

10 THINGS YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT JESUS

John Chapter 1:1-51

PART 1



**2 TRUTHS
AND 1 LIE**



How well do you know who Jesus is?

John 20:31 (ESV)

“but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

Gospel of John

- Contrasts sharply with the synoptic gospels of ***Matthew, Mark, Luke***
- Long, well-developed ***theological discourses or monologues delivered by Jesus***

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The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, ^a and the Word was with God, ^b and the Word was God. ^c **2** He was with God in the beginning. ^d

3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has life. ^e **4** In him was life, ^f and that life was the light ^g of men. **5** The light shines in the darkness, ^h but the darkness has not understood ^a it. ⁱ

6 There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. ^j **7** He came as a witness to testify ^k concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. ^l **8** He himself was not the light; he came as a witness to the light. **9** The true light that gives light to every man ⁿ was

1:1 also 55:11;
Rev 19:13
b Jn 17:5; 1 Jn 1:2
c Php 2:6
1:2 d Ge 1:1;
Jn 8:58; 17:5, 24;
1 Jn 1:1; Rev 1:8
1:3 ever 10;

1 Co 8:6;
Col 1:16; Heb 1:2
1:4 f S Jn 5:26;
6:57; 11:25;
14:6; Ac 3:15;
Heb 7:16;
1 Jn 1:1, 2; 5:20;
Rev 1:18
8 Ps 36:9; Jn 3:19;
8:12; 9:5; 12:46
1:5 h Ps 18:28
1 Jn 3:19

1:6 i S Mt 3:1
1:7 k ver 15, 19,
32; Jn 3:26; 5:33
l ver 12; S Jn 3:15
1:9 m 1 Jn 2:8
also 49:6

1:10 o S ver 3
1:11 p Isa 53:3
1:12 q ver 7;
S Jn 3:15
r 1 Jn 3:15

he gave the right to become children of God, ^s nor of human decision or man's will, but born of God. ^t **14** The Word became flesh ^u and dwelt among us. We have seen his glory, ^v the glory of the One who came from the Father and truth. ^x

15 John testifies ^y and cries out, saying, "The one whom I saw and passed me because he came from the fullness of grace and truth." **17** For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.



Sermon Outline: 10 Things You Must Know about Jesus



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II – John the Apostle’s Experience: WHO GOD IS (4)

III –John the Baptist’s Experience: WHAT GOD CAME TO DO (2)

IV –The First Disciples’ Experience: HOW GOD RELATES TO US (4)

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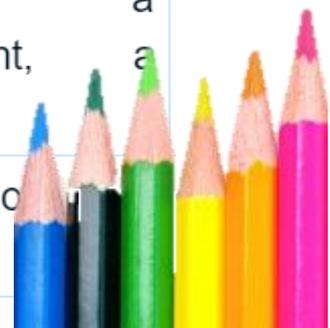
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λόγος

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1. Jesus ... the Word

2. Jesus ... God

The Supreme Being; Jehovah; the eternal and infinite spirit, the creator, and the sovereign of the universe.



- **The Word is Power**
- **The Word is Wisdom**
- **The Word is God**



What does it mean, “the Word”?

3056 *lógos* (from [3004](#) /*légō*, "speaking to a conclusion")

– a *word*, being the expression of a *thought*; a saying.

– a *doctrine, teaching*

– a *speech, discourse*, matter under discussion

**How Powerful is the Word,
because the Word is God.**

And God said,

... Let there be light (v.3)



And God said,

... Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water. (v.6)



And God said,

... Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land (v.11)



And God said,

... Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night (v.14)



And God said,

... Let the water teem with living creatures,
and let birds fly above the earth (v.20)



And God said,

... Let the land produce living creatures
according to their kinds (v.24)



- In John 4:43-54 – Jesus heals an official’s son by his words, “Go ... your son will live.”
- In John 11:1-44 – Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead with his words, “Lazarus, come forth.”



