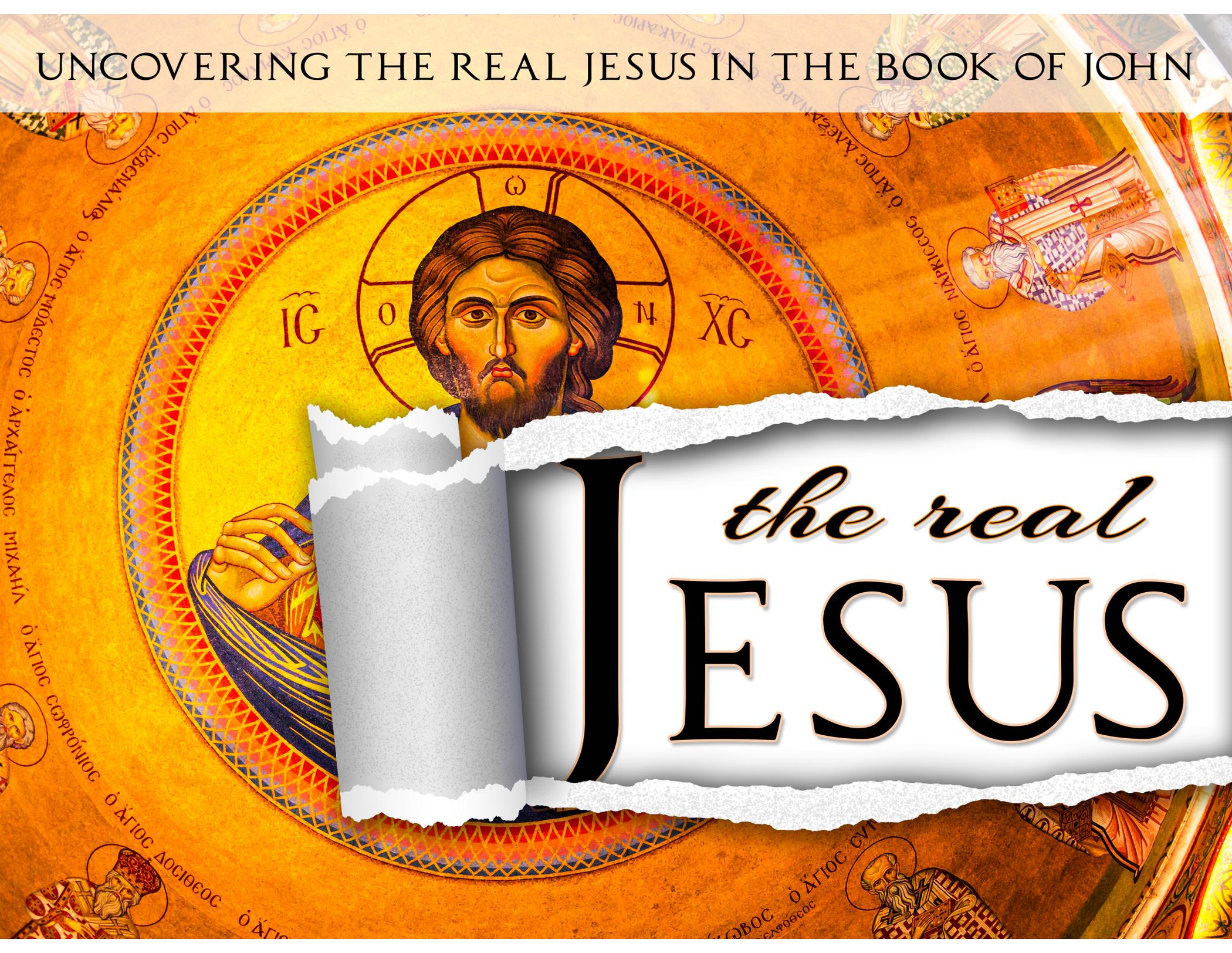


UNCOVERING THE REAL JESUS IN THE BOOK OF JOHN



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John 13:37-38

John 18:12-27

Luke 22:61-62

John 13:37-38 Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." ³⁸ Then Jesus answered, "Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!

John 18:12-27 Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him ¹³ and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴ Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it would be good if one man died for the people.

¹⁵ Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, ¹⁶ but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in. ¹⁷ "You aren't one of this man's disciples too, are you?" she asked Peter. He replied, "I am not."

¹⁸ It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.

¹⁹ Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching .

²⁰ “I have spoken openly to the world,” Jesus replied. “I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret.

²¹ Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said.” ²² When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. “Is this the way you answer the high priest?” he demanded.

