

# Eternal Life in Jesus



# Introduction

While Christianity has often been misused and misunderstood on the one hand, and responsible for gross atrocities and great progress on the other, the major character, Jesus, is still of incredible interest to people all over the world. His claims to be God himself, and not simply a good teacher, invite any serious student of living the good life to ask just who was this Jesus.

One of the four biographies of Jesus, called the Gospels, answer this question with a statement that is amazing: John's Gospel says he is God himself and has come to offer eternal life to all who believe in him.

Eternal life is a very Christian idea. The Greeks believed we had eternal souls, the Jews believed God would reward the faithful, but nothing like the idea of eternal life was ever present before Jesus.

Eternal life has become synonymous with heaven, unfortunately, but Jesus spoke of eternal life as so much more. Jesus said eternal life was a full life, lived now and into eternity.

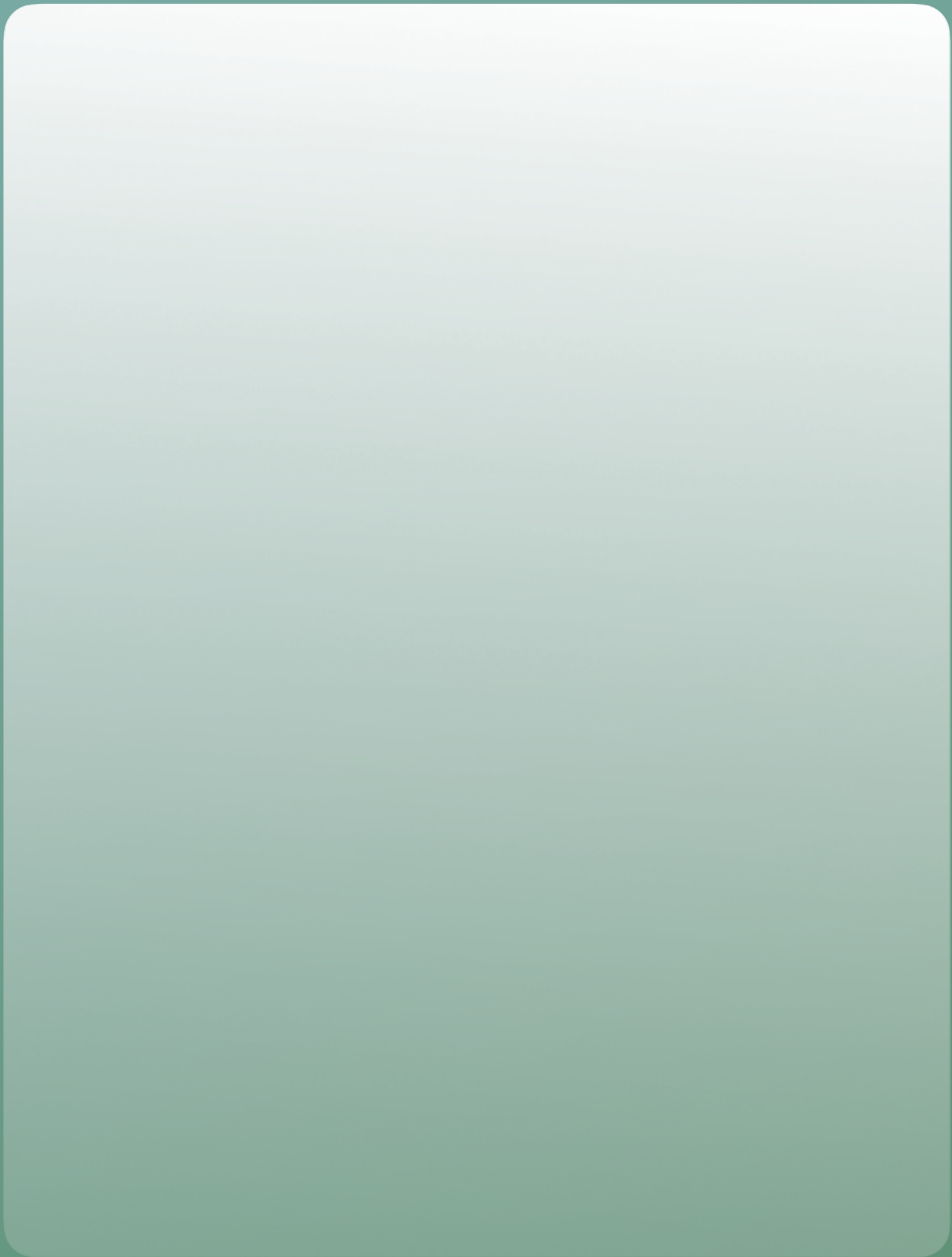


# Week 1: Jesus, not the bible, is the source of eternal life

John 5:31-47, focusing on v.39

1. What interests you/ bothers you about these verses?
2. What does Jesus say about life in this section?
3. What's the point of this set of verses (see v.39)?
4. Who does Jesus say he is?

