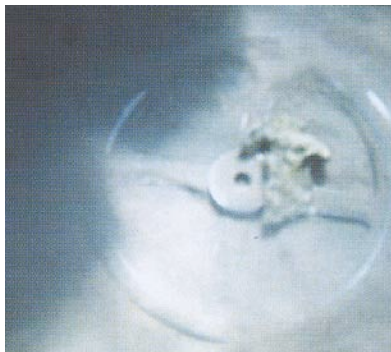


The Book of 2 Peter
Chapter 2 Topical Study
“A Different Jesus”

In chapter 1 of the Book of 2 Peter, we took an extended look at some of the facts concerning the reliability of the Bible.

- ☞ **We looked at Archeology**, and proved from recent discoveries that events the Bible speaks of such as the crossing of the Red Sea, is a factual, historical scientifically provable event.
- ☞ **100’s of chariot wheels**, and the skeletons of human and horse, found in a natural land bridge 325 feet below the surface of the **“Nuweiba Peninsula”** at the edge of the Red Sea.



- ☞ **We examined the internal structure of the Bible** and found that there are intricate information systems coded in the words of the scriptures in places we would not expect them to be.
- ☞ **The Genealogies of the Bible** containing messages that are beyond the possibility that they happened by chance.
- ☞ **The first genealogy in Genesis 5**, that has the first 10 names of those who lived on the earth, when translating using the Hebrew meaning of each of these 10 names, then read together, reveals.

| HEBREW NAME | WHAT IT MEANS IN ENGLISH |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Adam | Man |
| Seth | Appointed |
| Enosh | Mortal |
| Kenan | Sorrow—(but the) |
| Mahalalel | Blessed God |
| Jared | Shall Come Down |
| Enoch | Teaching (that) |

| | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Methuselah | His Death Shall Bring |
| Lamech | The Despairing |
| Noah | Rest |

“Man is appointed **mortal sorrow**, but **the Blessed God shall come down teaching that His death shall bring the despairing rest**”...

In chapter 2, Peter takes us into the area of “How we can know the difference between the truth of the Bible and the false and the misleading doctrines that others teach.

- ☞ **Even in Peters day**, they were having problems with False Prophets, and False Teachers who were teaching things contrary to what the Bible teaches.
- ☞ **In the Gospel of Matthew**, Chapter 24, Jesus had been teaching about the “*Last Days*”, just before the Tribulation began, and then the events of the 7 year Tribulation itself.

Matthew 24:3-5

3 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And **what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?**”

4 And Jesus answered and said to them: “**Take heed that no one deceives you.**

5 For many will come in My name, saying, “I am the Christ,” and will deceive many

Jesus warned us who live in the “**Last Days**”, just before He would come for us in the Rapture, that The Last Days would be characterized by a great time of “**Deception**”.

1 John 2:26

Jesus Said: These things I have written to you **concerning those who try to deceive you.**

In the Book of Revelation chapter 20, we see that the one behind all of the deception is satan himself:

Revelation 20:7-8

7 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison

8 and will go out **to deceive the nations** which are in the four corners of the earth,

What exactly would satan want to deceive us about? What would be his greatest area of interest in deceiving people?

- ☞ **In the area of “Who Jesus really is”**, and What Jesus Came to Do, And what is necessary to be Saved.

Many people think of satan being in the bars and nightclubs trying to deceive people into following him.

- ⊕ **In reality**, he doesn't have to go to these places at all, because those in those places are already under his power.
- ⊕ **The truth is** that satan is the "Most Religious person on the Planet".

Remember that Religion is mans attempt at reaching God, which is impossible. Jesus came to Make it possible for God to reach down to man and save him.

- ⊕ **Satan's business** is that of creating as many counterfeits as he can, so that people cannot see the simple truth of who Jesus really is and why He came to earth.
- ⊕ **Jesus didn't come to make us Religious**, He came to make a relationship with God possible.
- ⊕ **Man, in all of his attempts at Good Works**, from Gods viewpoint, man can never attain a relationship with God on his own works.
- ⊕ **The Bible teaches** that it is only by trusting in what Jesus did on the Cross, and a total commitment to Jesus **with all of your life**, can you be acceptable to God.

