

# Interlocked Series

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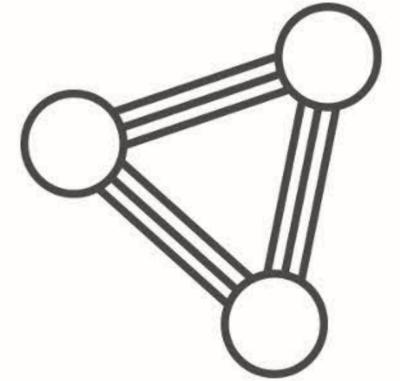
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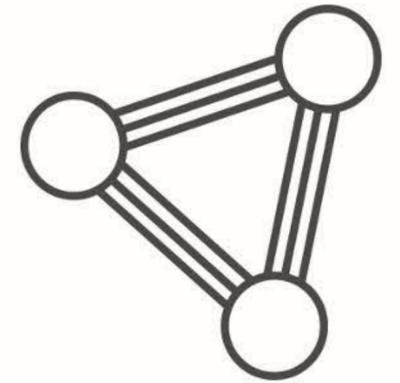
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## **Lesson 33B: Birth of Christ – Part 2**

- When Jesus saves, He also imputes
- For Jesus to be the Savior, He had to be sinless
- Jesus: Son of God and Son of Man
- The Incarnation of Christ is the clearest revelation of God
- What was mankind's response?

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## **Lesson 34A: Life of Christ**

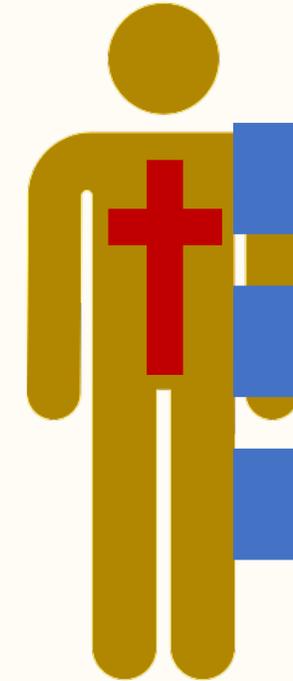
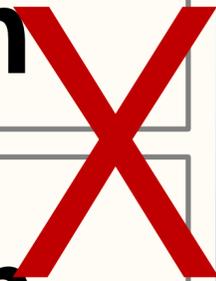
- **God is One and God is Also Three—the mystery of the Trinity**
- **God the Holy Spirit; God the Son in the Old Testament**
- **God the Son, Jesus: His life on Earth**
- **Why a virgin birth? Part 1**

**JOSEPH**

**MARY**

**Imputed  
Sin**

**Sin  
Nature**



No Imputed Sin

No Sin Nature

No Personal Sin

## Creator-creature Distinction

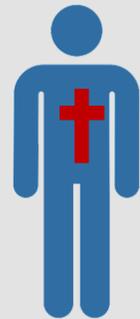
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SOVEREIGN GOD



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created man



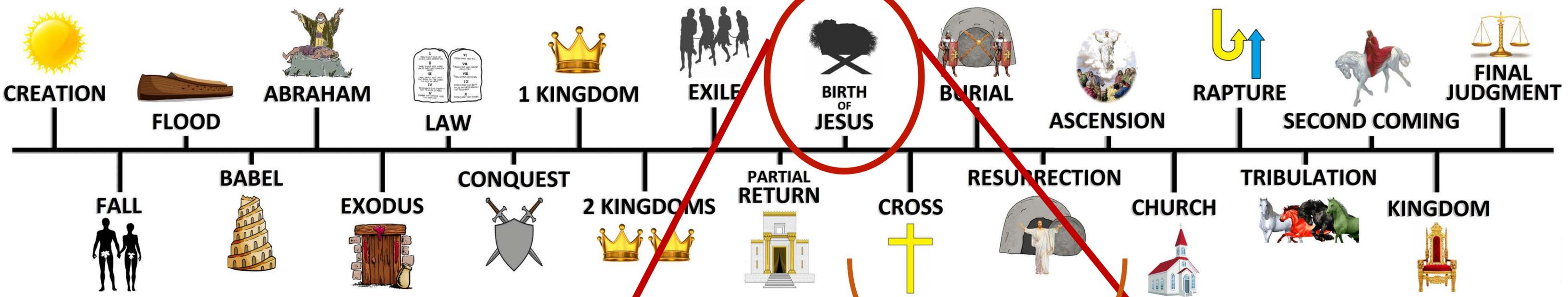
100% God nature

100% human nature



**Jesus**  
**200% God-man**

**God and man meet in  
one body but do not  
mix.**



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Who do you say that I am?

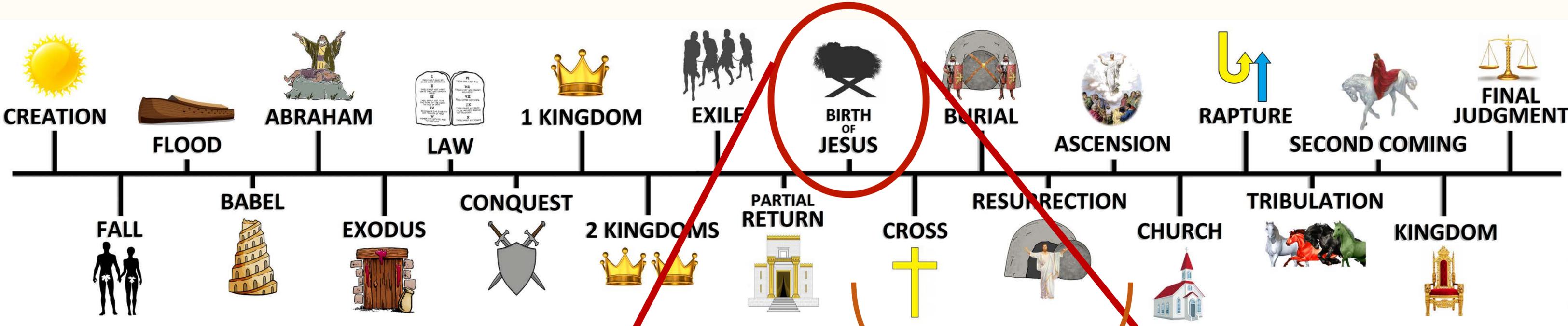
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Life of Christ

