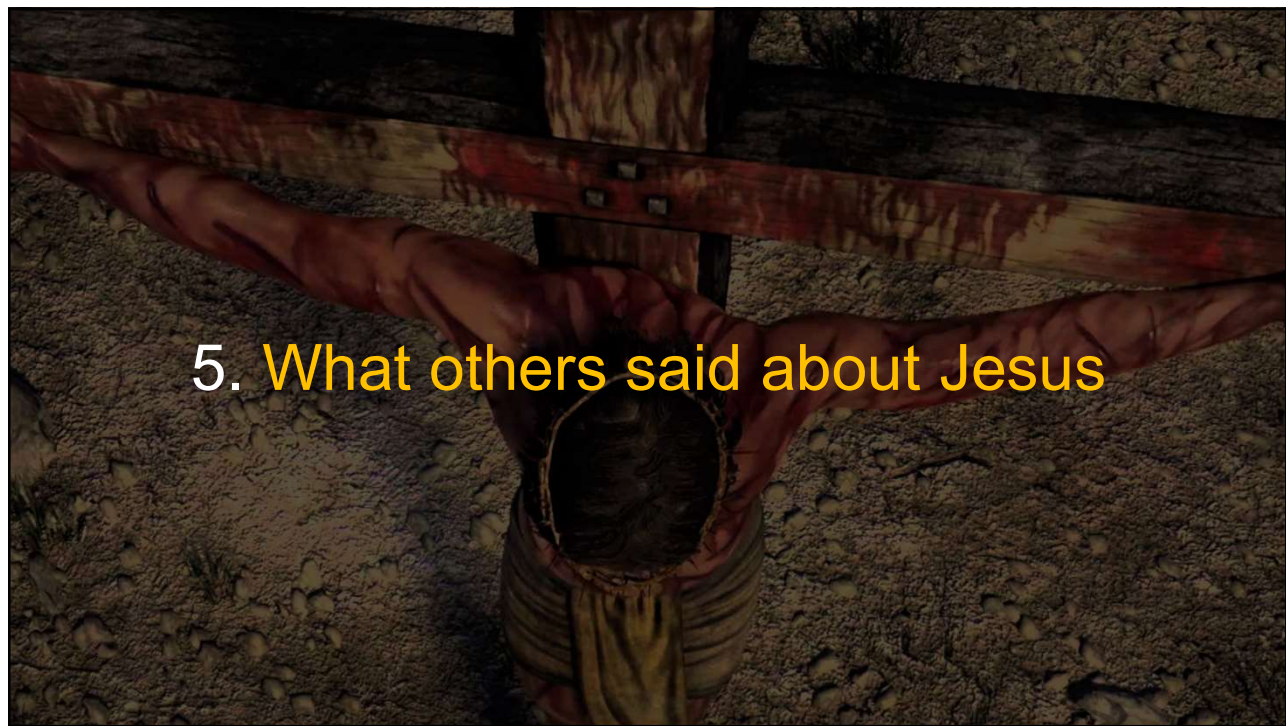
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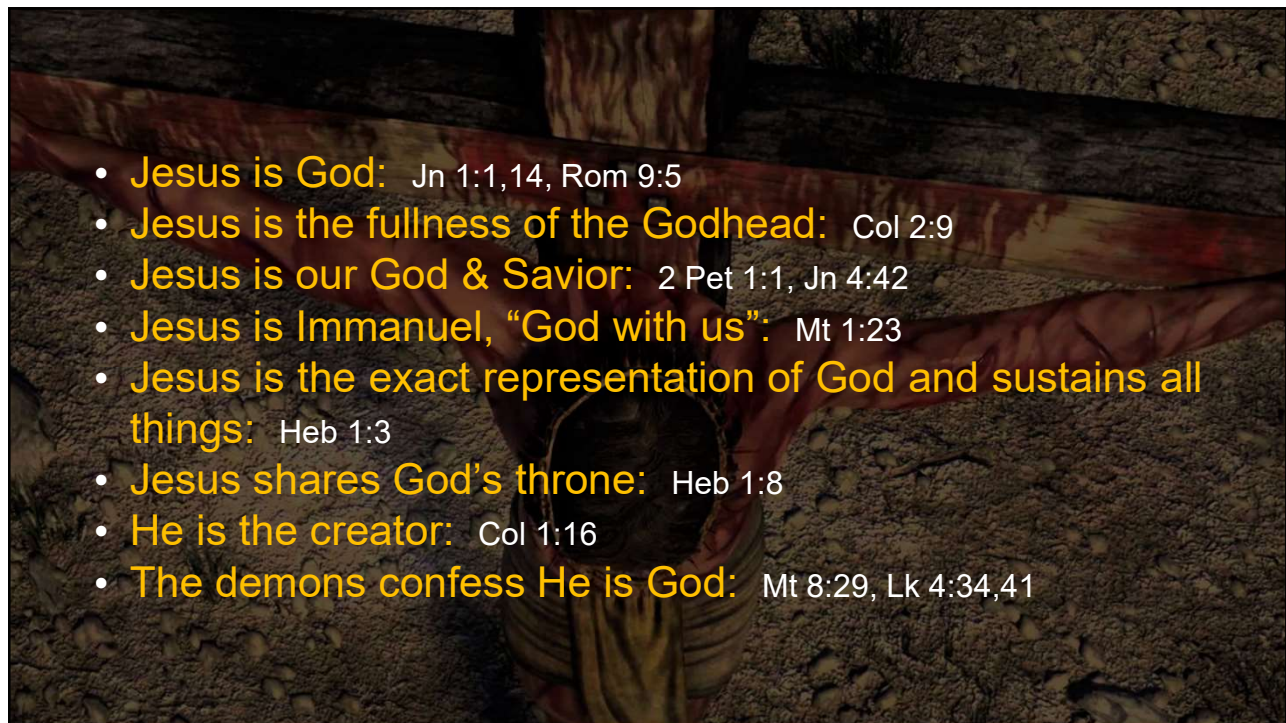


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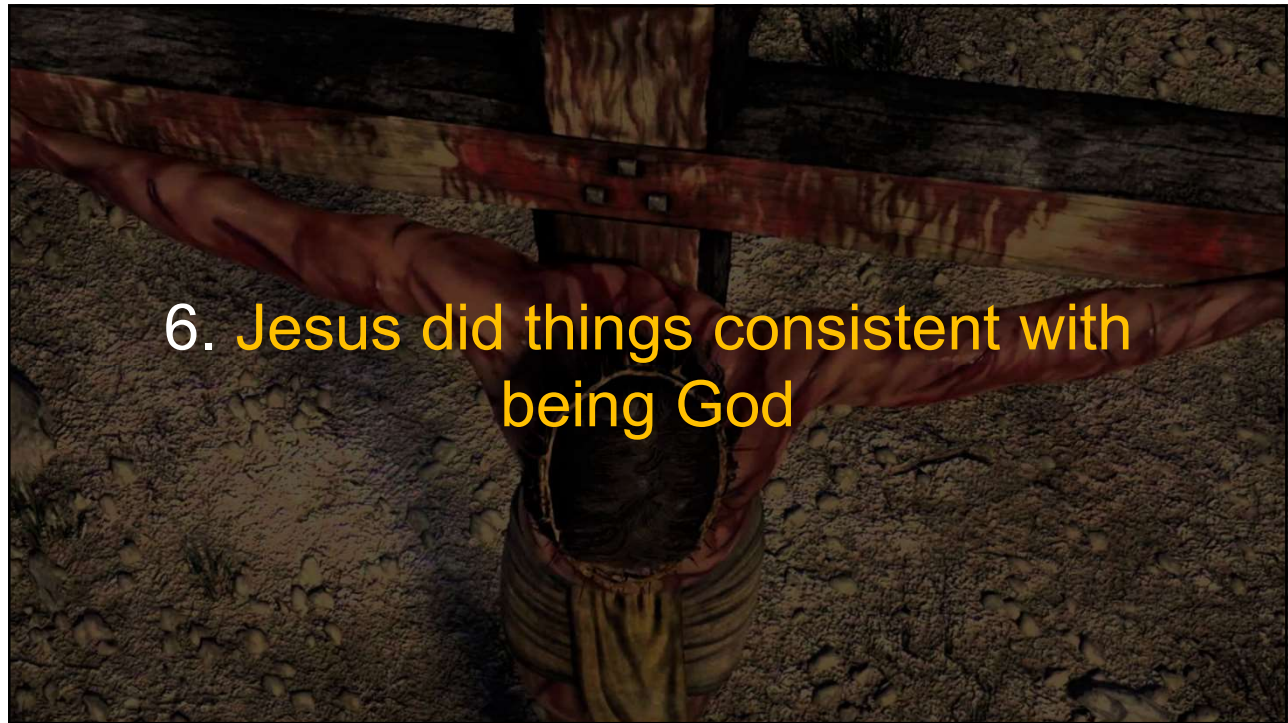
5. What others said about Jesus