Now, either Jesus is right, He is the ONLY way to heaven or He is a LIAR. **Jesus never left us with the option that He is just ANOTHER way to heaven, or one more religion to follow.**

- ⊕ **What Jesus did to prove** that His claim that He is the only way to heaven, was to claim that after He died for us, thereby paying for all our sins, Jesus said that when He is killed, **HE WILL RAISE HIMSELF FROM THE DEAD!**
- ⊕ **No other religion or religious leader** has ever made that claim before, and then backed it up by raising himself from the dead.
- ⊕ **And then to make sure** there was sufficient proof that Jesus did rise from the dead, He stayed on the earth for 40 days, and was seen by over 500 eye witnesses who wrote that they saw Him with their own eyes, touched him, talked to Him, even ate a meal with Him.
- ⊕ **Finally**, many of those who said they saw Jesus alive had the sincerity and truthfulness of their claims tested by either having the opportunity to renounce the fact Jesus had risen, or lose their life. **ALL OF THEM CHOSE TO BE KILLED RATHER THAN DENY WHAT THEY HAD SEEN WITH THEIR OWN EYES.**

The resurrection of Jesus is the BEST documented event in ALL of human history!

- ⊕ **This is extremely important** because it means that **everything Jesus said was true.**
- ⊕ **And Jesus said** that there is no Religion, church or Person who can give you eternal life and Heaven except Him.
- ⊕ **So why** are there so many different churches and religions in the world...GOOD QUESTION.

Everything Religion that is about working your way to heaven, doing things the church says are necessary to be saved, are a COLOSSAL WASTE OF TIME.,

Romans 3:10,12

As it is written: “There is none righteous, no, not one; They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.”

The issue is not your good works, or how good of a person you might be, the issue is Your Sin.

- ☞ **Sin is to Miss the mark** of what God has demanded of us.
- ☞ **Every person** that has ever been born, has sinned, done wrong according to Gods law, and is therefore guilty with no possibility of doing anything to change that.
- ☞ **That is why Jesus came**, He paid for all the wrong we have done, and satisfied Gods requirement to punish sin.

When any person trusts Jesus to save them, God accepts them based on their trust and commitment to Jesus.

- ☞ **The reason that this is so important**, is that anything other than this trust and commitment to the Jesus of the Bible, **is a lie**.
- ☞ **The Bible teaches** that ONLY JESUS CAN SAVE A PERSON AND GIVE THEM THE RIGHT TO ENTER HEAVEN.

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. **No one** comes to the Father except through Me.

1 Timothy 2:5

For there is **one God** and **one Mediator** between God and men, **the Man Christ Jesus**,

Acts 4:10-12

let it be known to you all, and to all ... that **only by the name of Jesus Christ** of Nazareth... **is there salvation**... for there is **no other name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

So, if only THE JESUS OF THE BIBLE has the power to save a person and give them heaven, then isn't it important to be able to identify A FALSE JESUS and a FALSE SET OF RELIGIOUS DOCTRINES?

Matthew 24:4-5

4 And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that **no one deceives you**.
5 For many will come in My name, saying, **‘I am the Christ,’** and will deceive many.

Jesus said that the deception will come in the form of teaching “A DIFFERENT JESUS”.

- ☞ **This is the most important area** that we are concerned about, **Who Jesus really is**.
- ☞ **We are not to follow** on A church or a Religion.

- ☞ **We don't follow** religious leaders.
- ☞ **We just follow Jesus**, the Only ONE who died so that we could be forgiven, then proved He is the Only way, by raising Himself from the dead.
- ☞ **Our focus is on** understanding who the real Jesus is, and how to identify a false Jesus when we see him being taught.