Death of Christ

Who did Christ die for?

The First Resurrection



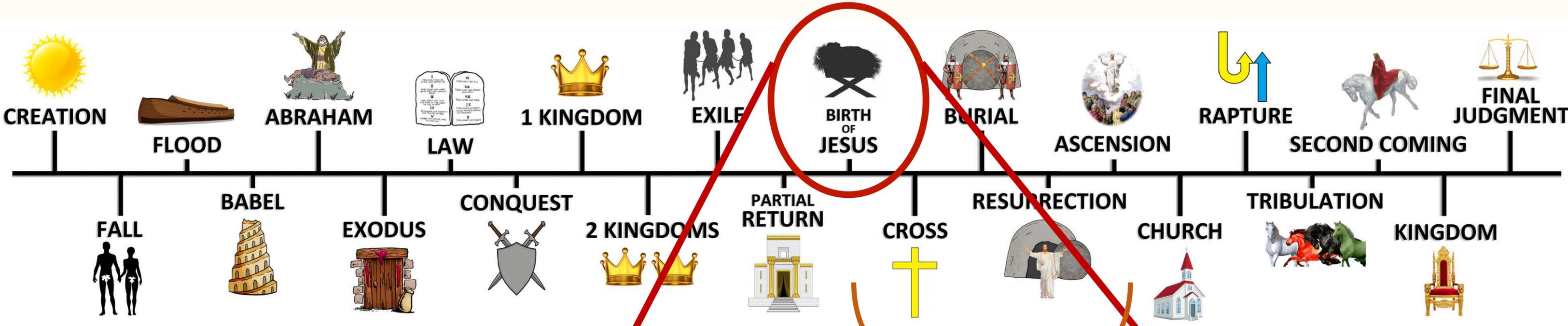
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- Who do you say that I am?
- Birth of Christ
- Life of Christ**
- Death of Christ
- Who did Christ die for?
- The First Resurrection