²³ “If I said something wrong,” Jesus replied, “testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?” ²⁴ Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

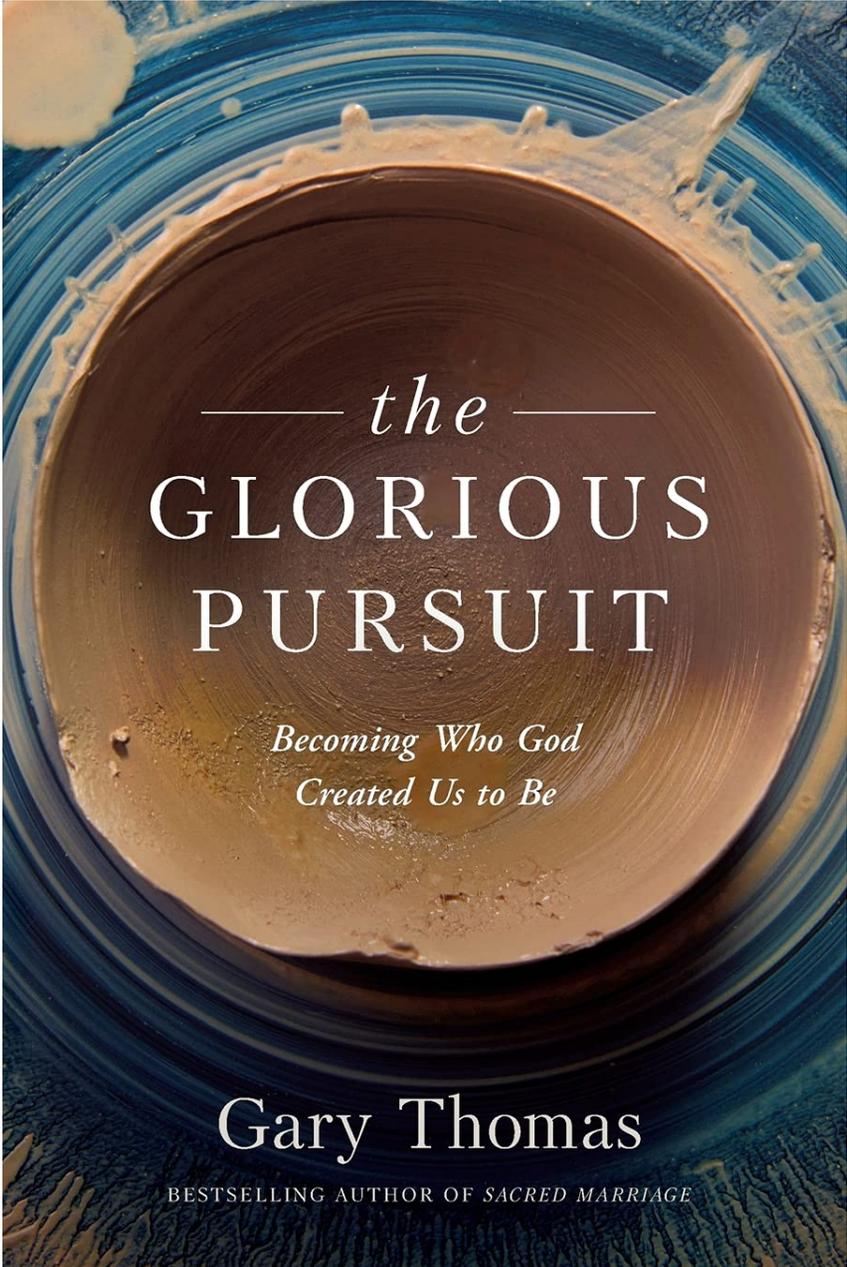
²⁵ Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, "You aren't one of his disciples too, are you?" He denied it, saying, "I am not." ²⁶ One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the garden?" ²⁷ Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

Luke 22:61-62 The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” ⁶² And he went outside and wept bitterly.

Beware of *YOUR* plans

*Peter was so ambitious about his plans for Jesus (and himself) that he was blinded to **Jesus' plans**.*

*When **Peter's plans** and dreams are slipping away, his true loyalties rise to the surface. In this scene it's not just Jesus who's on trial, Peter is too.*



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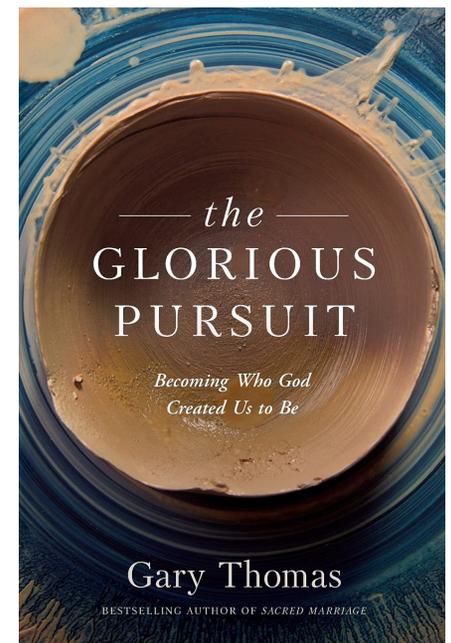
*Becoming Who God
Created Us to Be*