The Word is power. The Word is wisdom.
We have to take Jesus' word seriously.

THE
GOD
WHO
SPEAKS
TRACING THE EVIDENCE FOR BIBLICAL AUTHORITY

Yet throughout the book of John – always 2 groups of people:
those who took his words seriously (and believed) and those
who didn't. Today it is the same.

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THE MEANING OF LIFE

according to different philosophers



learn more
Platonism



be good
Aristotelianism



be self-sufficient
Cynicism



have pleasure now
Hedonism



free yourself from pain
Epicureanism



be logical,
don't suffer
Stoicism



defend individual
liberty
Classical Liberalism



do as you'd have
others do (your duty)
Kantianism



do anything (life has
no meaning)
Nihilism



bring the most good
to humans
Pragmatism



follow
God's will
Theism



make decisions and
be positive
Existentialism



stop making sense
of life, just live
Absurdism



act in self-interest
and common good
Humanism



life has no meaning,
until you give it one
Logical Positivism



care for nature
Natural Pantheism

IN ASIA



love people impartially
Mohism



live an ordinary life
Confucianism



learn practical things
Legalism

Do not conform to the pattern
of this world, but be transformed
by the renewing of your mind.

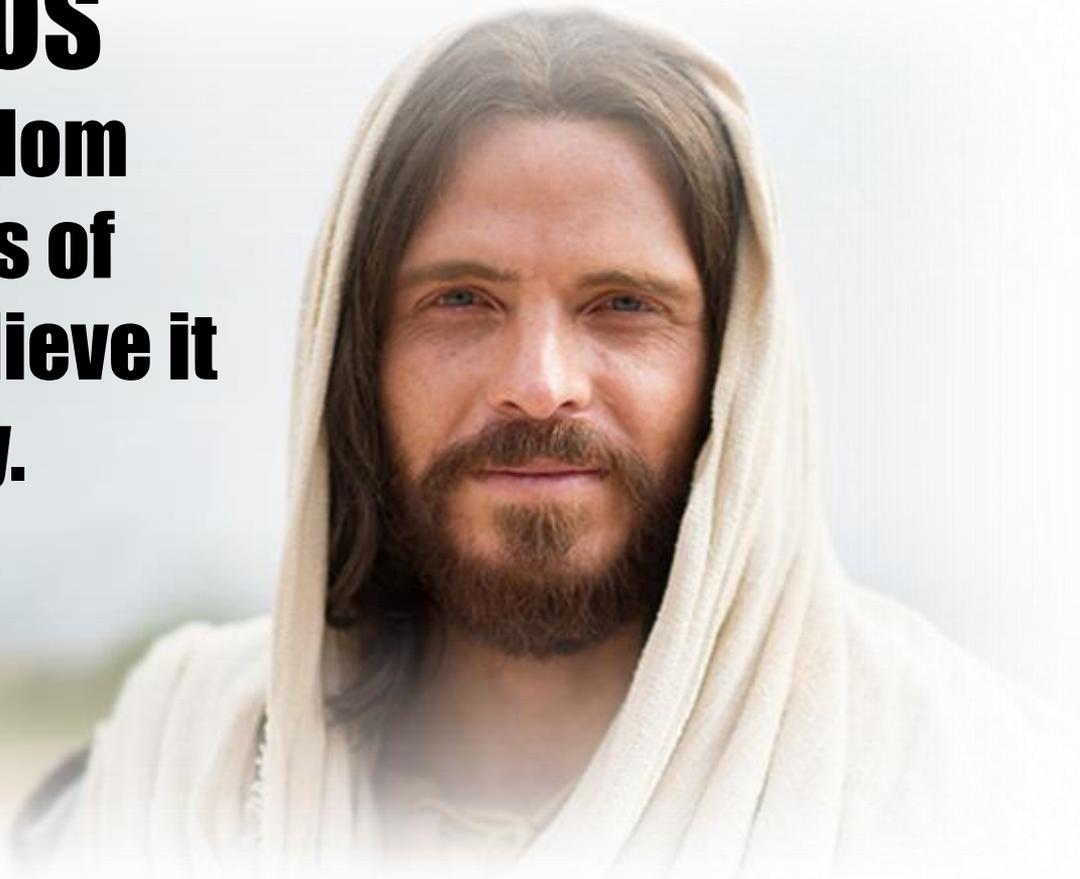
Then you will be able to test
and approve what God's will is—his
good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2