# **God is One and God is Also Three—the Mystery of the Trinity**

- 1. God the Father,**
- 2. God the Son, and**
- 3. God the Holy Spirit**

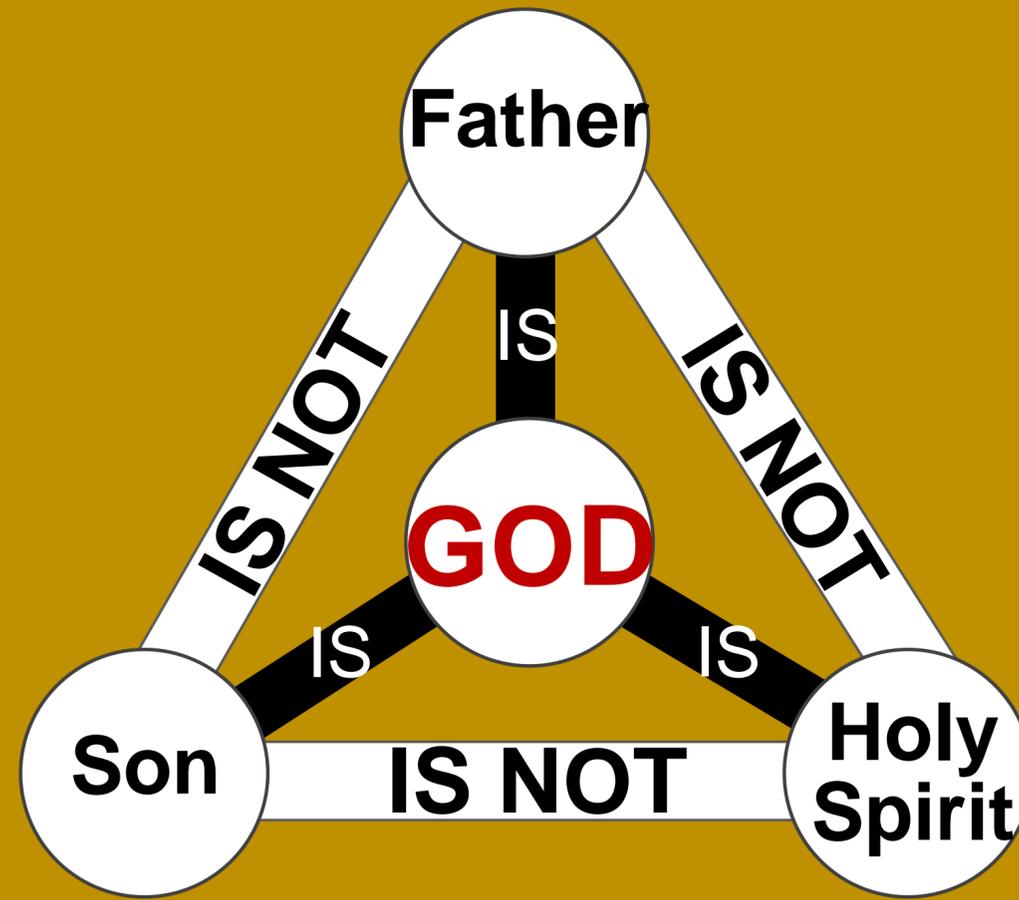
**One Essence, Three Persons**

**Latin “*trinitas*,” coined by an early theologian named Tertullian.**

# Biblical Creation: Creator-creature Distinction

1<sup>st</sup> level

CREATOR



2<sup>nd</sup> level

CREATURE



**Where in the Bible do we find these Persons of God?**

# A. God the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament



**Isa. 48:12, “ ‘Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, My called: I am He, I am the First, I am also the Last.’ ”**

**Isa. 48:16, “ ‘Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; From the time that it was, I was there. And now the Lord GOD and His Spirit have sent Me.’ ”**

**How many persons are here?**

- **Sovereign LORD (*Yahweh*): God the Father**
- **His Spirit: God the Holy Spirit**
- **The Speaker: God the Son**

**Isa. 60:22, “A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation. I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time.”**

**Isa. 61:1, “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;”**

**Gen. 1:1, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.**

**Gen. 1:2, “The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”**

## **B. God the Son in the Old Testament**

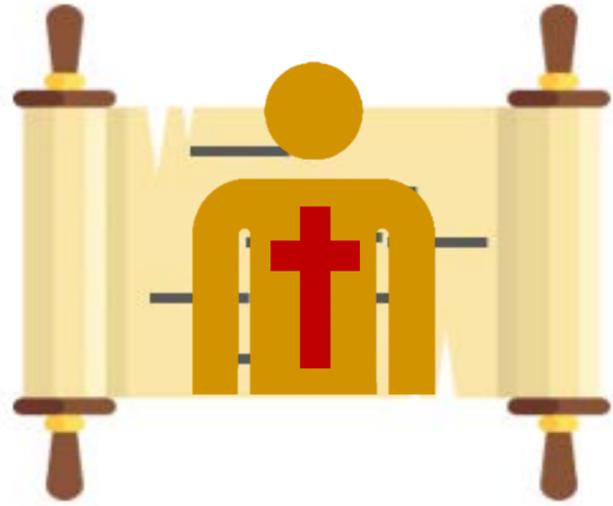
**Prov. 30:4, “Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name, and what is His Son’s name, if you know?”**

What is His name?



What is His Son's name?

?



# God the Son in the Old Testament

**i**

**Angel of the LORD**

**ii**

**The Word**

# I. Jesus: The Angel of the LORD



**Rev. 19:9, “Then he said to me, ‘Write: “Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!” ’ And he said to me, ‘These are the true sayings of God.’**

**Rev. 19:10, “And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, ‘See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.’ ”**

## **First example: Moses at the un-burning bush**

**Ex. 3:1**, “Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

**Ex. 3:2**, “And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

**Ex. 3:3**, “Then Moses said, ‘I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.’ ”



## **First example: Moses at the un-burning bush**

**Ex. 3:4, “So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’”**

**Ex. 3:5, “Then He said, ‘Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.’”**

**Ex. 3:6, “Moreover He said, ‘I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.”**

**Who is this “angel of the LORD”? He said that He is *Yahweh* Himself, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob! Even though God is spirit (John 4:24) and is invisible, when He appears as the Angel of the LORD, humans can see Him.**



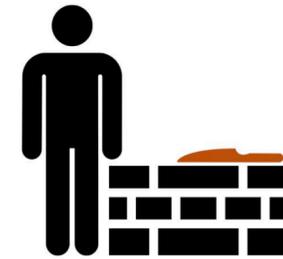
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Angel of  
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IS

*YAHWEH,*  
the God  
of ...



Abraham



Isaac



Jacob

# **Second example: Israel at Bochim**

When God gave the Israelites the Promised Land, He told them to remove all the Canaanites. However, they disobeyed Him. So the “Angel of the LORD” went to speak to them. He said that He was the one who rescued them from Egypt.

### **Judges 2:1**

“The angel of the LORD went up from Gilgal to Bokim and said to the Israelites, ‘I brought you out of Egypt into this land that I swore to give your ancestors, and I said I would never break my covenant with you.’ ”