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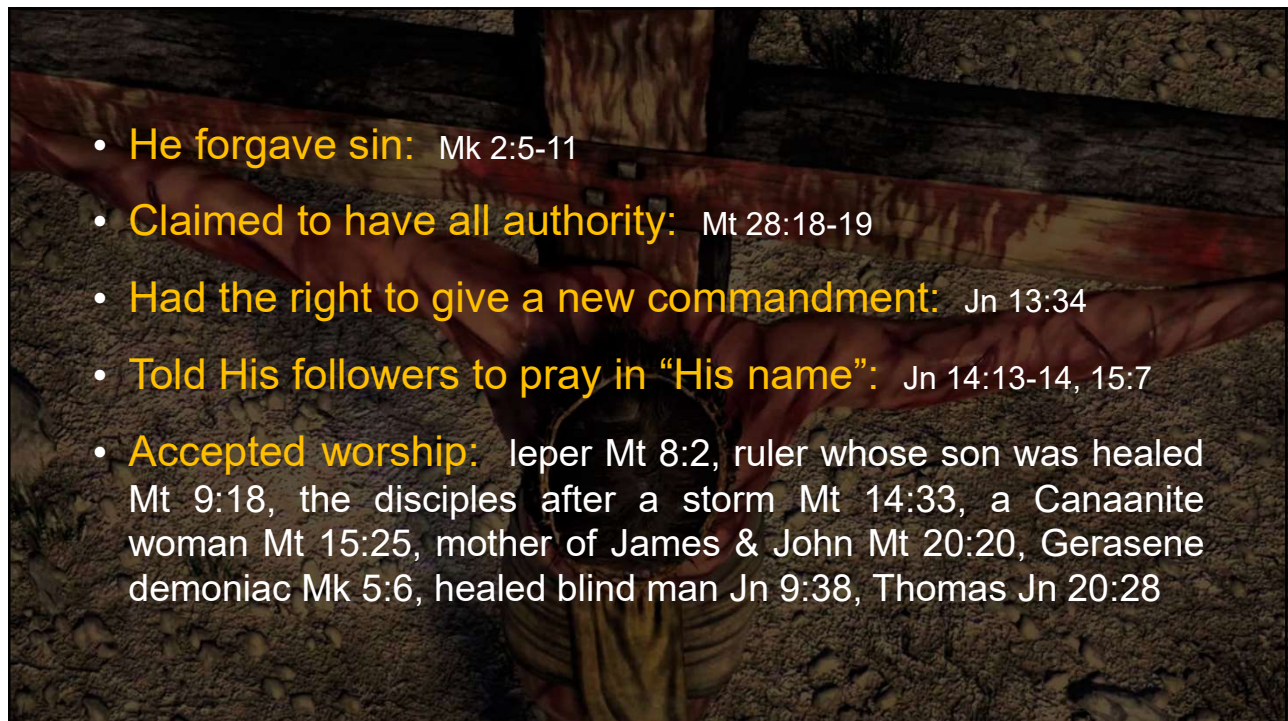


- Jesus is God: Jn 1:1,14, Rom 9:5
- Jesus is the fullness of the Godhead: Col 2:9
- Jesus is our God & Savior: 2 Pet 1:1, Jn 4:42
- Jesus is Immanuel, "God with us": Mt 1:23
