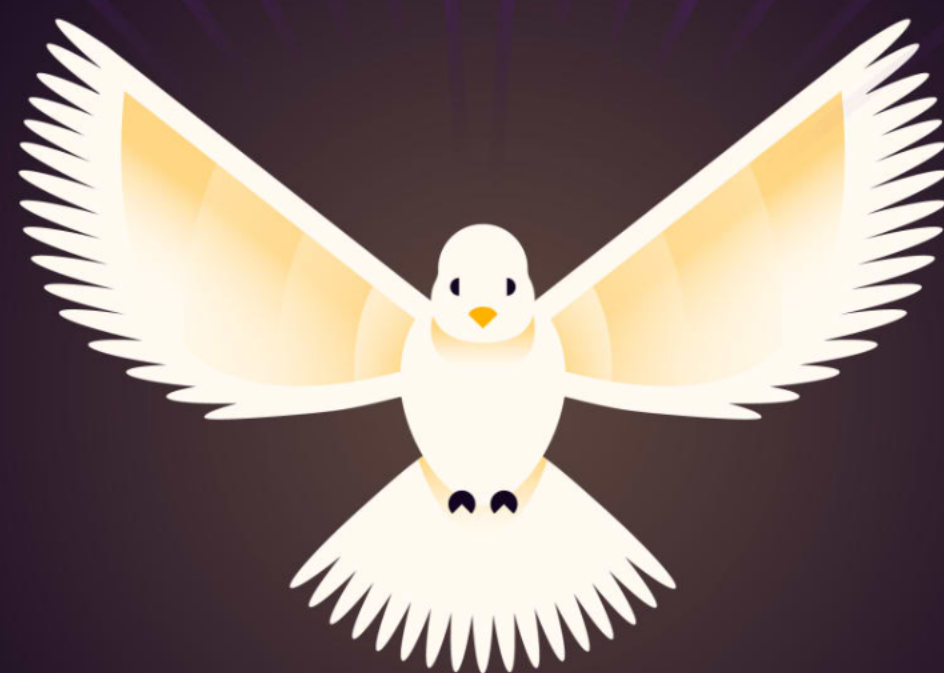




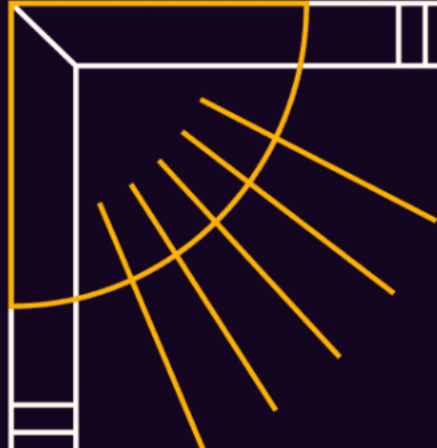
SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 12:37 – 50

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO



— JOHN —



Jesus is the light, word and life
from the Father.

In a package the worldly mind
will not accept.

(2nd part is a feature, not a bug)



P O I N T 1

Jesus is the complete Christ

By perfectly representing the **Father**, Jesus
is the **light** revealing God's way, His **word** of
truth, and his means of **eternal life**

John's clarity:

John 1:1-12

The **Word**
In him was **Life**
that is **Light**
the **darkness**
didn't
overcome
Child of God

John 12:44-50

See the **Father**
I'm a **light**
My **word** will **judge**
his command is
eternal life

John 14:6

The **Way**
The **Truth**
The **Life**
The **only way**
to the **Father**

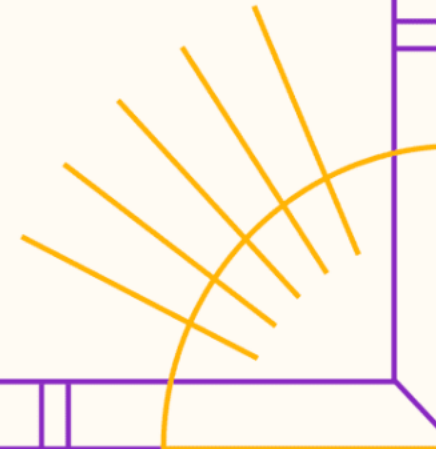



A final invitation...

Jesus is making his offer clear one more time.

To see him is to see and have God Himself
To believe him is to have the light

In doing the **Father's command** Jesus left **no effective evasion of judgment**, but in doing so, has **made the way for eternal life**. To gain the result, the cost was implicit and unavoidable.



Jesus' clarity:

He is the pure representation of and way to the Father

He is the true light in and through the darkness

He is the word of truth that frees and judges

He is the Life of lasting quality

So why is there so little genuine interest?
(among religious and irreligious people)



Is this list random? Complete?
Who is this list **FOR**?

He is the pure representation of and way to the Father
He is the true light in and through the darkness
He is the word of truth that frees and judges
He is the Life of lasting quality

P O I N T 2

The Worldly Mind can't see it.

Jesus hardens the (inflexible) worldly minded person
toward judgment, revealing their expedient heart.




The opposition theme





John 12:37

Even after Jesus had done all
these miraculous signs in
their presence, they still
would not believe in him.





Worldliness isn't...

The opposite of mere "faith".

A focus on reality or what can be "proved".

A scientific understanding of the world.

It is not even materialism.

Worldliness is...

A competing faith or religion of idolatry.

It worships self-salvation, expediency, truthless "practicality" and ruthless "inevitability".

It believes in power and excuses.