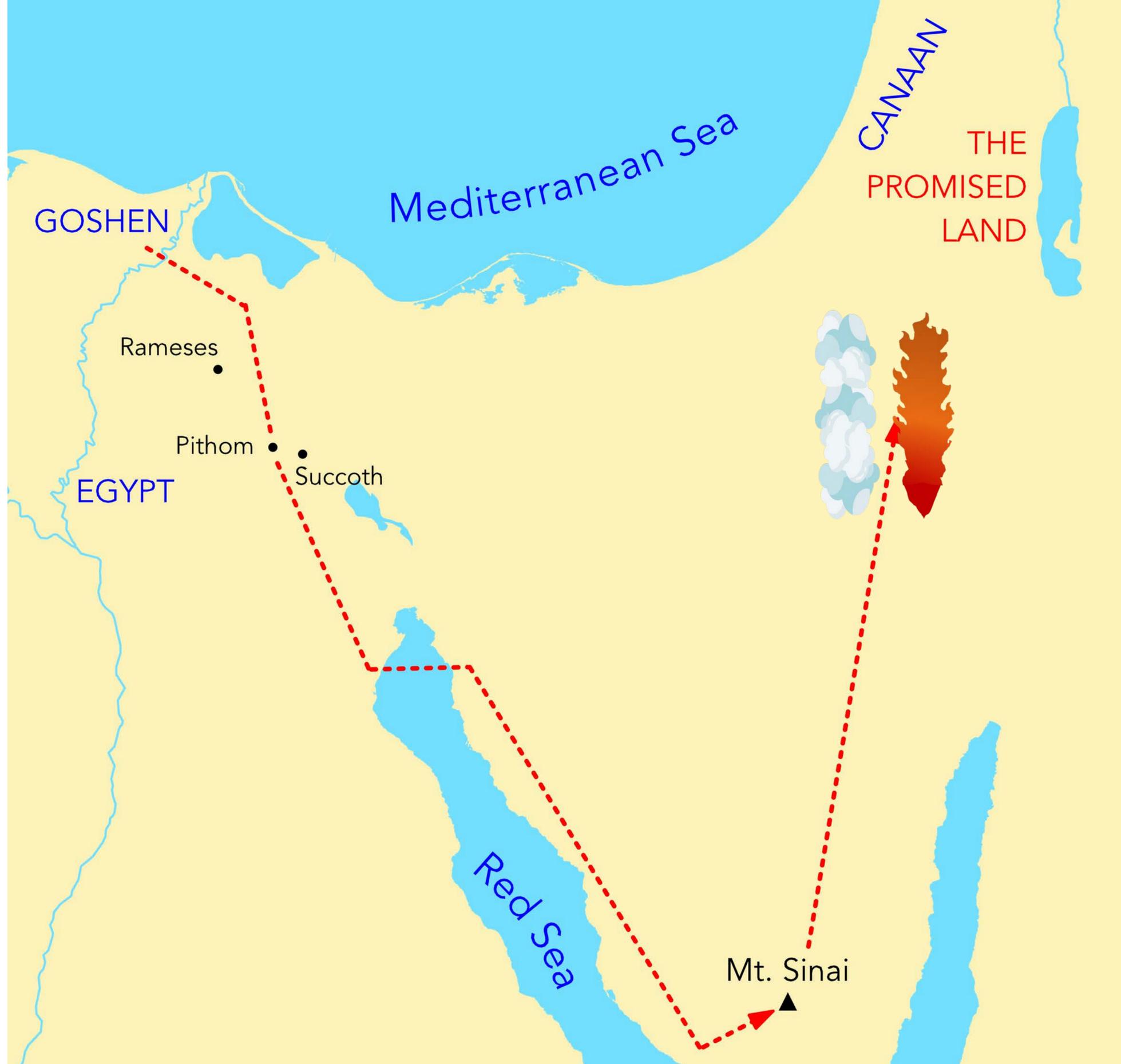
**The angel of the LORD  
brought Israel out of Egypt**

In the Book of Exodus, we know that it was *Yahweh* Himself who saved Israel from Egypt. But now the Angel of the LORD said that He was the one who did it. Who is this Angel of the LORD? The Bible says the “Angel of the LORD” is Jesus Himself!