Extra: look up who John the Baptist and Moses are.



# Week 2: We believe in Jesus in order to have eternal life

Rd. John 6:25-40, focusing on v.27

1. What interests you/ bothers you about these verses?
2. What does Jesus say about life in this section?
3. What's the point of this set of verses (see v.27)?
4. What is God's work for us?

Extra: look into the Exodus story.



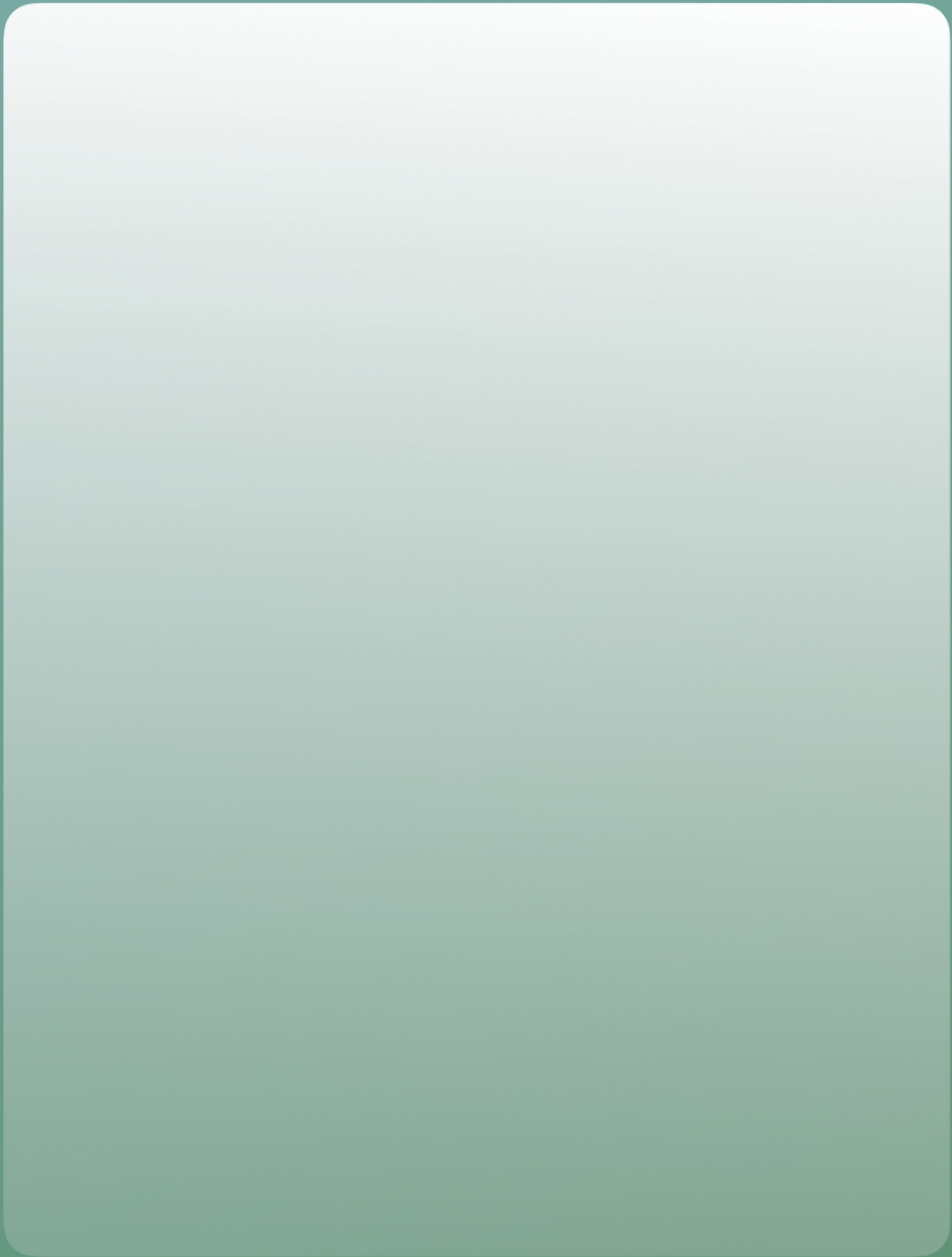
# Week 3: Jesus cares deeply about us and actively works in our lives

Rd. John 10:1-18, focusing on v.10

1. What interests you/ bothers you about these verses?
2. What does Jesus say about life in this section?
3. What's the point of this set of verses (see v.10)?
4. What does it mean that Jesus is a shepherd?