POINT 3

**Worldliness won't
believe in plain
godliness**

After all, at it's core, worldliness is
pretentious godlessness



John 12:38

This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah
the prophet:

"Lord, who has believed our
message and to whom has the arm
of the Lord been revealed?"

Isaiah 53:1





John 12:39-40

For this reason they **could not** believe,
because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:

"**He has** blinded their eyes and deadened
their hearts, so they can neither see with
their eyes, nor understand with their
hearts, nor turn-- and I would heal them."



Isaiah 6:10



Responses to Jesus

Responses
to Jesus:

Wise

Evil

Jesus

Faith

Worldly

Fear

Fool



Responses to Jesus:

Jesus

Yes, wherever this
Wise leads.

Evil
You're attacking me.
I'll stop you.

Faith

Worldly

I want to, but I can't
Fear

If it helps me now
Fool



Jesus

Forgiveness

Wise

Evil

Faith

Worldly

Fear

Fool



Confession

Jesus

Wise

Evil

Faith

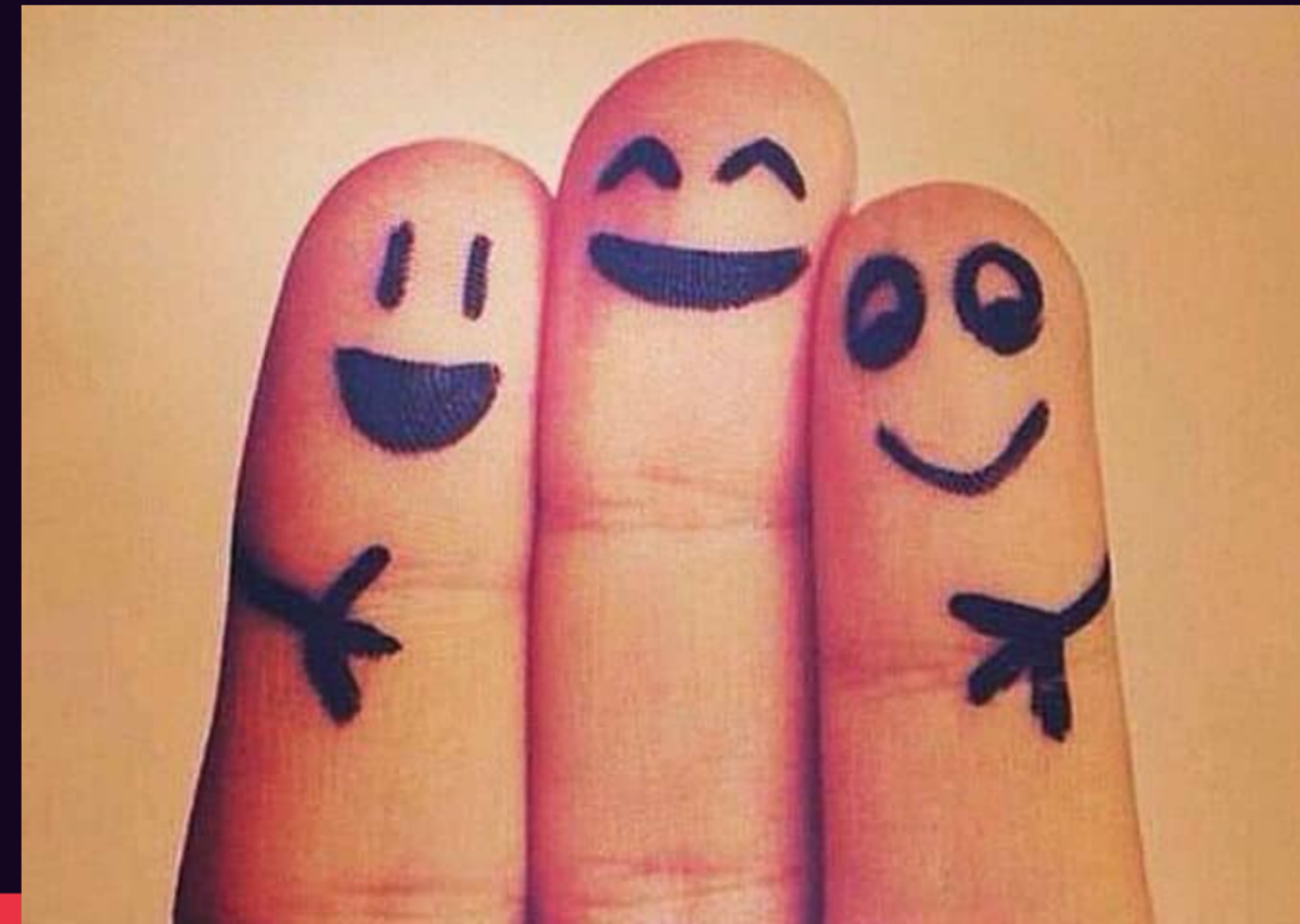
Worldly

Fear

Fool



Non-disposable Friendship



Jesus

Wise

Evil

Faith

Worldly

Fear

Fool

Ordinary Stewardship



Jesus
Wise

Evil

Faith

Worldly

Fear

Fool

Growth in tough places

Jesus

Wise

Faith

Evil

Worldly

Fear

Fool



Integrity

Jesus

Wise

Evil

Faith

Worldly

Fear

Fool



lots of things

Jesus

Wise



Evil

Faith

Worldly

Fear

Fool

Spiritual Discipline

Jesus
Wise

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