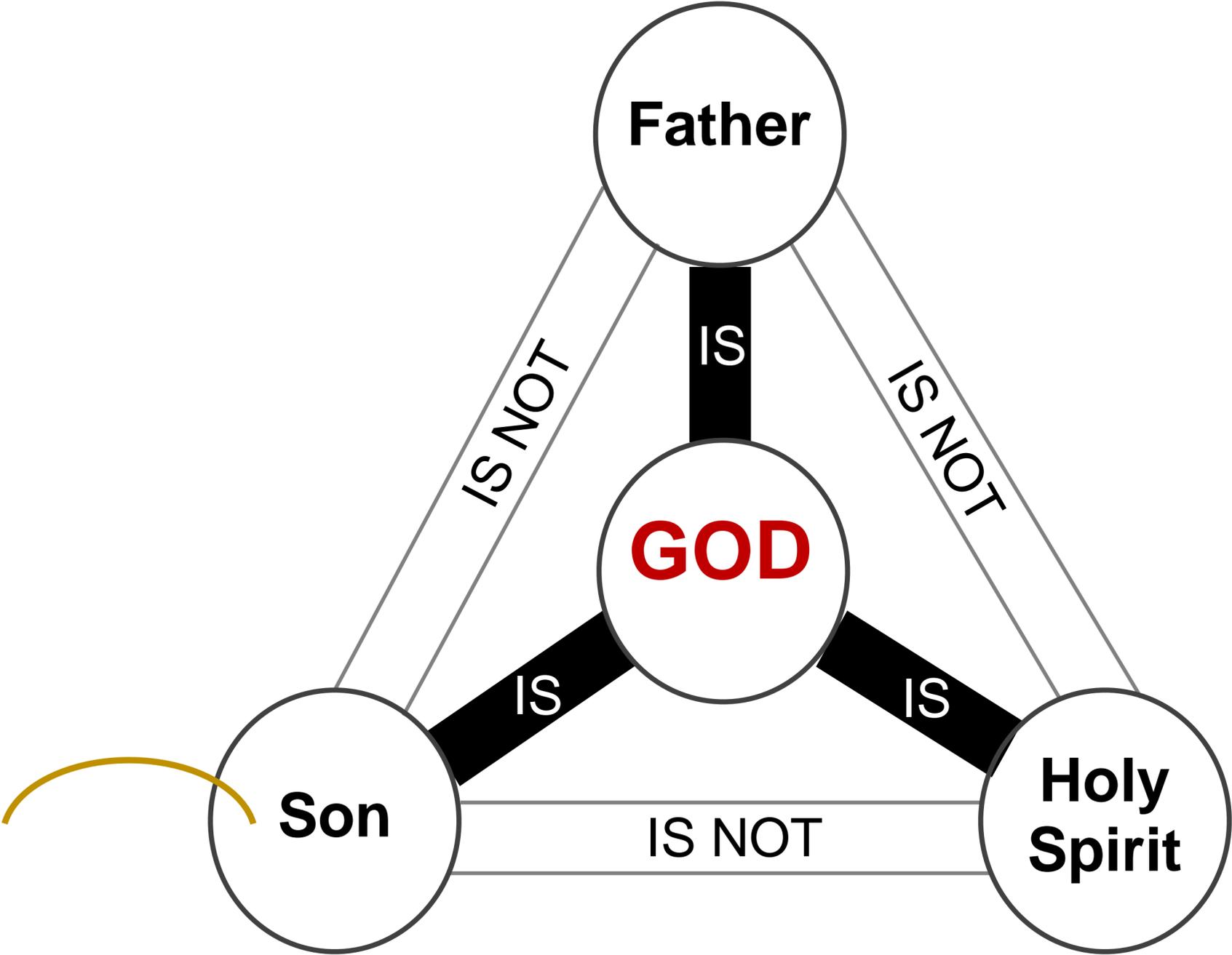
### **Jude 5**

“So I want to remind you, though you already know these things, that Jesus first rescued the nation of Israel from Egypt, but later he destroyed those who did not remain faithful.”

**Jesus  
rescued Israel from Egypt**



**The Angel of  
the LORD**



## **Third example: David at Araunah's threshing floor**

**1 Chron. 21:15, “And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. As he was destroying, the LORD looked and relented of the disaster, and said to the angel who was destroying, ‘It is enough; now restrain your hand.’ And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.**

**1 Chron. 21:16, “Then David lifted his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, having in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. So David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces.”**

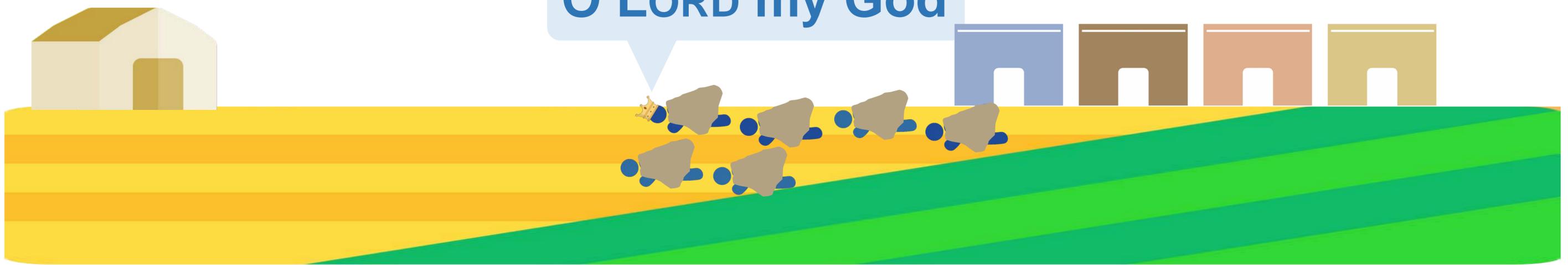
**1 Chron. 21:17, “And David said to God, ‘Was it not I who commanded the people to be numbered? I am the one who has sinned and done evil indeed; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, O LORD my God, be against me and my father’s house, but not against Your people that they should be plagued.’**

**1 Chron. 21:18, “Therefore, the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David that David should go and erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.”**



Angel  
of the  
LORD

O LORD my God



## II. Jesus: the Word of the LORD



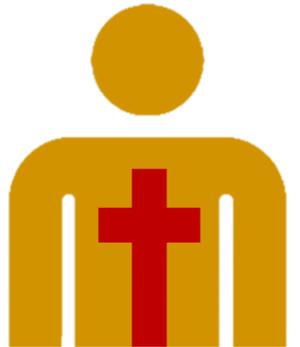
**John 1:14, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”**

**John 1:1, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

**John 1:2, “He was in the beginning with God.**

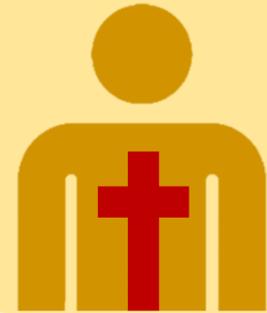
**John 1:3, “All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”**



