

03. Jesus' trusting obedience to God



Mark 1:9-11

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan.

Just as he was coming up out of the water,

he saw the heavens torn apart

and the Spirit descending on him

like a dove.

And a voice came from heaven,

“You are my Son, the Beloved,
with you I am well pleased.”



Mark 1:32-39

That evening, at sundown, they were bringing to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he was **praying**. Simon and his companions searched everywhere for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.”

He says to them, “Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for **that is what I came to do.**”

And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Luke 12:49

I have come to cast fire upon the earth
and how I wish it was blazing already.

John 10:10

I have come that you may live
and live to the full.

1. Jesus does not speak his own words, but those of his Father

John 3:34

He whom God has sent speaks the words of God,
for he gives the Spirit without measure.

John 7:16-17

Jesus answered the Jews:

“My teaching is not mine but his who sent me.

Anyone who resolves to do the will of God will know whether
the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own.

John 8:28-29

I do nothing on my own,

but I speak these things as the Father instructed me.

And the one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone,
for I always do what is pleasing to him.

John 8:26

I have much to say about you and much to condemn;
but the one who sent me is true,
and I declare to the world what I have heard from him.

John 8:38

I declare what I have seen in the Father's presence;
as for you, you should do what you have heard from the Father.

John 8:40

You are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth
that I heard from God.

John 14:10

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself.

John 14:24

The word that you hear is not mine.
It is from the Father who sent me.

John 17:8

The words that you gave to me I have given to them,
and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you;
and they have believed that you sent me.

2. Jesus does not carry out his own actions, but those of his Father

John 4:34

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.

John 5:16-17

The Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things [healing] on the sabbath. But Jesus answered them, “My Father is still working, and I also am working.”

John 5:19-20

Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing.”

John 5:30

I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge;
and my judgment is just, because I seek to do not my own will
but the will of him who sent me.

John 5:36

The deeds that the Father has given me to complete, the very deeds
that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me.

John 8:28

Jesus said, ‘When you have lifted up the Son of Man,
then you will realise that I AM, (ἐγώ ειμι)
and that I do nothing on my own.’”

John 14:10

It is the Father living in me who is doing this work.

John 17:4

I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.

3. Jesus does not carry out his own will, but that of his Father

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Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me.”

John 5:30

I can do nothing on my own ...

I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

John 6:38

I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will,
but the will of him who sent me.

John 8:29

The one who sent me is with me;
he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him.

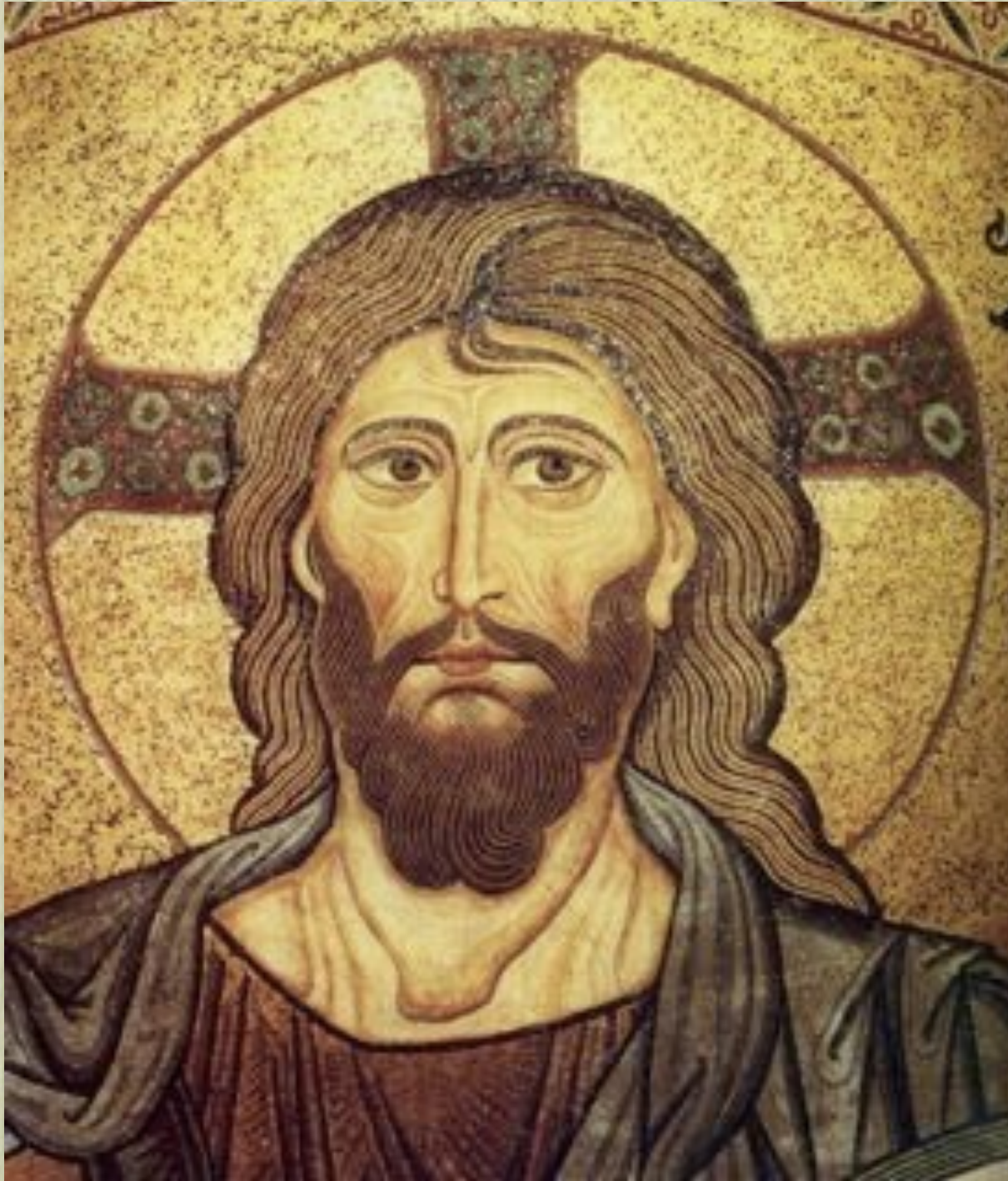
John 8:55

I know him and I keep his word.

John 12:44-46

Then Jesus cried aloud: “Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness.”

John 14:10-11



Do you not believe
that I am in the Father
and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you
I do not speak as from myself.
It is the Father living in me
who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father
and the Father is in me;
believe me on the evidence of
what I am doing, if for no other
reason.

Mark 14:32-36

They went to a place called Gethsemane;
and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”

He took with him Peter and James and John,
and began to be distressed and agitated.

And said to them, “I am deeply grieved, even to death;
remain here, and keep awake.”

And going a little farther,
he threw himself on the ground
and prayed that, if it were possible,
the hour might pass from him.

He said, “Abba, Father,
for you all things are possible;
remove this cup from me;
yet, not my will, but Yours, be done.”



Mark 12:6

He had still one other, a beloved son.
Finally he sent him to them, saying,
‘Surely, they will respect my son.’

John 8:37

You look for an opportunity to kill me,
because there is no place in you for my word.



Luke 23:45

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” Having said this, he breathed forth his spirit.

Mark 15:39

Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw how he died,
he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

Mark 1:1

