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## “The Light of the World”

John 8:12-30

### The Book of John

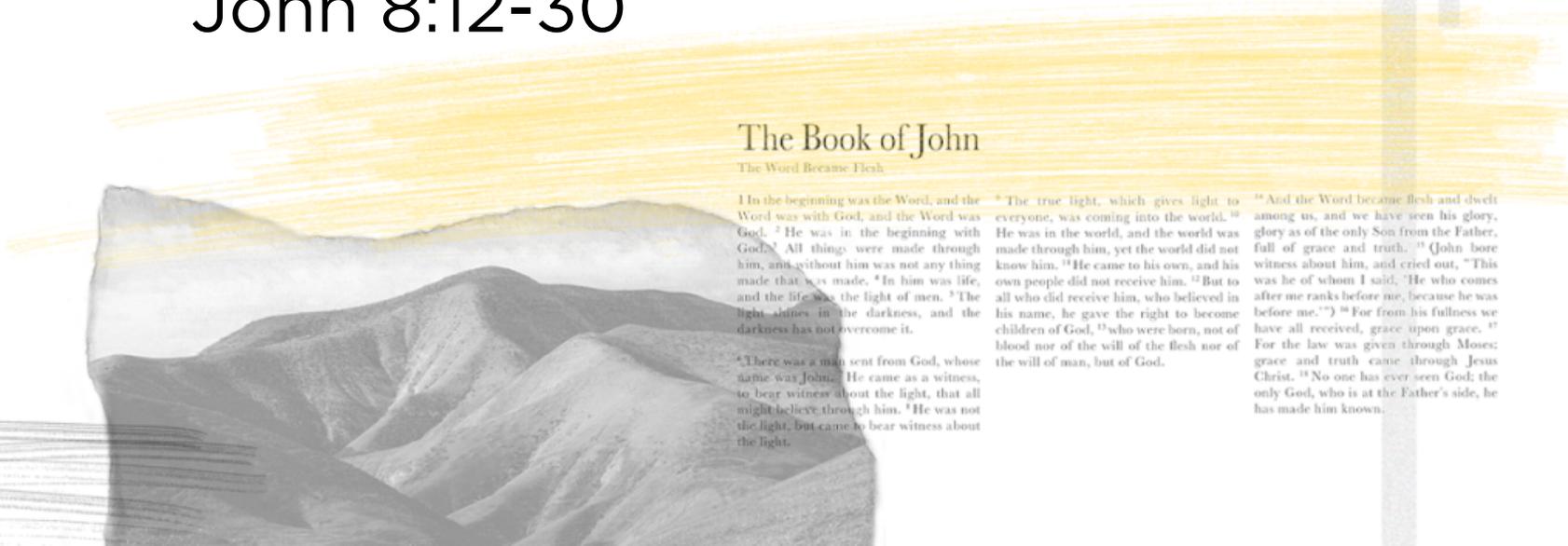
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6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.





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“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

- John uses the word “light” twenty-four times in his gospel, and another twelve times in his other writings.



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# John 1:1-5

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# Exodus 3:13-14

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'"



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# “I Am” type of statements in John

- I...am he (John 4:26)
- It is I (John 6:20)
- I am he (John 8:24)
- I am he (John 8:28)
- I am he (John 13:19)











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# Matthew 26:63-64

But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."



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# Luke 22:67-70

“If you are the Christ, tell us.” But he said to them, “If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I ask you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man shall be seated at the right hand of the power of God.” So they all said, “Are you the Son of God, then?” And he said to them, “You say that I am.”



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# John 5:25-29

“Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.”



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# John 11:4

But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."