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BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *SACRED MARRIAGE*

From a *spiritual perspective, humility is entering into the life of Christ through a radical dependence on God. It's an inner orientation of actively receiving from God and acknowledging our need. The humble Christian is a Christian who takes literally Christ words, "apart from me you can do nothing." Andrew Murray nails this exactly when he calls it, "the displacement of self by the enthronement of God"*

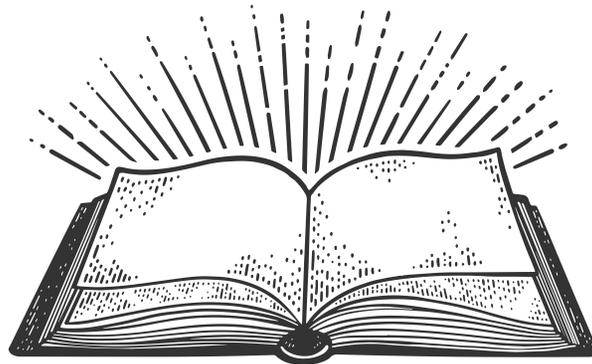
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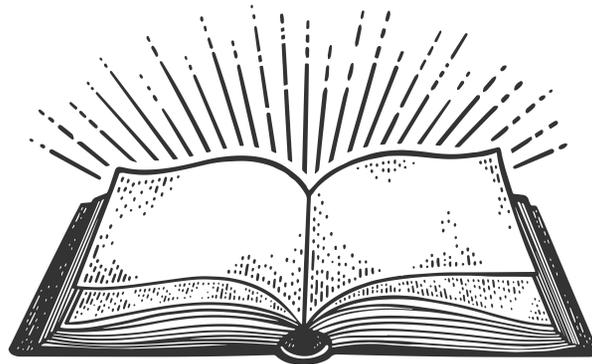
The Power of Politics?

It's easy to miss the role politics play in the story. The people putting Jesus on trial have more than God in mind, the Roman Empires interest are at center stage.

*John 11:47-50 The chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many signs. 48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then **the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation.**"*



*49 Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! 50 You **do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.**"*



The Power of Politics?

This raises some interesting questions. For one, if Jesus is building a, “Kingdom” why not get rid of the corrupt religious leaders and the Romans?

Additionally, Paul NEVER prays that the Romans would be displaced!

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We are commanded to pray for our rulers (1 Tim 2:1-2), but never to rely on them to build God's Kingdom. That is the work of His Spirit working through the Church - regardless of the government.

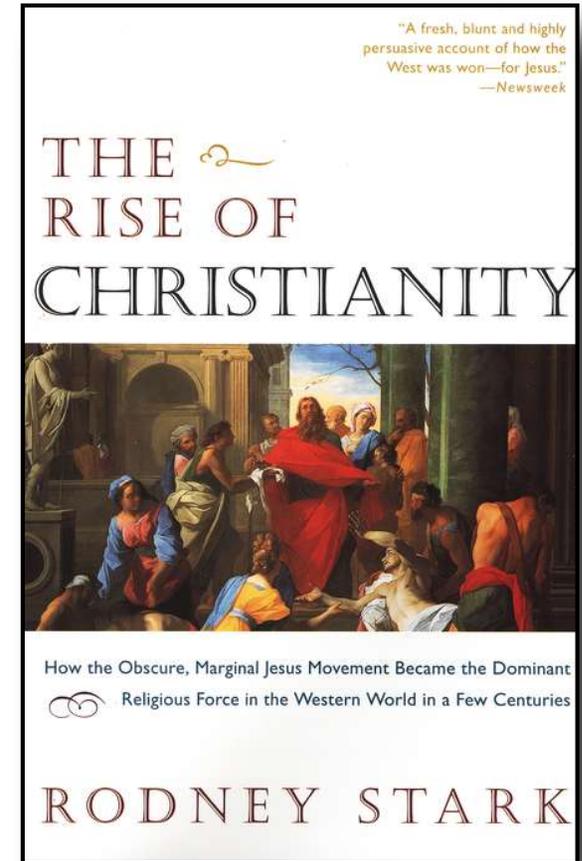
CONVERSION AND CHRISTIAN GROWTH

TABLE 1.1

Christian Growth Projected at 40 Percent per Decade

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of Christians</i>	<i>Percent of Population^a</i>
40	1,000	0.0017
50	1,400	0.0023
100	7,530	0.0126
150	40,496	0.07
200	217,795	0.36
250	1,171,356	1.9
300	6,299,832	10.5
350	33,882,008	56.5

^a Based on an estimated population of 60 million.



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Jesus spent a lot of time talking about forgiveness, it will be on full display with Peter in not to distance future (John 21).