

#### What About This Man?



"When you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." (John 21:18-24)

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"This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God."
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"Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them...and said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about this man?'.Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!" (John 21:18-24)

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## Envy, Jealousy & Covetousness

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's." (Exodus 20:17)

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"If you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice." (James 3:14-18)

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"Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming."

(Colossians 3:5-6)

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# **Cain and Abel**

"The LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.

The LORD said to Cain, 'Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.'"

(Genesis 4:4-9)

# **Cain and Abel**

"Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

Then the LORD said to Cain, 'Where is Abel your brother?'

He said, 'I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?'" (Genesis 4:4-9)

# Sarai and Hagar

"[Abraham] went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. And Sarai said to Abram, 'May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the LORD judge between you and me!" (Genesis 16:4-6)

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"But Abram said to Sarai, 'Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her.'" (Genesis 16:4-6)

"Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac." (Genesis 21:10)

## **Esau and Jacob**

"Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, 'The days of mourning for my father are approaching. Then I will kill my brother Jacob.'" (Genesis 27:41)

## **Rachel and Leah**

"When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she envied her sister. She said to Jacob, 'Give me children, or I shall die!" (Genesis 30:1)

## **Joseph and His Brothers**

"Israel [Jacob] loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him."

(Genesis 37:3-4)

#### Miriam, Aaron, and Moses

"[Miriam and Aaron] said, 'Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us also?'" (Numbers 12:1-2)

## Korah, et al and Moses

"[Korah, Dathan, and Abiram] assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron and said to them, 'You have gone too far! For all in the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?" (Numbers 16:3)

## **Saul and David**

"Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He said, 'They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?' And Saul eyed David from that day on." (1 Samuel 18:8-9)

## The Jews and Jesus

"The chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, 'What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." (John 11:47-48)

"Pilate...knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up." (Matthew 27:18)

#### The Jews and Paul

"When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him." (Acts 13:45)



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"On receiving [their wages] they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." (Matthew 20:1-16)

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"But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last.'" (Matthew 20:1-16)

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"Woe to him who strives with him who formed him, a pot among earthen pots! Does the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' or 'Your work has no handles'? (Isaiah 45:9)

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"Ask me of things to come—Will you command me concerning my children and the work of my hands? I made the earth and created man on it. It was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host."

(Isaiah 45:11-12)

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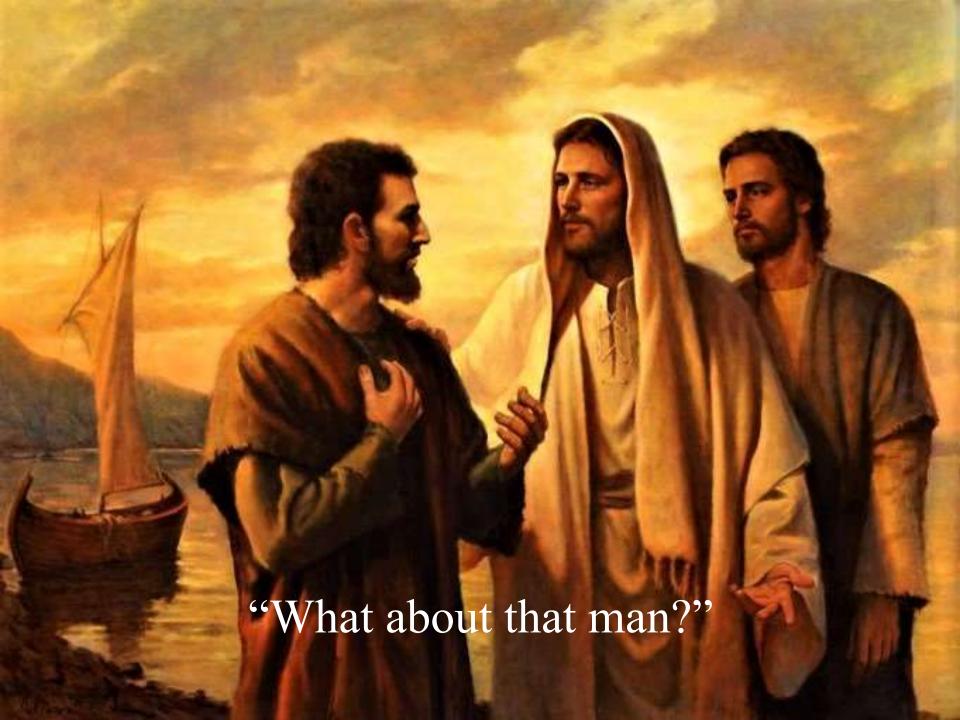
"While there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? For when one says, 'I follow Paul,' and another, 'I follow Apollos,' are you not being merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." (1 Corinthians 3:3-6)

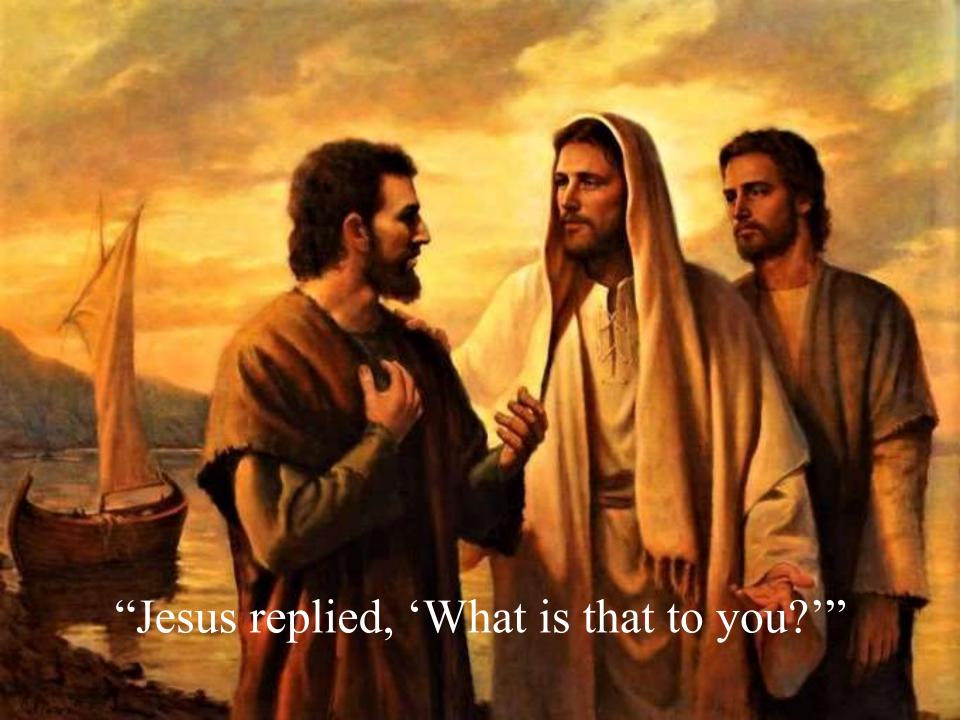
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"By the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned." (Romans 12:3-6)

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"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them." (Romans 12:3-6)







# **YOU follow me!**



"The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps."
(Proverbs 16:9)

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"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." (Colossians 3:23-24)

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"The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me. Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands!"
(Psalm 138:8)