10 THINGS YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT JESUS

JESUS, THE LOGOS
There is Power, Wisdom
and Life in the Words of
Jesus. We are to believe it
and take it seriously.



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THE ART OF ENGAGING SENIOR STAKEHOLDERS

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A SPECIAL BOND

A part of you is in your creation



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Psalm 19: 1 The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.



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- You are precious and unique ... not to be “messed with”
- You were created for:
 1. Value & usefulness
 2. Beauty – *but I’m not beautiful or useful?*
 3. Relationship

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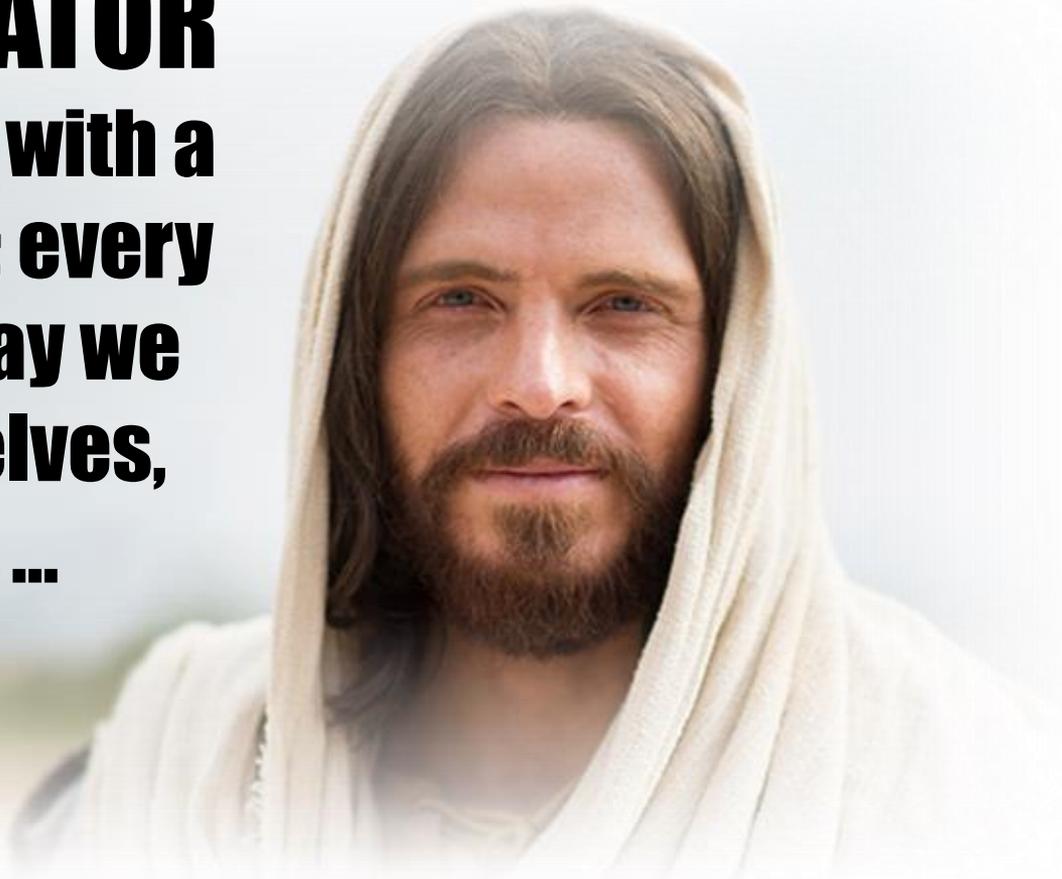
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- **Can approach God - can ask. He who created all things can create what we need**
- **Ask believing (Matt 7:7)**
- **Ask in His Name (John 14:13)**
- **And if we receive not, it is because he has created something better (Rom 8)**
- **Physical & spiritual. Spiritual & more spiritual. God always choses spiritual.**

