

*witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. Acts 2:24–33 (ESV)*

*For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.”” (Psalm 110) Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Acts 2:34–36 (ESV)*

### **Jesus is the Passover Lamb.**

*Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. 1 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV)*

### **Jesus is the one who took the Israelites out of Egypt.**

*Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. Jude 5 (ESV)*

### **Jesus inspired the prophets to write about Him.**

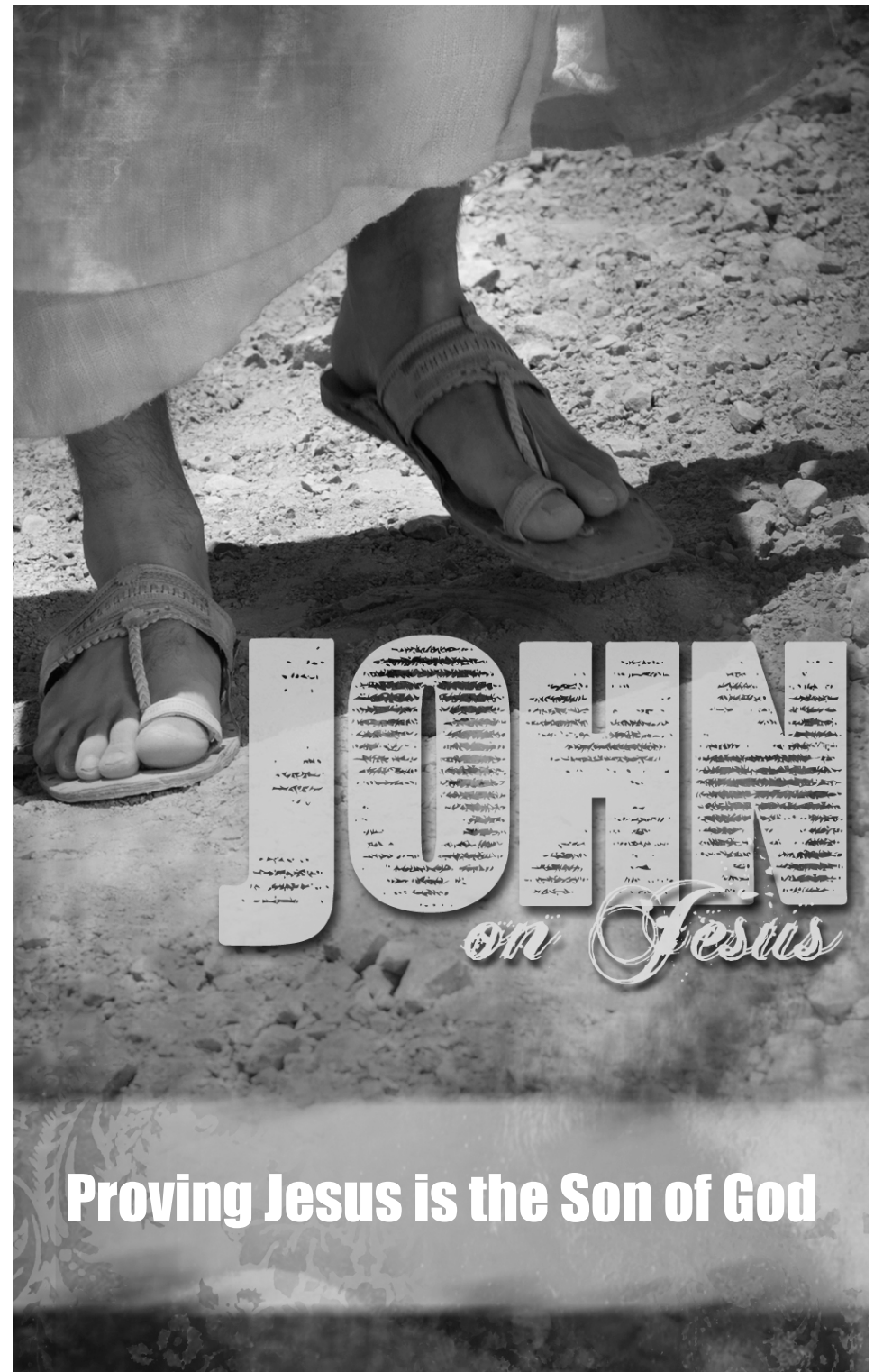
*Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look. 1 Peter 1:10–12 (ESV)*

### **The problem is not with the evidence, it is with the heart.**

*I do not receive glory from people. But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. 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. How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God? John 5:41–44 (ESV)*

1. There is reliable evidence that Jesus is the Son of God.
2. Jesus is the missing piece of the Old Testament, not just the center piece of the New Testament.
3. Unbelief is a problem of the heart, not the facts.

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John 5:31-47

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*If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. John 5:31 (ESV)*

*“A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established. Deuteronomy 19:15 (ESV)*

## The First Witness, John the Baptist

*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. He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. John 5:33–35 (ESV)*

*The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ John 1:29–30 (ESV)*

*And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” John 1:34 (ESV)*

## The Second Witness, Jesus’ Works

*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. John 5:36 (ESV)*

*This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” John 3:2 (ESV)*

*Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, “When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?” John 7:31 (ESV)*

## The Third Witness, the Father

*And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. John 5:37–38 (ESV)*

*and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” Matthew 3:17 (ESV)*

*He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” Matthew 17:5 (ESV)*

## The Fourth Witness, the Old Testament

**We are not saved by the Bible, we are saved by the God of the Bible.**

*Whoso hath gained a good name, has gained it for himself. Whoso hath gained the words of the Torah, hath gained for himself life in the world to come. (Pirke Aboth 2:8)*

William Barclay - <http://www.christiancourier.com/articles/681-the-enigmatic-william-barclay>

**If we don’t approach the Old Testament through Jesus, we miss its message.**

*But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 2 Corinthians 3:14–16 (ESV)*

**Jesus is the only one who fits in the blanks.**

*God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.” (Psalm 16) Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are*