John's Gospel Chapters 11-17

# In confusing times, we begin to live well by following Jesus

#### We don't know how Jesus looked





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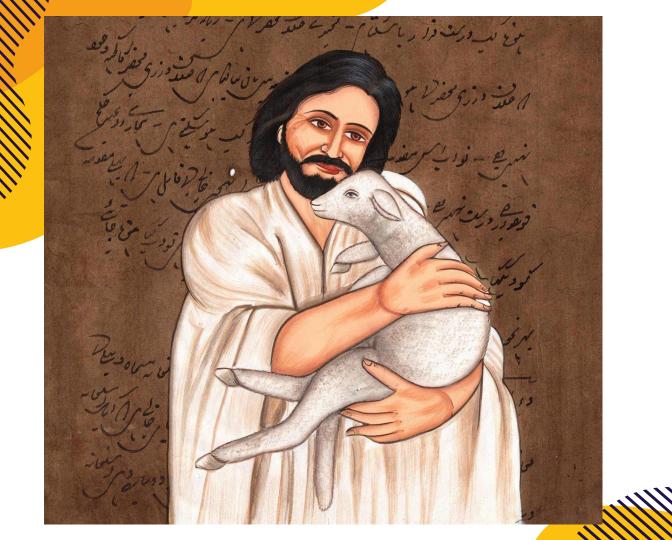
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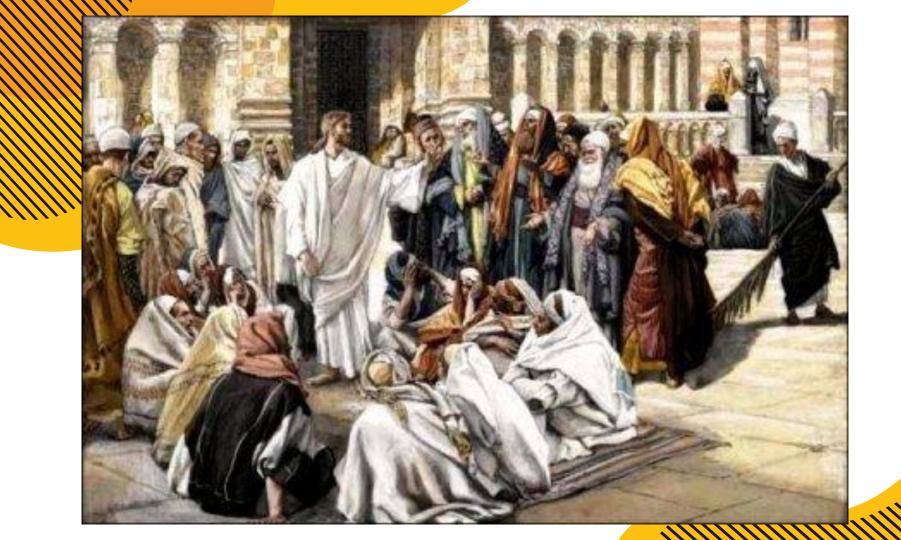
## Jesus was probably more Asian than Caucasian















### **Mystification of the Disciples**

Jn 11:8 a short while ago the Jews were trying to stone you (10:31) and yet you want to go back there (Judea)?

#### **Skepticism of the doubters**

11:37 Could not he who opened the eyes of a blind man have kept this man from dying?



#### **Challenging Jesus' Understanding**

12:6 Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? (Judas Iscariot)

#### **Fickleness of the Masses**

12:13 Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord (praising Jesus arriving in Jerusalem on Nisan 10 .. only to condemn him to death on Nisan 14)

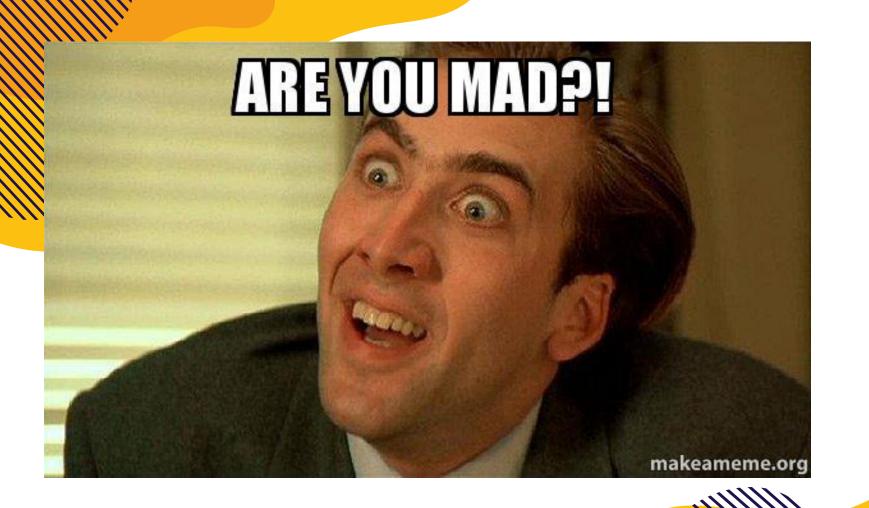
#### "HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD! HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!" MATTHEW 21:9

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#### **That's Preposterous!**

13:6 Lord, are you going to wash my feet?

13:22 His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant.





#### **Roller Coaster Ride**

- Jesus' leaving will discourage the Disciples (13:33 - my children, I will be with you only a little while longer ... where I am going you cannot come)
- 2. Jesus' dying will sadden the Disciples (14:30
  I will not speak with you much longer because the prince of this world is coming)

#### **Roller Coaster (2)**

3. Jesus' resurrection will gladden the Disciples (is he here or not here? -- 16:16 - in a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me) 4. Jesus' ascension will mystify the Disciples (16:28 - I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am going back to the Father) - through encounter with Jesus they are in contact with the spiritual world.