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JESUS, THE CREATOR

**Approach every day with a
Creator awareness ; every
thing: change the way we
see the world, ourselves,
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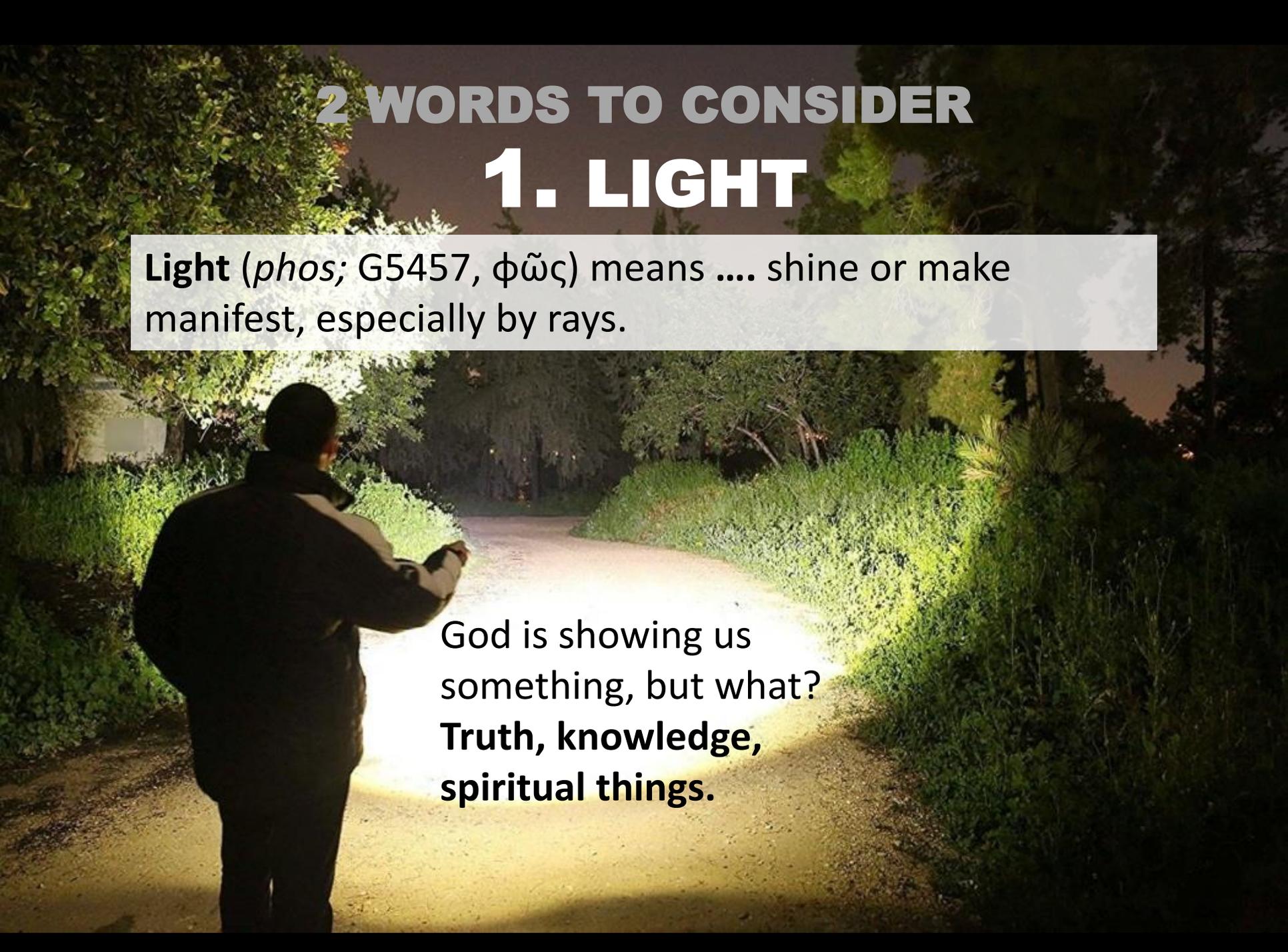