- Jesus is the exact representation of God and sustains all things: Heb 1:3
- Jesus shares God's throne: Heb 1:8
- He is the creator: Col 1:16
- The demons confess He is God: Mt 8:29, Lk 4:34,41

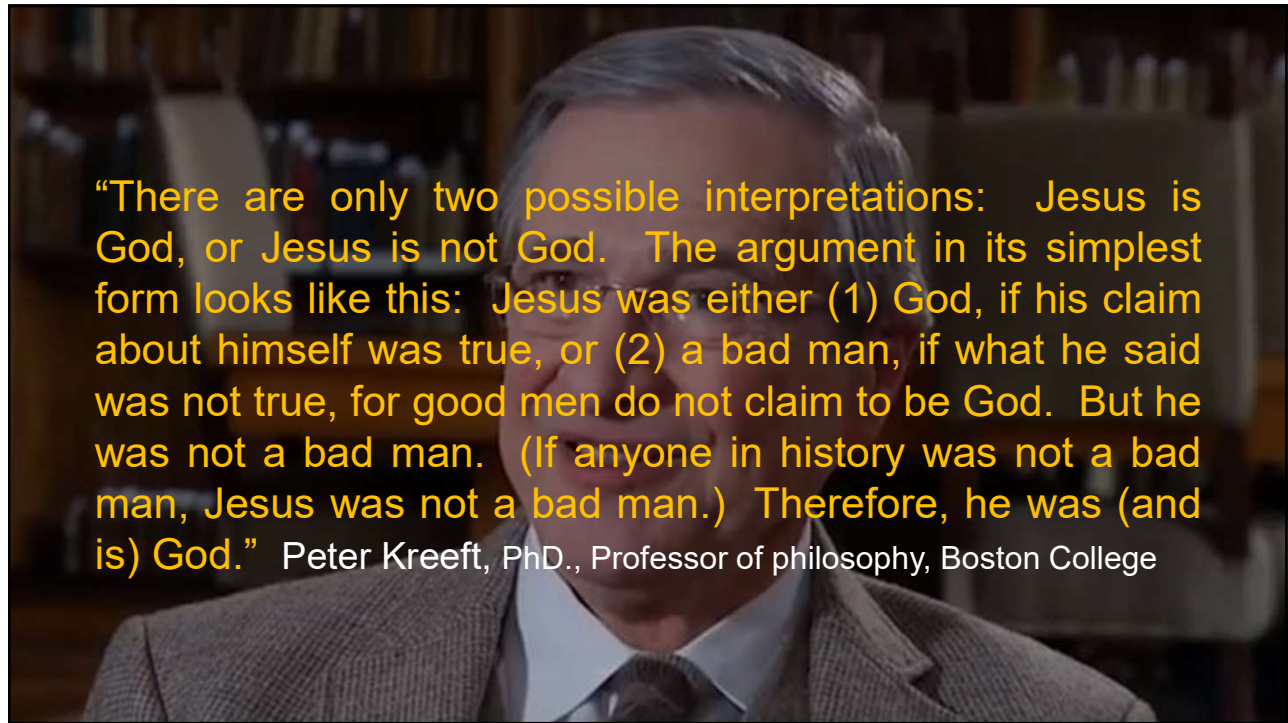
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