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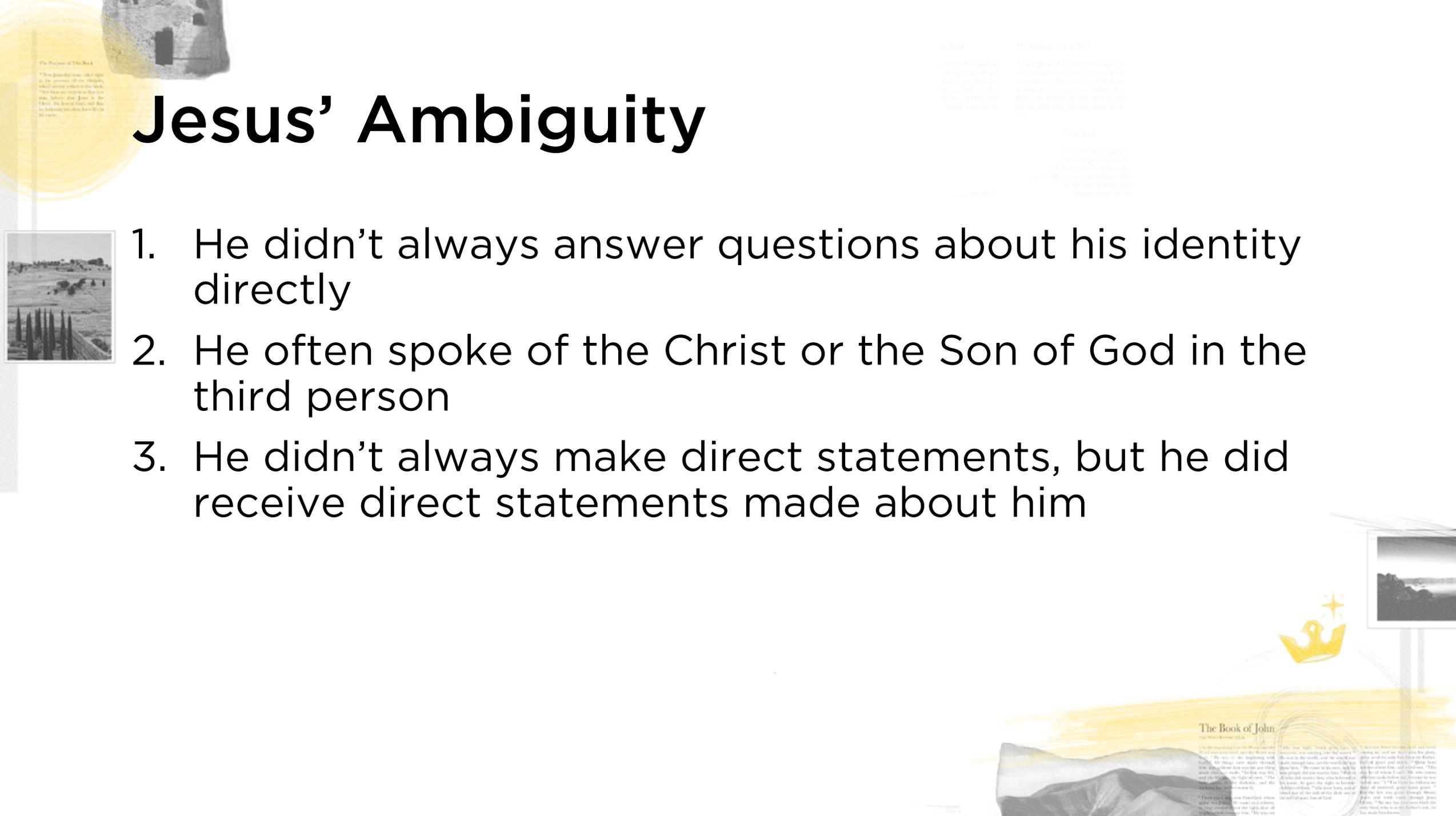
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3. He didn't always make direct statements, but he did receive direct statements made about him



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# Luke 4:41

And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.



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# Jesus' claims were...

1. Clear and audacious
2. Cryptic and veiled



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# Who does Jesus say he is?

Jesus claims to be the Christ, the Son of God, but he spoke in such a way that what he was saying was absolutely clear to the humble and those willing to listen, but veiled, confusing and frustrating to the proud.



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# John 5:32-43

There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved... But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me.



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And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me... You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me... I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him.



