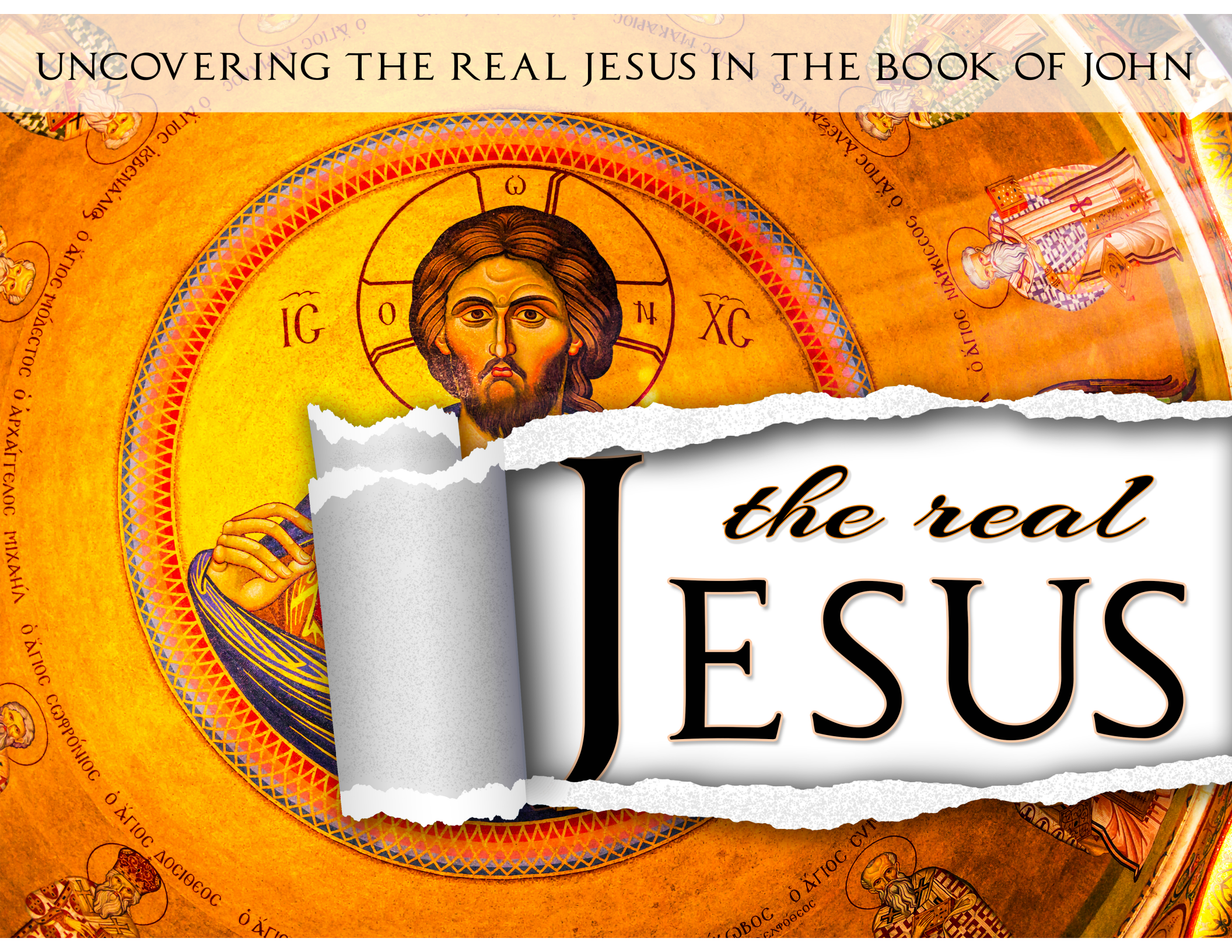


Welcome to

sierra community Church



UNCOVERING THE REAL JESUS IN THE BOOK OF JOHN



the real
JESUS

John 1:14-18

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14-18

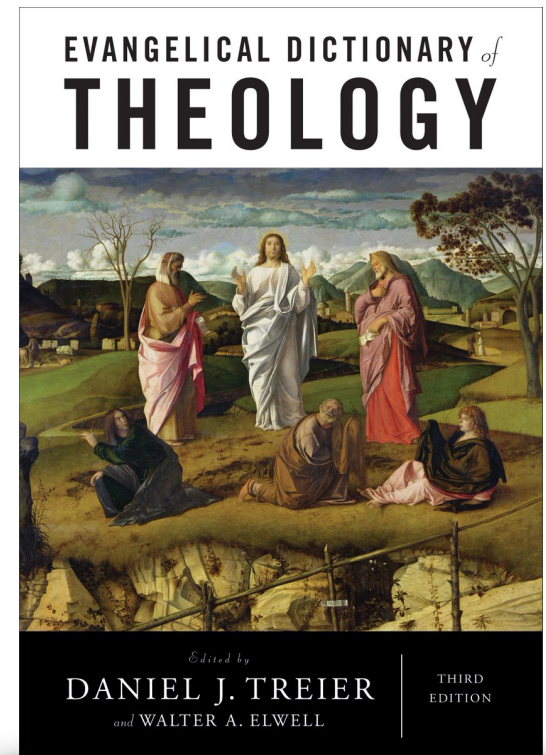
¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.

John 1:14-18

¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

“God’s unlimited kindness toward his people regardless of what they might deserve. Jesus reveals the true meaning of God’s grace and is the one through whom it is distributed.”

“GRACE”



Evangelical Dictionary
of Theology
by Treier pg.357

1. What did John think of “the law of Moses”?

Deuteronomy 8:11 Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.

Joshua 1:8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Psalms 119:14 I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.

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Hebrews 1:1-3 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³ The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being

2. Why did Jesus come and “live with us”?

Take a minute & reflect on the motives that shaped your decisions when you moved to a different location.

Education

Job

Cost of living

Lifestyle / hobby

Family

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

3. Do you believe that God still wants to "live with us"?

Jesus promised his friends that although he was leaving, he would send the Holy Spirit to be with them. (John 14:16-17 *I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—¹⁷ the Spirit of truth.... you know him, for **he lives with you and will be in you.***) You don't have to find a special place to be near God. You don't have to "get it all together" to experience the presence of God's Spirits in you. The experience begins (and continues) when we confess to God that we don't want to live life for ourselves or according to our own desires. What we most want is Him and his loving leadership.