#### Why John 11 - 17 Matters

#### Legacy

#### Empowerment

#### The Road Ahead

# legacy

#### Is what matters most

In the speaker's opinion

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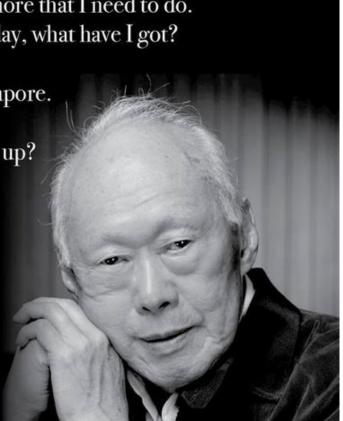
#### legacy

"I have no regrets. I have spent my life, so much of it, building up this country. There's nothing more that I need to do. At the end of the day, what have I got?

A successful Singapore.

What have I given up? My life."

Mr Lee Kuan Yew



#### legacy

the greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things... but rather a legacy of character. **BILLY GRAHAM** 

# Our spiritual egacy endures beyond this life

## empowerment

#### empowerment

- Jesus wants to empower the Disciples (16:1 I have told you this so that you will not go astray)
- 2. Jesus wants the Disciples to take hold of life with both hands (**16:4** - I have told you this so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you)
- Jesus wants the Disciples to live 100% for God's Kingdom (16:33 - in this world you will have trouble. Take heart! I have overcome the world)

#### empowerment



## the Road Ahead

### Be prepared for

hostility and

opposition Jn 15:18





**Eternal** 

Jn 17:3

### **Perspective**



### **Grow and Mature**

in Holiness

Jn 17:17





### Participate in the

<u>Kingdom Harvest</u>

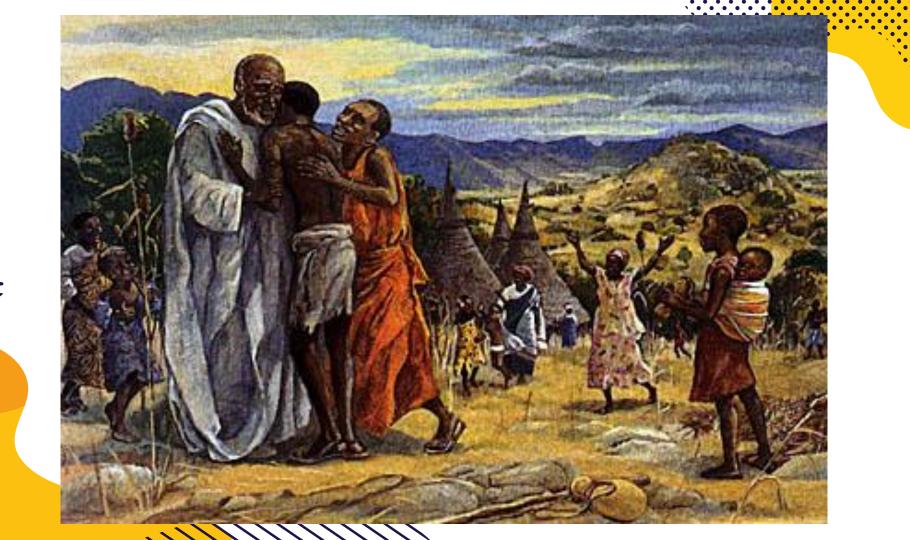
Jn 17:20





## Legacy is what matters most

#### We each leave a spiritual legacy

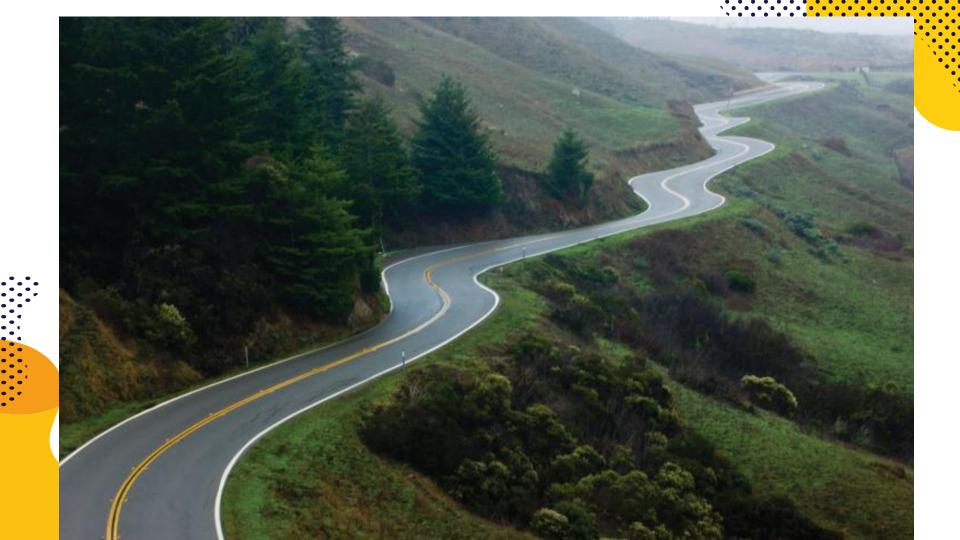


# Our spiritual egacy endures beyond this life

### **empowerment** With Jesus we can make a difference The world can be a better place

## **The Road Ahead** Jesus Prepares us for the Future

Take hold of the future God has for you



Faith in Christ in the midst of Uncertainty

## Each doing what we can to make a difference

 Bear, the dog, in Eastern Australia

## Each doing what we can to make a difference



"I have told you this so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you" John 16:4

#### **—JESUS CHRIST**

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