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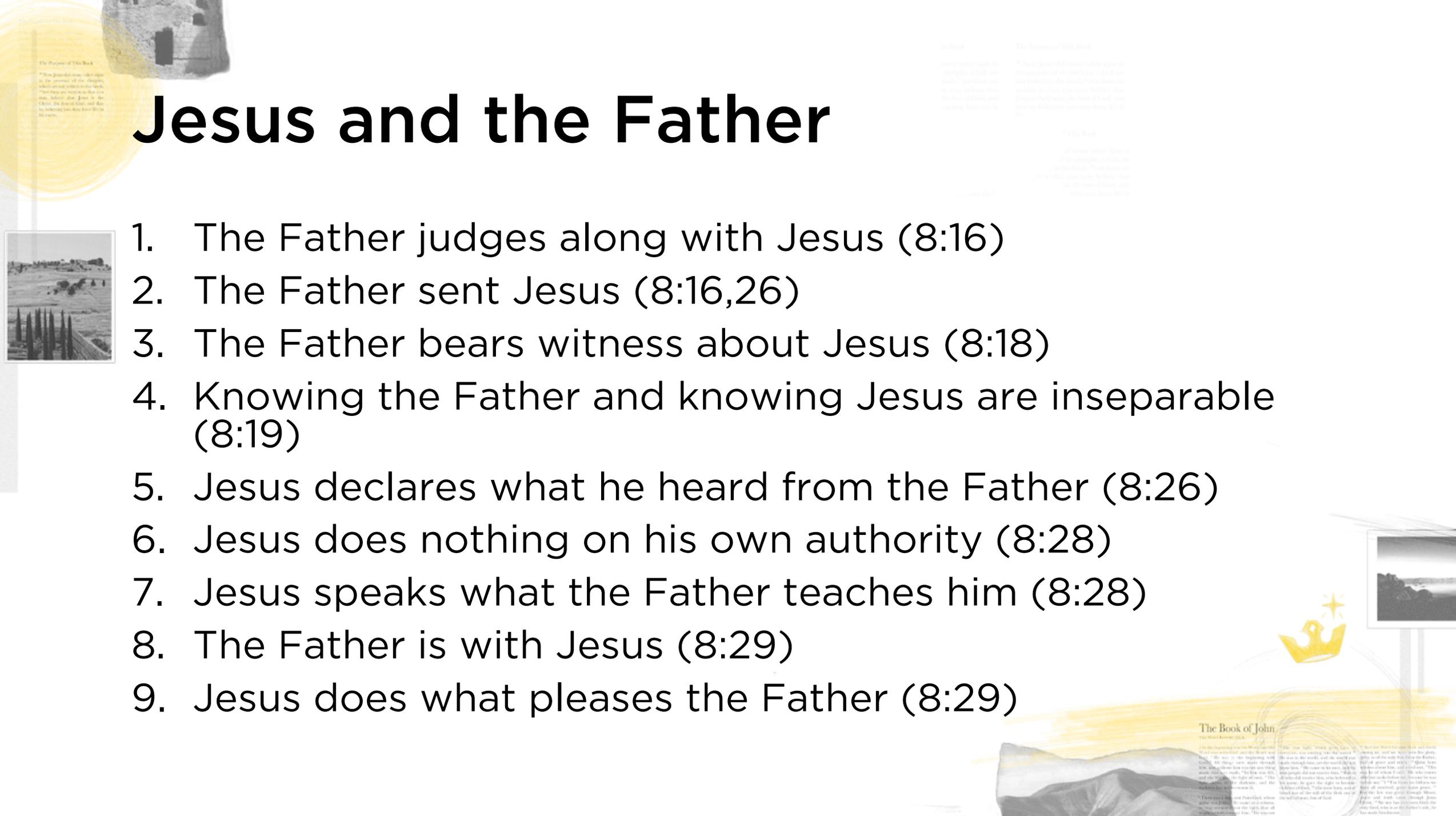
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# Jesus and the Father

1. The Father judges along with Jesus (8:16)
2. The Father sent Jesus (8:16,26)
3. The Father bears witness about Jesus (8:18)
4. Knowing the Father and knowing Jesus are inseparable (8:19)
5. Jesus declares what he heard from the Father (8:26)
6. Jesus does nothing on his own authority (8:28)
7. Jesus speaks what the Father teaches him (8:28)
8. The Father is with Jesus (8:29)
9. Jesus does what pleases the Father (8:29)





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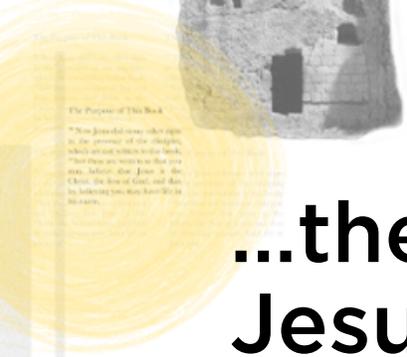


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# ...these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God... (20:32a)

1. Jesus made bold, audacious statements that clearly revealed himself to be the Christ, the Son of God, to whomever was open.
2. Jesus grounded his credibility in his origin, his destiny, and the witness of the Father.
3. In fact, he indicated that he was one with the Father.



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# ...and that by believing you may have life in his name. (John 20:32b)



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