Bonus: Memorize Psalm 23.





# Week 4: Following Jesus requires everything we have and everything we are

Rd. John 12: 23-28, focusing on v.25

1. What interests you/ bothers you about these verses?
2. What does Jesus say about life in this section?
3. What's the point of this set of verses (see v.25)?
4. What does he mean by the kernel of wheat?

Bonus: Read Isaiah 40-50.

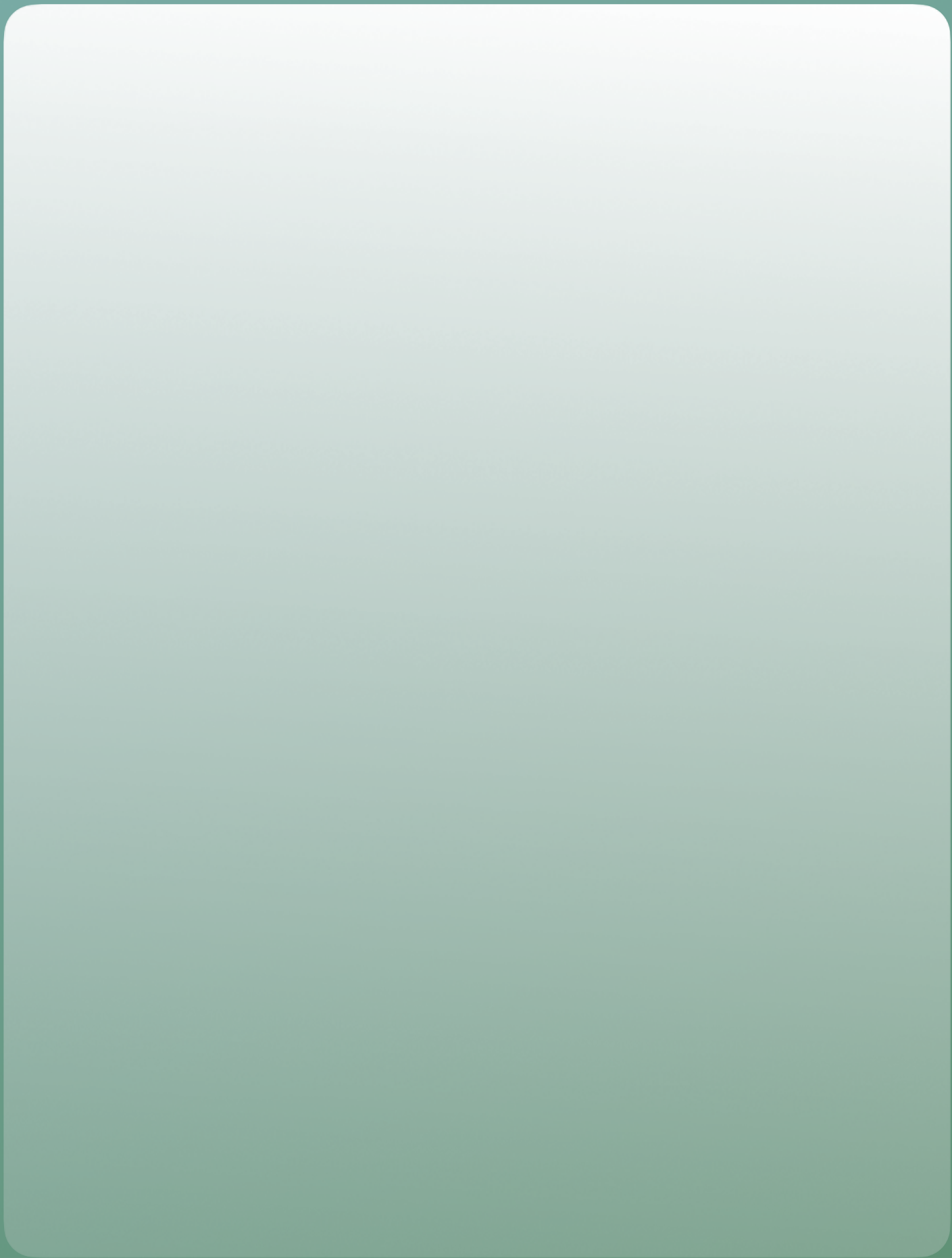


# Week 5: Jesus gives us the holy spirit to change us and help us follow him

Rd. John 14:1-21, focusing on v.6

1. What interests you/ bothers you about these verses?
2. What does Jesus say about life in this section?
3. What's the point of this set of verses (see v.6,16-17)?
4. What does it mean that when you have seen Jesus you have seen God?

