

<sup>22</sup> Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter,<sup>23</sup> and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade.<sup>24</sup> The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me,<sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not my sheep.<sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.<sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.<sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.

<sup>30</sup> "I and the Father are one."<sup>31</sup> Again the Jews picked up stones to stone him,<sup>32</sup> but Jesus said to them, "I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?"<sup>33</sup> "We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God."<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are gods'?"<sup>35</sup> If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came—and the Scripture cannot be broken—<sup>36</sup> what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'?

<sup>37</sup> "Do not believe me unless I do what my Father does.<sup>38</sup> But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father."<sup>39</sup> Again they tried to seize him, but he escaped their grasp.<sup>40</sup> Then Jesus went back across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing in the early days. Here he stayed<sup>41</sup> and many people came to him. They said, "Though John never performed a miraculous sign, all that John said about this man was true."<sup>42</sup> And in that place many believed in Jesus.

# The Gospel of John

PART 19

John 10—Selective Allegiance To Scripture

## JOHN 10

*verses 7-10*

*Jesus is the one and only way to eternal life.*

*verses 17-18*

*Jesus has authority to lay down his life—  
and raise himself up again.*

*verses 28-29*

*Jesus gives his sheep eternal security.*

God has an inexorable purpose in everything he does—things we agree with or don't; things we understand or don't; things we like or don't.

*"The one who trusts in God will never be put to shame."*

ROMANS 9:33

JOHN 10:30

*"I and the Father are one."*

JOHN 10:31

*The Jews picked up stones to stone him.*

JOHN 10:34-36

*"Isn't it written in your Law, 'I say, "you are gods"?' So if God calls men to whom his word came 'gods', why do you say of me whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?"*

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## A FORCED CHOICE

JOHN 1:1,14

*"In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, and the Word was God... The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."*

JOHN 5:19

*"I tell you the truth: the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does."*

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## A FORCED CHOICE

JOHN 10:17-18

*"The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. My Father gave me authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again."*

JOHN 12:41

*"Isaiah foresaw Jesus' glory and prophesied about him."*

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*“The gap between the sanity of his moral teaching and the rampant megalomania which must lie behind it—unless he is indeed God—has never been satisfactorily bridged.”*

C. S. LEWIS

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*the ultimate*  
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JOHN 8:58

*Before Abraham was even born,  
I Am!*

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*“[With Jesus] you must make a choice. Either He was the Son of God: or else a madman, or something worse. You can shut Him up as a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that option open to us. He did not intend to.”*

C. S. LEWIS

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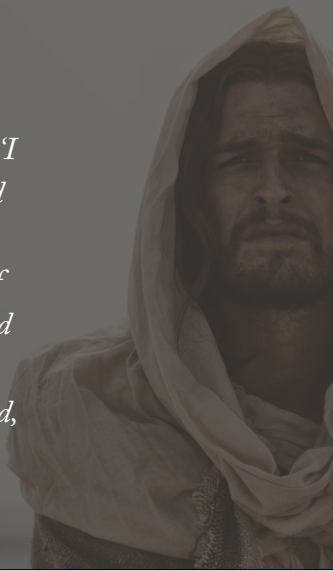
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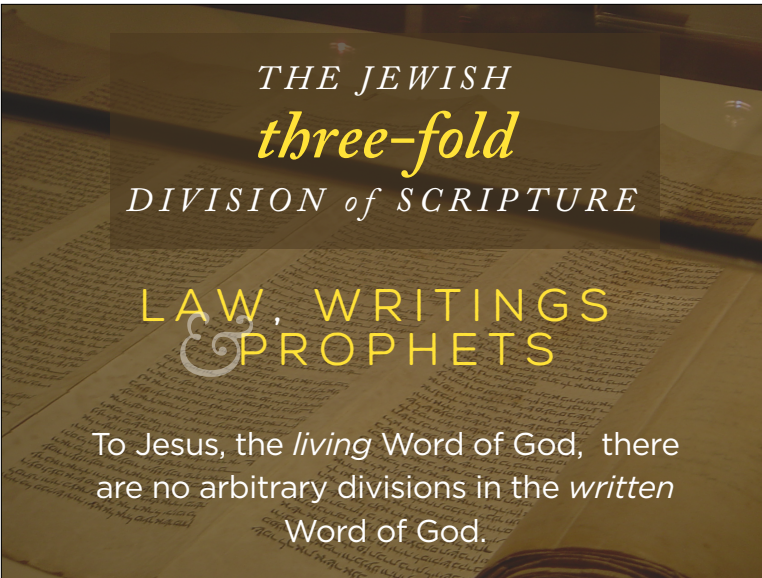
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THE JEWISH  
*three-fold*  
DIVISION of SCRIPTURE

LAW, WRITINGS  
& PROPHETS

To Jesus, the *living* Word of God, there are no arbitrary divisions in the *written* Word of God.



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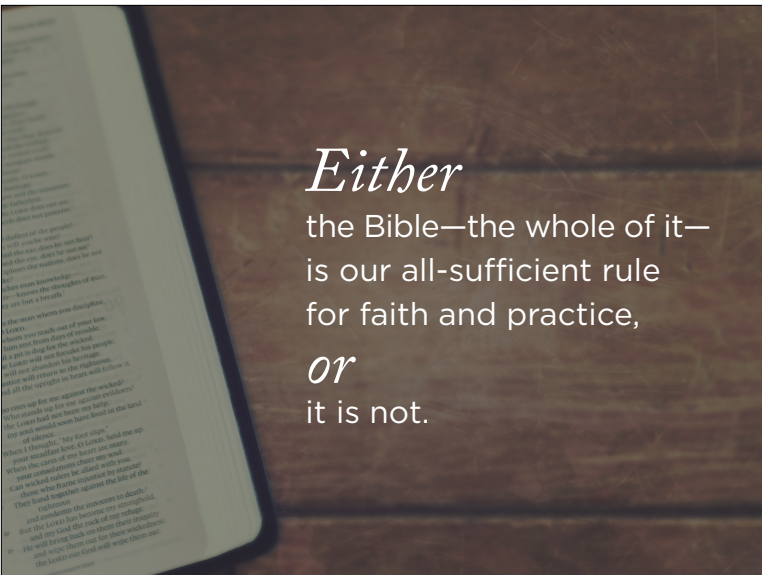
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*Either*

the Bible—the whole of it—  
is our all-sufficient rule  
for faith and practice,

*or*

it is not.



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