**IS JESUS** 

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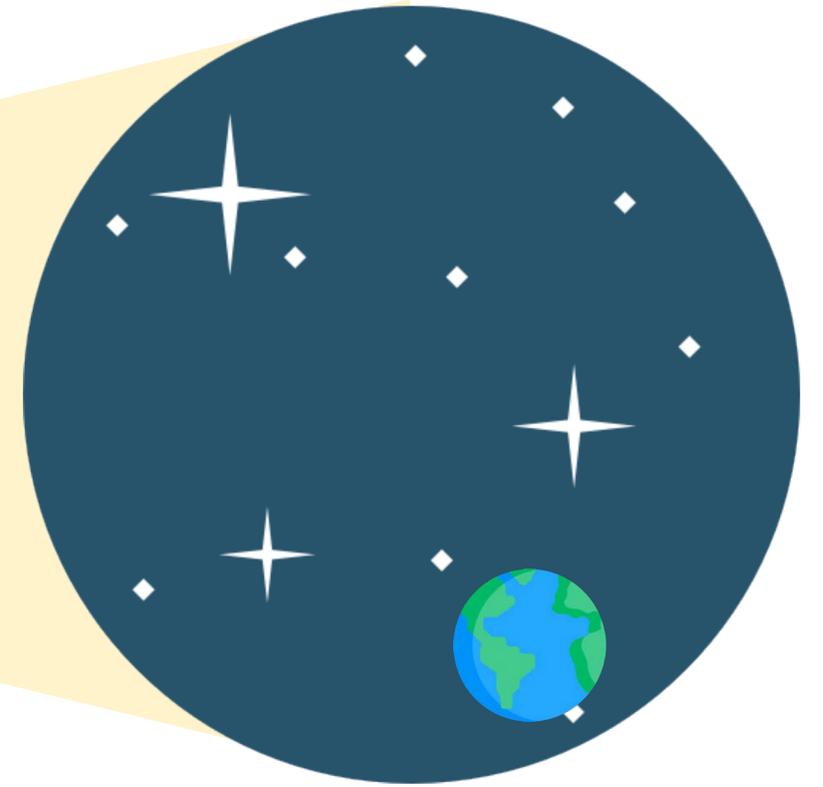
***YAHWEH***



**JESUS**

**“The Word”**

**created**



**Isa. 55:10, “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,**

**Isa. 55:11, “So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”**

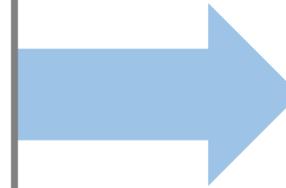
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**Isa. 38:6**, “ ‘ “ ‘I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city.’ ” ’ ”

## John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.



In the beginning was Jesus,  
and Jesus was with God,  
and Jesus was God.

**In the Old Testament, “the word of the LORD” appears a lot. The Word has power and can:**

- rescue people (Psalm 107:20),**
- control nature (Psalm 147:15–18), and**
- create the universe (Psalm 33:4–9).**

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## **C. The Trinity in the New Testament**

**Matt. 28:18, “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**

**Matt. 28:19, “ ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,’ ”**

(See more examples of the three Persons of the Godhead being addressed as God: Acts 5:3–4; 1 Corinthians 2:10–11; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 2:18, 4:30; Titus 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21.)