Bonus: Look into the Holy Spirit by doing a bible word search.



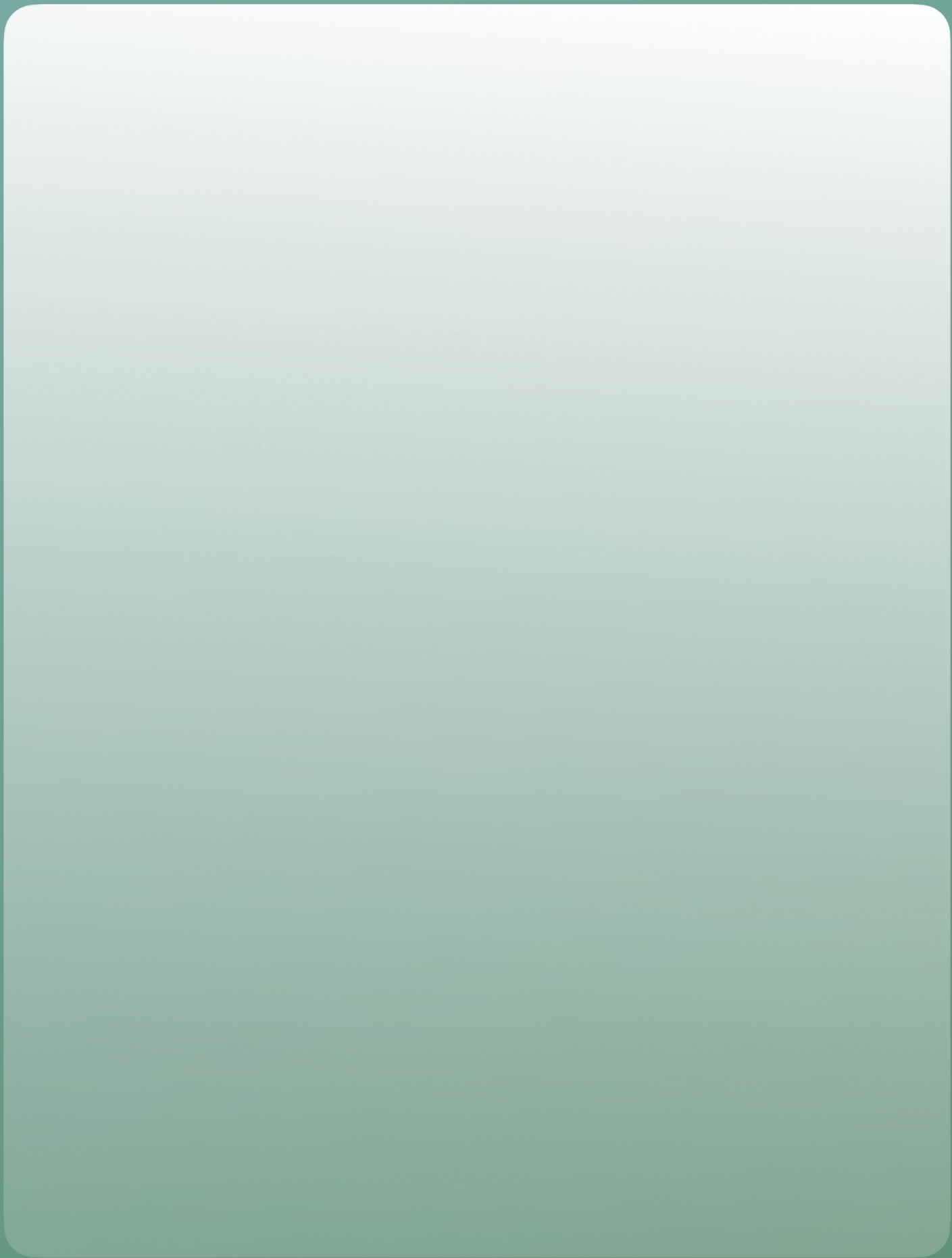
# **Week 6:** Following Jesus will produce love and bear other fruit in our lives

Read John 15:1-17, focusing on v.13

1. What interests you/ bothers you about these verses?
2. What does Jesus say about HIS life in this section?
3. What's the point of this set of verses (see v.8,12)?
4. What will show our true discipleship to Christ?

Bonus: Look at the life of Jesus by reading all of John, how did he love people?

**Final question:** what is eternal life!? (hint:John 17:1-3)



# Conclusion

After reading about Jesus, who do you think he is? Is he a good teacher, a crazy man, God himself, or something else?

There is so much more to consider about Jesus if you are interested. He healed people, he died a horrible death, he was seen by people after he died. He initiated the world's largest religion. He has been one of the most debated figures in the world. Are you interested in focusing on Jesus for further study?