The most religious people there were at the time Jesus was here, were the Pharisees, and yet Jesus told them that they were in error about the correct way to heaven, because they had not read what God's Word said:

Matthew 22:29

Jesus answered and said to them, "**You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures** nor the power of God.

Jesus said that the reason that people don't recognize a "False Jesus" when he is being taught, is because they don't know their Bibles.

- ☞ **Churches** are not teaching just the Bible any more.
- ☞ **They are teaching** Church Doctrine, and traditions.
- ☞ **Pastors are giving sermons** instead of teaching Gods Word.
- ☞ **Listen**, people don't need a pastors opinion, they need **The Word of God**.

So let us agree together that the measuring device for testing all false doctrine and false teachers, is only THE WORD OF GOD.

- ☞ Not my opinion.'
- ☞ Not your opinion.
- ☞ Not what a church teaches.
- ☞ Not what a religion teaches.
- ☞ Only what the Bible says.
- ☞ **Because the Bible has stood the test of time**, and every inspection, every criticism, every close scrutiny, has caused the Bible to be found 100 percent accurate, 100 percent reliable, 100 percent The Word Of God.
- ☞ **I have spent the last 25 years** proving that to myself.

It is with all this in mind, that Peter, who once himself doubted that Jesus was the only way to heaven, became so convinced after he saw Jesus raised from the dead, that he let them crucify him upside down rather than deny Jesus had risen.

This same Peter writes to us this morning...

2 Peter 2

1 But **there were also false prophets among the people, (Then) even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them,** and bring on themselves swift destruction.

2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

Notice that Peter warns us that these false teachers will “Secretly bring in these destructive heresies, denying *“The Lord who bought them”*”.

- ☞ **The focus of all false teaching** is centered on trying to deny Jesus in the way that the Bible describes Him.
- ☞ **This is where we want to focus** our time and attention, on being able to identify the True Jesus from the false Jesus

It is interesting that when the United States Treasury is training their agents to identify counterfeit money, they do not show them endless amounts of phony money.

- ☞ **They expose their agents** over and over, to the true currency of the United States.’
- ☞ **The agents examine it carefully**, handle it, feel it, become accustomed to it.

They spend so much time with the true, that when the false is presented to them, they can immediately identify it.

So I don’t think that we need to spend allot of time teaching you about all of the false doctrines of false teachers and churches.

- ☞ **Instead, our focus here** is to teach verse by verse, every Word of the Word of God, so that you become so familiar with the True Jesus, you will recognize the false Jesus when he is being taught.
- ☞ **Again, the emphasis is on** “*Who do you say Jesus is?*”, the Jesus of the Bible, or something different as taught by the other religions of the world.

Did you know that the religions of the world, all except Biblical Christianity, teach a different Jesus?

- ☞ **In every case**, they always lower Jesus from who He is identified in the Bible, they make him less than He actually is.
- ☞ **Why do you think** that this is the **one common denominator** in all the religions of the world except Biblical Christianity?
- ☞ **Because satan** is at the root core of their doctrine, He doesn’t want people to know and believe in the true Jesus of the Bible.
- ☞ **If he can get people to trust in a different Jesus**, a lower Jesus than what the Bible teaches, **they will be lost.**

So, my emphasis this morning, as a part of this study in the Book of 2 Peter chapter 2, is to give you the information the Bible teaches about **the true Jesus**, and the information that is available about what is being taught today regarding a “**Different Jesus**”.

- ☞ **I debated** whether to give the names of the religious organizations that teach a different Jesus, or just their doctrine. I feel that as long as you know that I am not “Bashing” or teaching “Hate” towards these organizations, but instead seeking to teach doctrine so you can know the difference, that I would be on solid ground.

As we go through this study, let me emphasize that **I have no hatred** for these organizations or the people that attend their services. In fact, **I personally feel a great sense of compassion and love towards them, because I know that they do not know the things that I am teaching you this morning.**

- ☞ **It is important to understand** that most of the people that attend these churches do not know the information I will be sharing with you this morning,
- ☞ **It is usually the case** that **only the people higher up** in the religious organizations know these things.
- ☞ **And most of the people** that go to these churches, have never been taught the True Jesus of the Bible, and have never heard what you are hearing this morning.