Bush tail possum

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God is showing us something, but what?
Truth, knowledge, spiritual things.

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Consider 1 John 1:5

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

- In God there is no darkness, the pure truth.
- Right is right, wrong is wrong. E.g. There is a hell.
- Satan disguises in darkness.

**Truth, knowledge,
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2 WORDS TO CONSIDER

1. LIGHT

Consider Ephesians 5:8

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.

- What this verse means is as God reveals his light & truth, we are to live in it because we can see.
- Thought light as holiness. But it is actually truth. Of course spiritual truth is holiness too.
- E.g. paying workers fairly (Jas 5:4); be merciful

**Truth, knowledge,
spiritual things.**

A photograph of four children running happily in a grassy field. From left to right: a boy in a light blue plaid shirt and khaki pants, a girl in a colorful tank top and shorts, a girl in a pink shirt and shorts, and a boy in a blue and white striped shirt and jeans. A yellow balloon is on the ground in the foreground. The background is a lush green field with trees.

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Consider 1 Timothy 6:17

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

- The blessing of life is to love life. It is not wrong.
- E.g. A relief ... a struggle to travel, work life balance.

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Consider 1 Peter 3:10

For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech

- Beware going for it the wrong way. (evil, deceitful speech). See Genesis 3 – God gave man everything, but what did Satan do? Tempt Eve to live life the wrong way.
- E.g. Elder sharing his church's priority is holidays
- What this means? There is a right way of vitality and animation – and Satan is deceiving the world and the church. Taken the enjoyment part and left out God. Sexuality, materialism, money, my goals in life, ...

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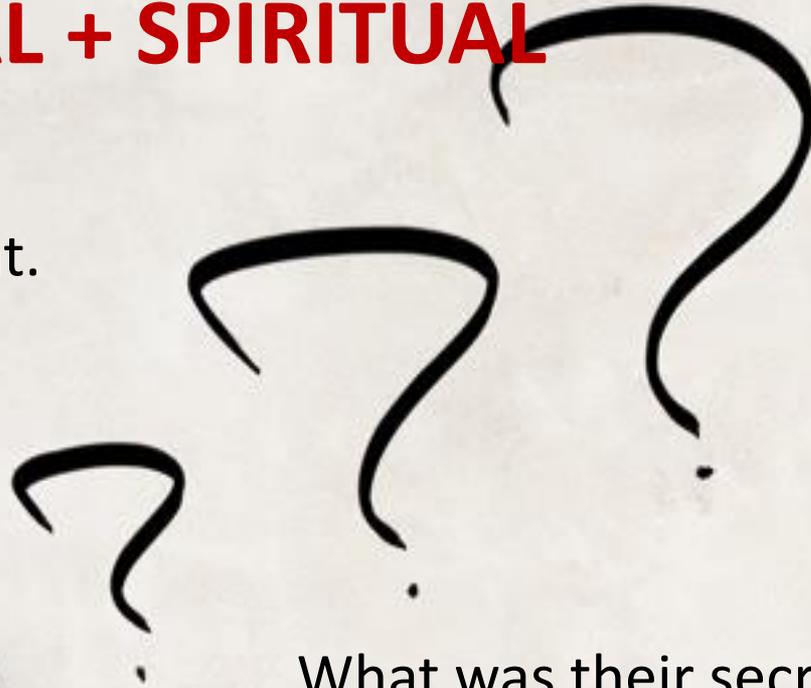
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WHAT DOES A VITAL CHRISTIAN LIFE LOOK LIKE? **PHYSICAL + SPIRITUAL**

Christians in the first century were different. They were alive.