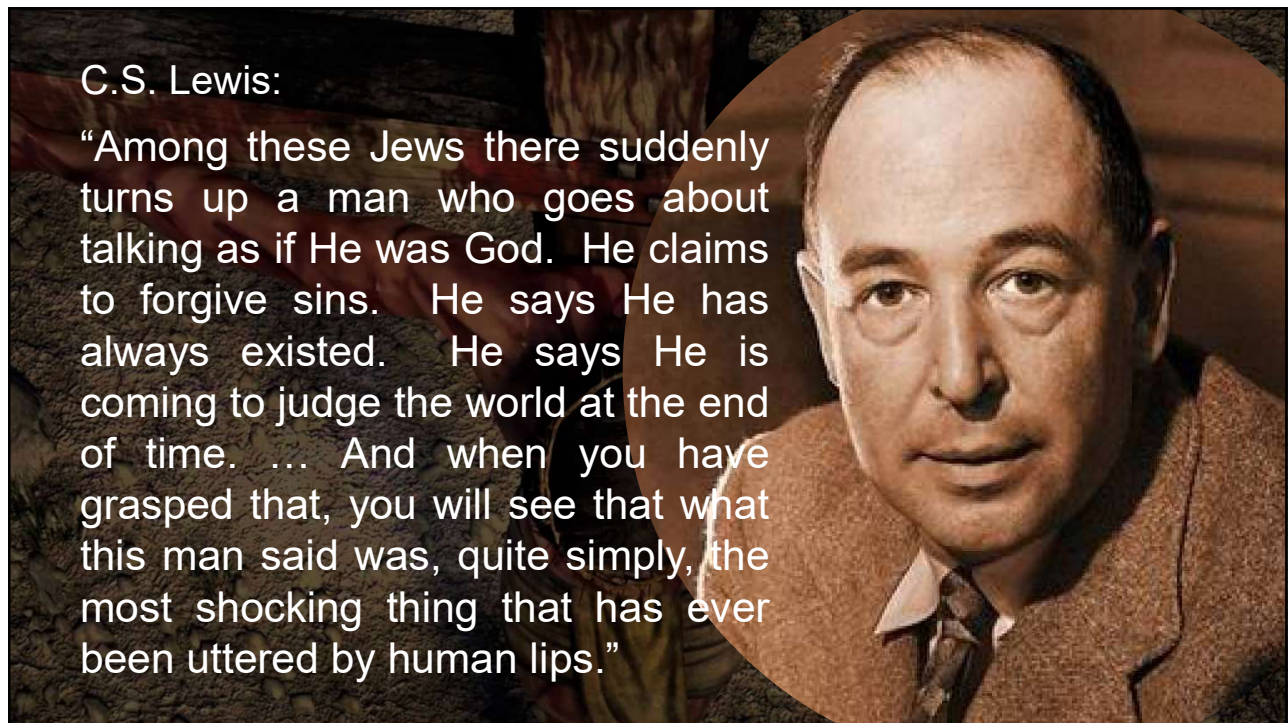
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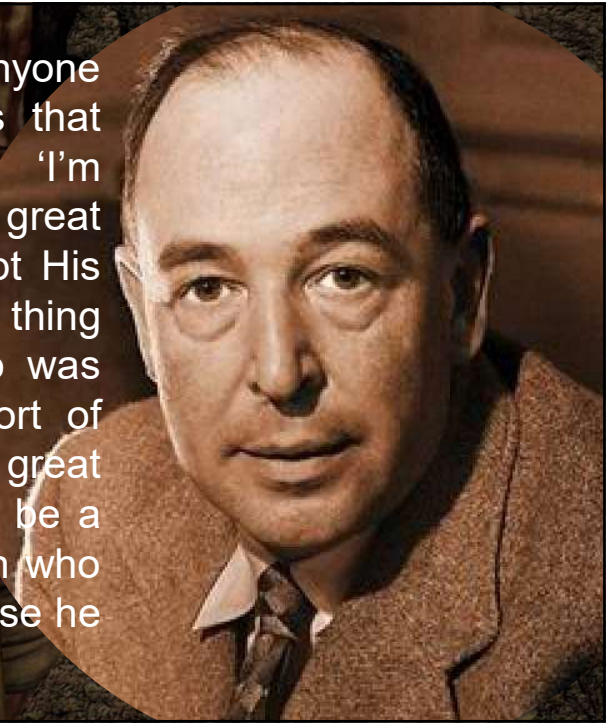


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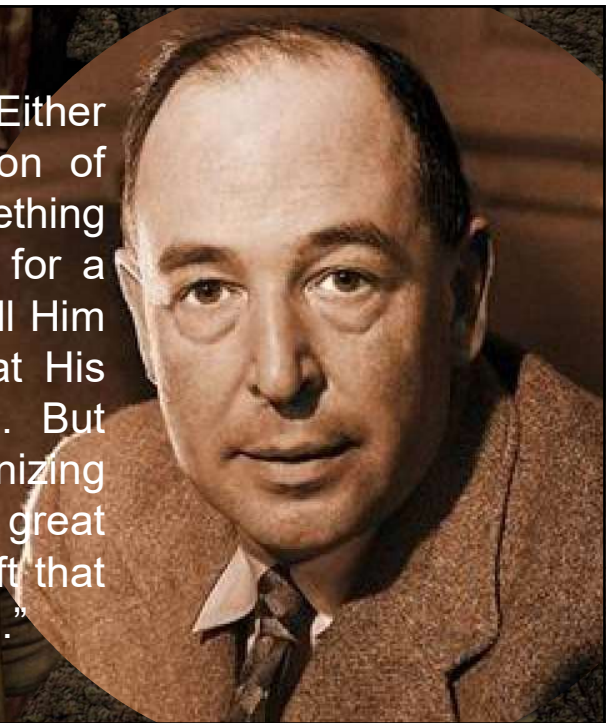
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"I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish things that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would rather be a lunatic – on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg – or else he would be the Devil of Hell.