# **It is Very Important to Know that God is Three and Also One**

**Why is it important to know this? Because only a God who is three and also one can:**

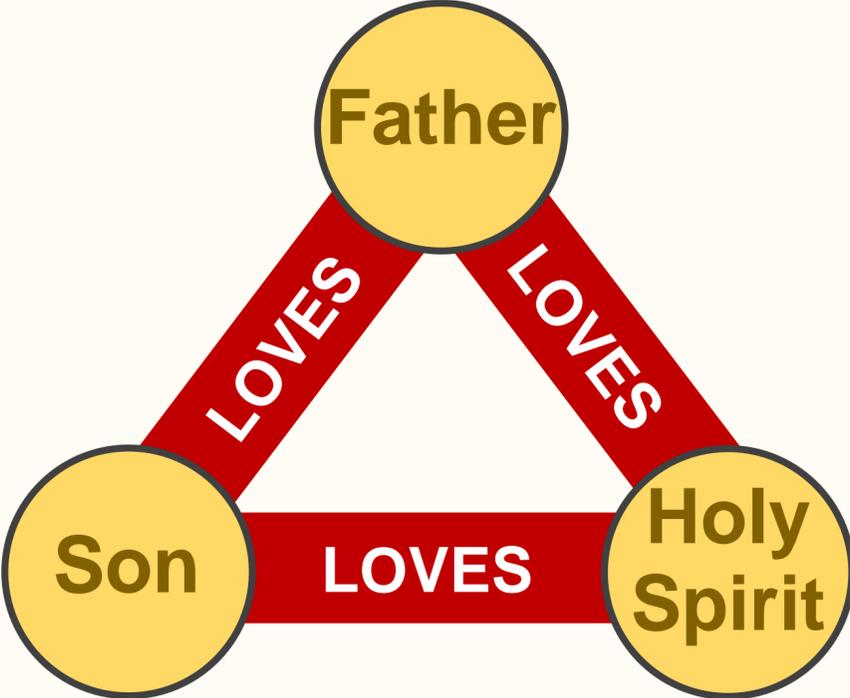
**I. be a God of love**

**II. save us**

**III. be with us all the time while still running the universe!**

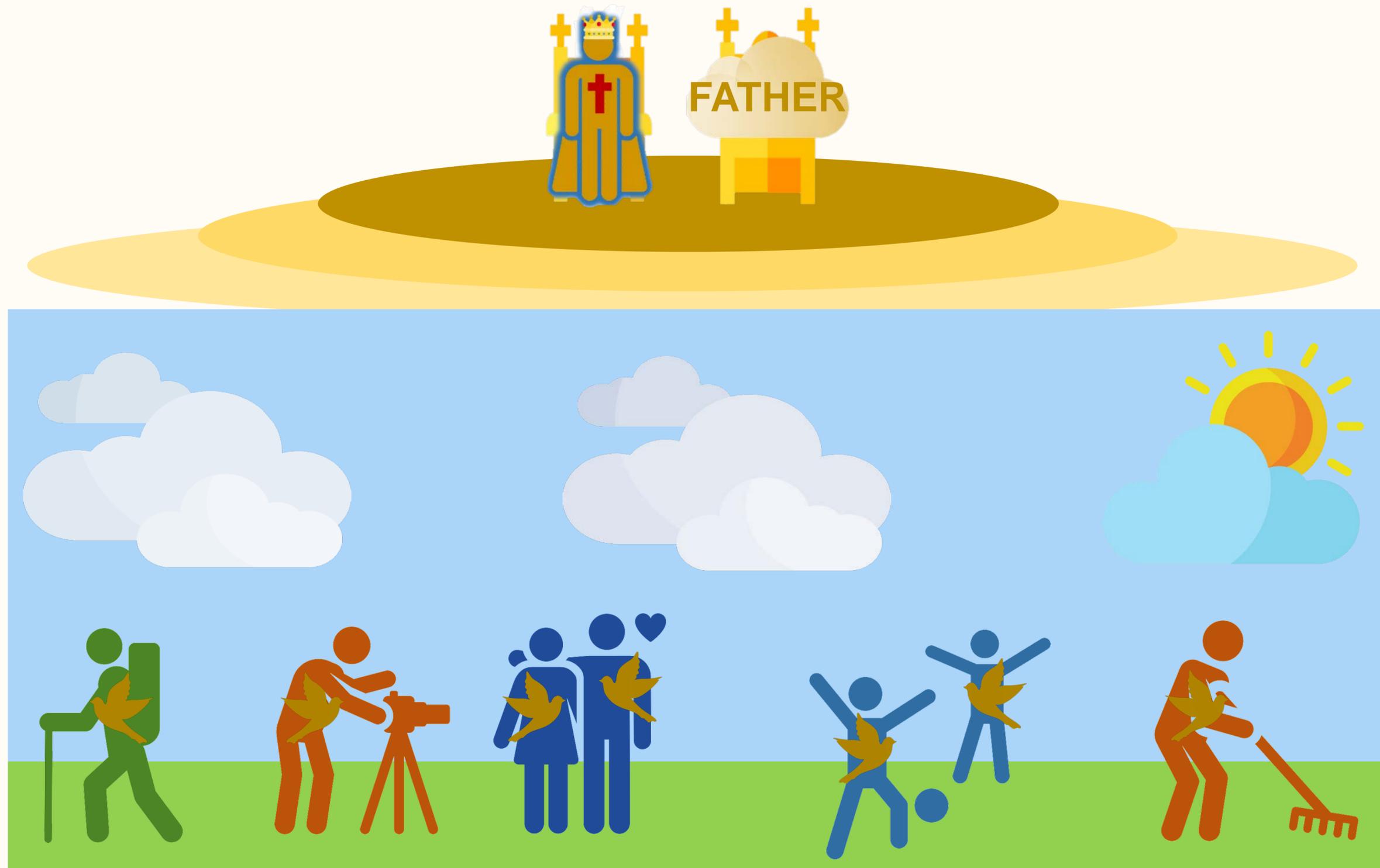
# I. Love

The Bible tells us that God is love (1 John 4:8).

IF GOD IS ONLY "ONE"	IF GOD IS "THREE"
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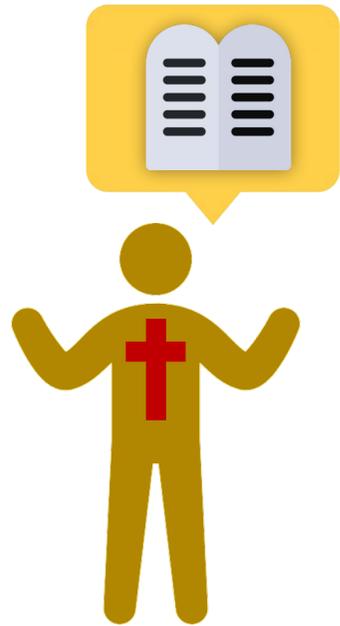
## **II. Save mankind**

# III. Be with us all the time



# **God the Son, Jesus: His Life on Earth**

# What did Jesus come to earth to do?



Kingdom of Man  
↓  
Kingdom of God



**I**  
Explain God's Word

**II**  
Live a perfect life

**III**  
Restart the Kingdom of God

**IV**  
Die for all mankind

Lesson 34

Lesson 40

Lesson 35

# **I. Explain and clarify God's Word**

God gave  
the Law  
at Mount Sinai  
but ...



~1440 BC

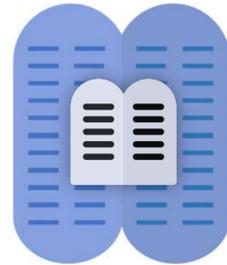
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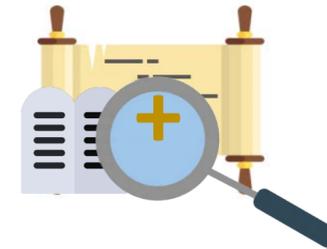
**B**