So please have great love and compassion for these dear people, and pray that the Lord will give them the opportunity to hear how wonderful the True Jesus is.

- ☞ **I believe** that if they knew **who the real Jesus is**, that they would immediately identify the false, and turn away from that teaching.
- ☞ **So, as you hear and learn this morning**, be in prayer for those who do not know the true Jesus, that they can come to know Him and be saved.
- ☞ **Do not develop a “Spiritual Superiority Complex”**, towards these people, but instead, be very humble and broken before them and the Lord for them
- ☞ **We have no right to look down on them** or condemn them, it is only because of what the True Jesus has done and that we have come to understand who he is, that we are saved, not because we are better people than they are.

2 Peter 2

2 And **many will follow their destructive ways**, because of whom **the way of truth will be blasphemed**.

3 By covetousness they will exploit you with **deceptive words**; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.

First I will give you what the Bible says about Jesus, then what the religious organizations says about their different Jesus.

- ☞ **The information** that I am providing for you this morning, is from their own publications, and are quotes from their actual doctrines and teachings.

Remember that These are just a few of the hundreds of religions that teach a different Jesus or different way to heaven, than the Bible teaches.

- ☞ **Now I know that one of the questions that I first asked**, as I was hearing that Jesus was The Only Way to Heaven, was *“How can there be hundreds of different religions in the world and only Jesus is the Way to Heaven?”*

☞ ***“Surely, some of these must also be right!”***

I discovered that it is not what is most popular, or that the most people follow, that makes something right or true.

☞ **Throughout all history**, truth has always been very narrow, and those that believe in truth and follow it, have always been the minority.

Listen to what Jesus said:

Matthew 7:13-15

13 “Enter by the **narrow gate**; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and **there are many who go in by it**.

14 Because **narrow is the gate** and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are **few who find it**.

15 “**Beware of false prophets**, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

Jesus warned us to not base what we think truth is by how many people are following it. The road to truth is narrow, and there are only a few who will believe it and go that way.

☞ **The wide road**, “*All Religions lead to God*”, is the way that many people will go, but it is all based on the same lie...”*Jesus is not God, Jesus is not the only way to heaven*”.

And yet this is what Jesus proved by fulfilling all 300 detailed prophecies made in the Old Testament about Himself, written hundred of years before He ever came.

Jesus proved He is God and the Only way to Heaven by raising Himself from the Dead.

☞ **The one characteristic** of all Religions of the world, that is the same, is what they do with Jesus, **they make Him far less than He really is**.

The subject here this morning is then: “*Who they say Jesus is*”, because the Bible teaches that only a trust in the **true Jesus** saves a person, we will confine our study to just Jesus.