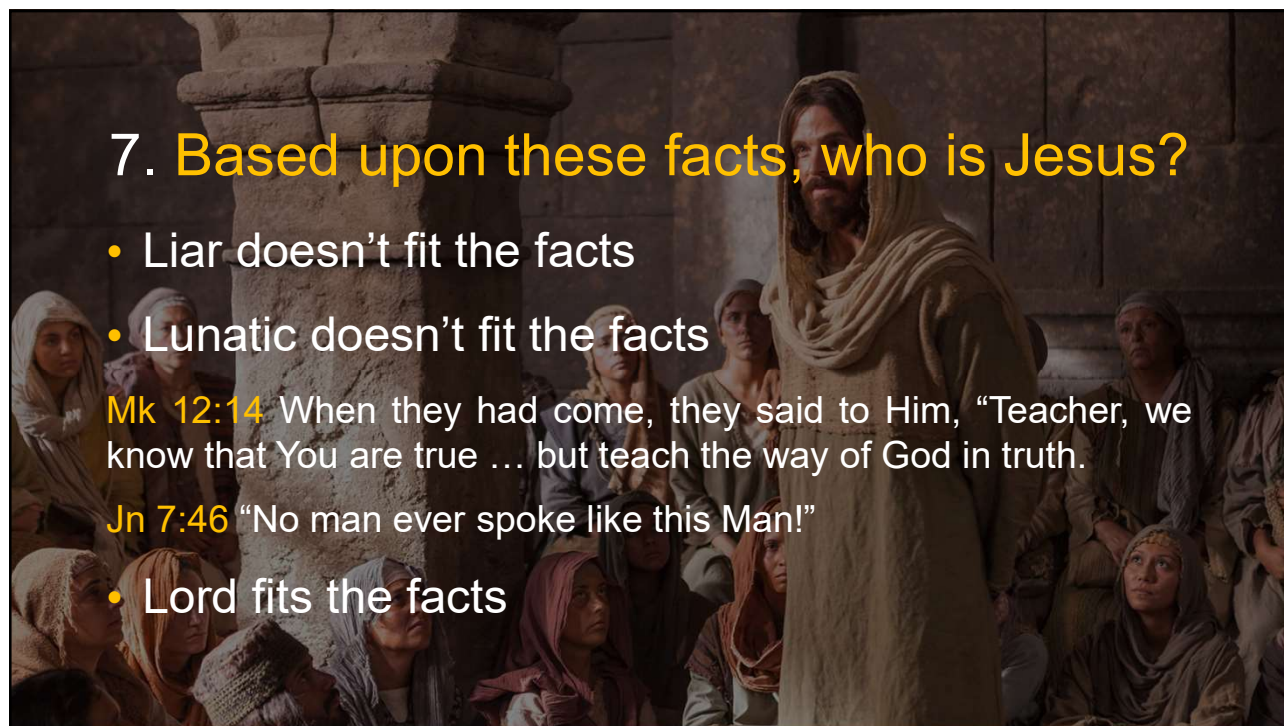


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You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."



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