Some  
**added**  
human laws

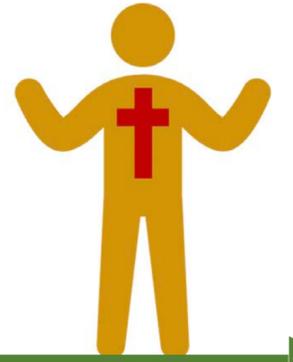


**C**

Some  
**did not know there**  
**was more** to understand  
about Scripture



... so Jesus  
explained and  
clarified God's  
Law and  
Scriptures



AD 30

~1,470 years apart

# **A. People misunderstood the Law: Jesus explained the Law**

# FIRST

## “Sermon on the Mount”

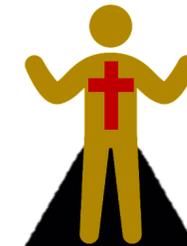
*Yahweh* taught  
the Law



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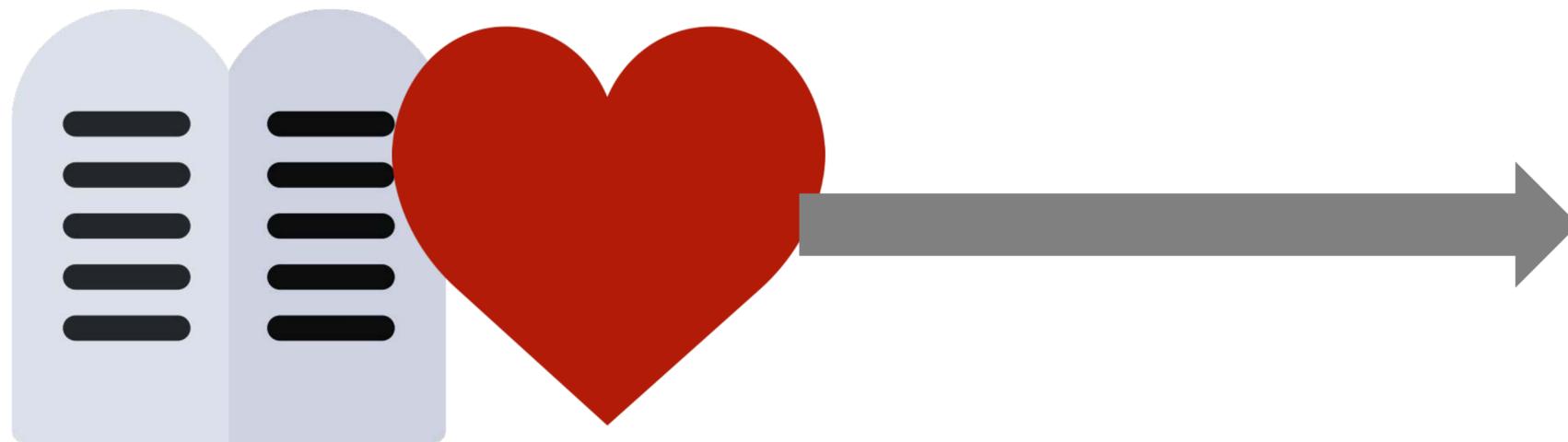
# SECOND

## “Sermon on the Mount”

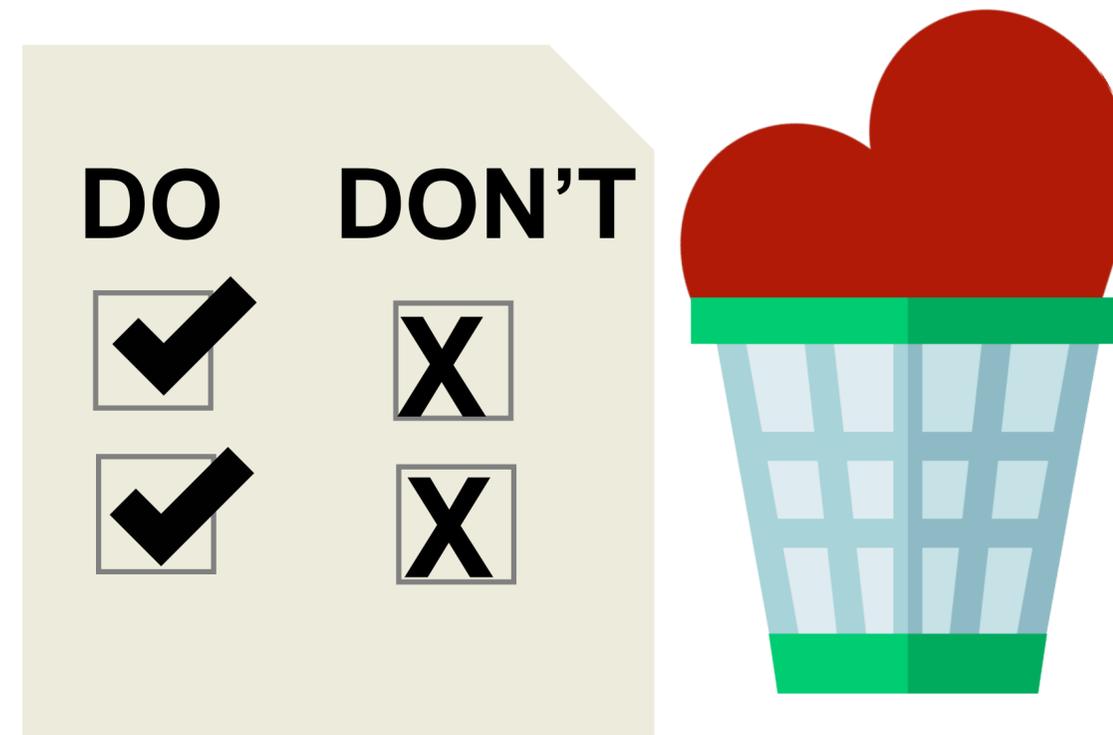


Jesus  
clarified  
the Law

AD 30



**God's Intent for  
the Law**



**Misunderstanding  
of God's Law**

**Matt. 5:21, “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’**

**Matt. 5:22, “But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.”**

**Matt. 7:28, “And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching,  
Matt. 7:29, “for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”**

## B. People added to the Law: Jesus challenged what they added by living differently