The Book of 2 Peter Bible Commentary by Rob Robinson

| The Bible | Mormonism | Jehovah's Witness | Buddhism | Islam |
|--|--|--|--|---|
| <p>WHO JESUS IS Jesus is God, Creator of all things, Eternal, Self Existent, no beginning, no end., there is none like Him.</p> | <p>Jesus is a created being,. "A god", one of million of gods, as Jesus now is a god, so also we can become a god.</p> | <p>"Jesus is a created being, brought into existence billions of years ago. He is a might god but not God almighty. " Watchtower: Reasoning from the Scriptures 212-213, 416-17</p> | <p>"There is not a personal God, His existence is irrelevant". Dictionary of Cults and Religions p45</p> | <p>Jesus is one of the foremost prophets of God. He is not God, nor the Son of God. Jesus was Not God in Human flesh. The Koran</p> |
| <p>JESUS IS SINLESS Jesus is without sin, He was born of a Virgin, He is Himself the Savior.</p> | <p>Jesus is a sinner who needed to be redeemed himself</p> | <p>"Jesus is a lesser god than the Father." Watchtower: Reasoning from the Scriptures 214, 219, 410, 420, 425</p> | <p>.</p> | <p>Jesus was a sinless man., but he did not die on a cross, he ascended directly into heaven. The Koran</p> |
| <p>THE WAY TO HEAVEN Trust in this Jesus is the only way a human being can have their sin forgiven and enter heaven.</p> <p>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6</p> <p>For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 1 Timothy 2:5 let it be known to you all, and to all ... that only by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth... is there salvation... for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:10-12</p> | <p>"Joseph Smith will be our final judge. No man or woman in this dispensation will ever enter into the celestial kingdom of God without the consent of Joseph Smith. From the day that the priesthood was taken from the earth to the winding up scene of all things, every man and woman must have the certificate of Joseph Smith, junior as a passport to their entrance into the mansion where God and Christ are" Brigham Young, Journal of Discourses, Vol. 7, P 289</p> | <p>Only 144,000 go to heaven, these are the anointed ones Watchtower, Reasoning from the Scriptures P 166-168</p> <p>Those other than the 144,000 are God's "Other Sheep", and will live forever on paradise Earth" Watchtower: Reasoning From the Scriptures P. 116-117</p> <p>Salvation depends on works, "Grace" is more or less the opportunity fi human beings to earn their salvation by total obedience to the Watchtower Society. Grace does not involve a free gift of salvation Watchtower: Reasoning From The Scriptures P. 356-359</p> | <p>Buddha taught that you yourself must make the effort to gain heaven by the eightfold path, a list of 8 works a person must do themselves through their own determination and resources. Buddhism, Taoism and other Far Eastern Religions P 15</p> <p>Buddha said that only Karma passes from life to the next: "Some people are born again in a new life, evil doers go to hell, righteous people go to heaven, those who are free from all worldly desire attain Nirvana" Dhammapada 9 P 126</p> | <p>A human being is saved only by complete surrender to Allah. Salvation is based on good deeds. The Koran</p> <p>Allah will judge people on the scale of absolute justice. The scale is used to balance one's good deeds against one's bad deeds. The judgment is based upon the two recording angels who keep track of good and bad deeds. "Only on the day of judgment shall you be paid your full recompense" Surah, the Koran 23:102-103</p> |
| <p>JESUS IS GOD ¶ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, All things were created through Him and for Him. Colossians 1:15</p> <p>But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom." Hebrews 1:8</p> <p>And Thomas answered and said to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" John 20:28</p> <p>looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, Titus 2:13</p> | <p>"God himself was one as we are now and is an exalted man I say, if you were to see him today, you would see him like a man in form... like yourselves in all the person, image, and very form as a man He was once a man like us; yea, that God himself, the Father of us all, dwelt on an earth" (Joseph Smith, <i>History of the Church</i>, vol. 6, p. 305). Mary was not a virgin. "Christ was begotten by an Immortal Father in the same way that mortal men are begotten by mortal fathers Christ was born into the world as the literal Son of this Holy Being; He was born in the same personal, real, and literal sense that any mortal son is born to a mortal father" (Bruce R. McConkie, <i>Mormon Doctrine</i>, pp. 547, 742).</p> | <p>"Jehovah is Not Jesus" 26 Times the Old Testament , the Name "Yahweh" or "Jehovah", is also used for Jesus in the new Testament YAHWEH John 8:58, GOD Titus 2:13, ALPHA AND OMEGA Revelation LORD Philippians 2:10,11 SAVIOR John 4:42 KING Revelation 19:15 JUDGE 2 Corinthians 5:10 LIGHT John 8:12 ROCK 1 Corinthians 10:3-4 OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS Romans 3:21,22 HUSBAND 2 Corinthians 11:2 SHEPHERD John 10:11-16 CREATOR Colossians 1:16 GIVER OF LIFE John 5:21 FORGIVER OF SIN Mark 2:1-12 LORD OUR HEALER Acts 9:34 OMNIPRESENT John 16:30 OMNISCIENT Matthew 28:19-20 OMNIPOTENT Mark 1:29-34 PREEXISTENT John 17:5 ETERNAL Isaiah 9:6 IMMUTABLE Hebrews 13:8 RECEIVER OF WORSHIP</p> | <p>Jesus is a good teacher, but less important than Buddha</p> <p>Buddhist worship millions of Gods, but Jesus is not a God, just a great teacher</p> <p>Buddhism teaches that Jesus is the reincarnation of one of their former gods.</p> | <p>There is only one God, Allah. God does not have a Son, Jesus is not the Son of God. The Koran</p> <p>The Koran calls Jesus "Rasul" on 10 different occasions, and is the same title as the Greek "Christos", but in the Koran, Jesus title and name are no different than Moses name and title or any other messenger of God. The Koran Al-Masih</p> <p>When Jesus said that "I and the Father are One", John 10:30, Jesus did not mean that He is one with the Father in Omniscience, nature or Omnipotence, but only "One Purpose" Christ in Islam P 37</p> |