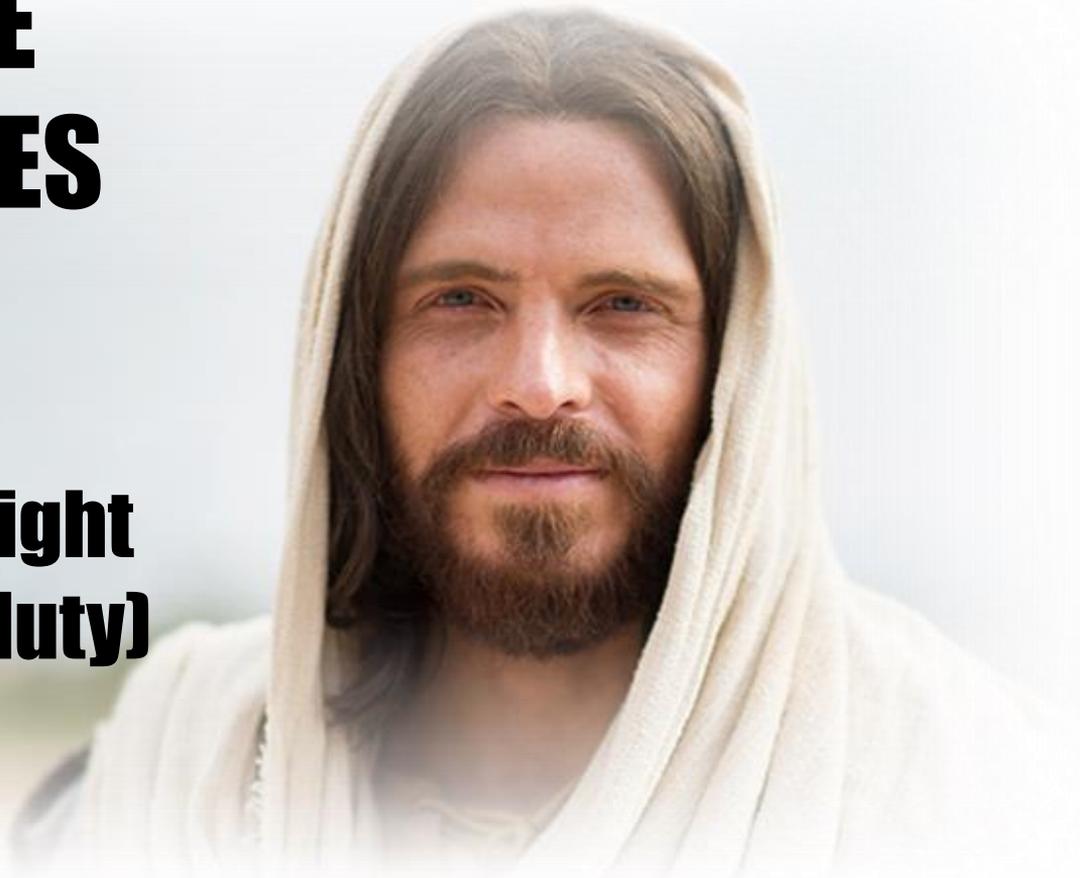


What was their secret? life real and genuine, a life active and vigorous, devoted to God, blessed, and after the resurrection to be consummated by a more perfect body, and to last for ever ... and we have experienced it before.

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**JESUS, THE TRUE
LIGHT THAT GIVES
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**Seek, desire, grasp,
memorize, live this light
that gives life (vs a duty)**



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