So then, what does all of this mean?

- ☞ **Did you notice** that there is a major difference between the other religions and Jesus?
- ☞ **All of them teach** a salvation and eternal life **by Good Works** or working for or earning eternal life.'
- ☞ **The Bible says** that there is no good work that we can do to earn eternal life, only believe what Jesus did on the Cross paid for all of our sins.
- ☞ **The Bible teaches** that God saves us **based on His Grace**, He gives to us that which we do not deserve or could earn.
- ☞ **Eternal life** is given to those who put all of their trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior.

All of the other leaders of these religions are dead, and buried.

- ☞ **Jesus died**, in fulfillment of the Old Testament that said that He would die to pay the price we owed for our sins.
- ☞ **In fulfillment** of the 300 plus Old Testament Prophecies, Jesus rose from the Dead, and had this event witnessed by more than 500 persons.

All of the other religions of the world give guidelines for how a person should live, but promise no power to the believer to accomplish them.

- ☞ **Jesus said** that when we call on His name and ask Him to come and live inside of us, that He does just that.
- ☞ **Jesus comes to live inside of the believer**, and promises to give us His power to live the life of righteousness He called us to.

No other religion has a document like the Bible that is validated by more than 2,500 distinct and detailed prophecies.

- ☞ **The major purpose of the Bible** is to prove to us that Jesus is God, the only Savior of the World, and the only way to heaven.
- ☞ **The Bible proves this** by perfectly predicting these 2,500 prophecies, and revealed history shows that over 2,000 of them have already come true, in perfect 100 percent accuracy.

For the past 8 weeks, we have been in an in depth examination of these prophecies, and archeological discoveries.

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Truth is always Narrow, The Counterfeit is always very broad and all accepting.

- ⊕ **Jesus never asked us** to accept Him just as a Great Teacher, or Religious leader.
- ⊕ **Jesus demands** that we either accept Him as God, and the Only Savior of the World, or walk away and reject Him.

Jesus never left us with the option of being neutral.

Matthew 12:30

He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

At the Cross of Jesus, When Jesus died, He paid for the Sins of every person that has ever been born on the Earth.

- ⊕ **He was able to do this** because He is God, who came and took the body of a man like us, so that he could die for us.
- ⊕ **The worth of Jesus life**, because He was perfect and had **never sinned**, teamed with the fact that **He is God**, the Creator of everything, **made His life so valuable, that it was sufficient and costly enough to pay for the sins of ever person ever born.**
- ⊕ **In essence**, because of what Jesus has done, forgiveness and eternal life is available to anyone who will simply ask Jesus for it.

Yes, Jesus made it just that simple.

Romans 10:9

that **if you confess with your mouth** Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved.**

So, for the person that prays a very simple prayer: *“Jesus thank you for dying for me, please forgive me Lord for all of my sins, come into my life and be my Lord and Savior...”*

Jesus does just that, he comes to live inside, and makes that person a **“Brand New Creation”**, they are **“Born Again”**, of the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new

John 3:3-6

3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.