

Ascending Christology

God's perfect
human Word,

symbol of the
Divine Word
of the Self-giving
Transcendent
God

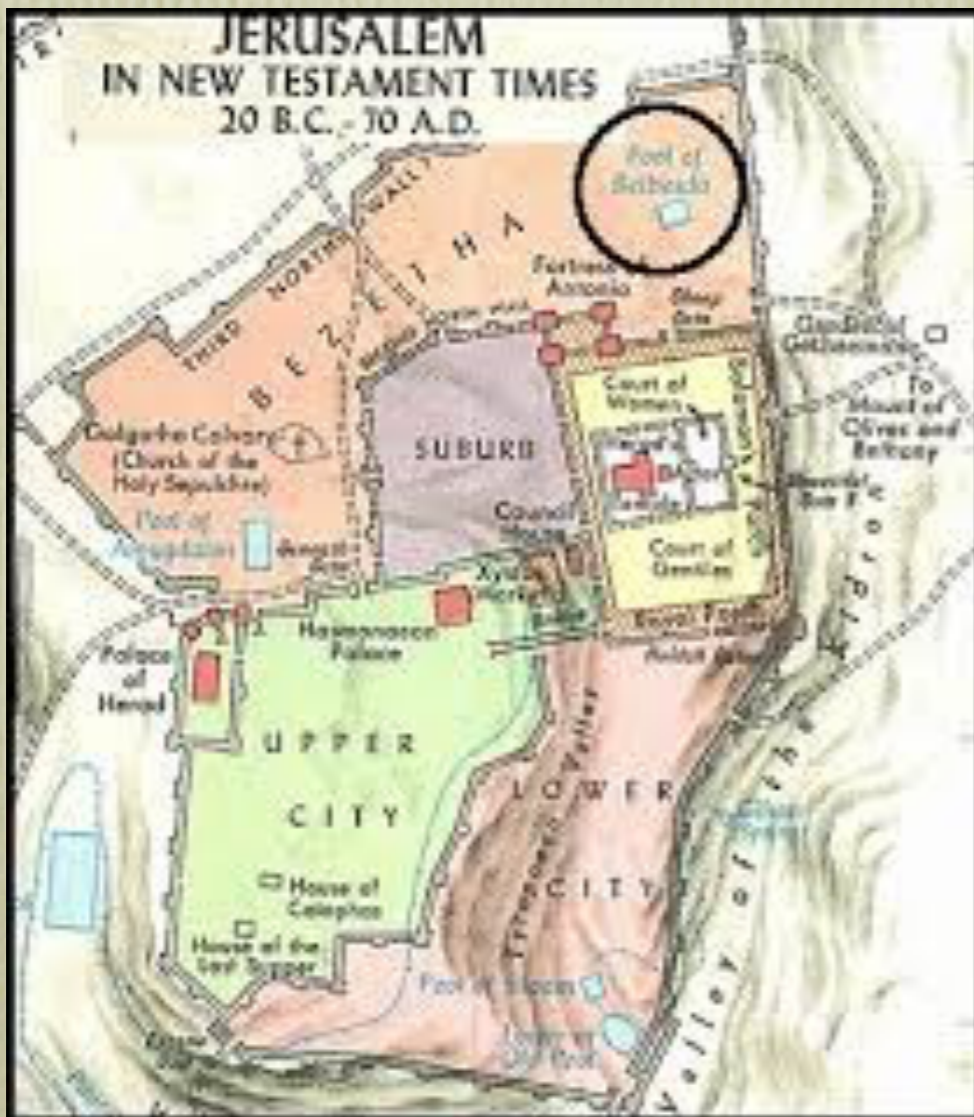


Communion in the
Love-Spirit that
unites Jesus and God,

symbol of
the love-communion
of the
Transcendent
God

Scene 1: John 5:1-20

At the pool of Beth-zatha, Jesus gives life



John 5:16-20

The Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath. But Jesus answered them, “My Father is still working, and I also am working.” For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

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.

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.

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 εἰμι) 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.

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

John 4:34

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

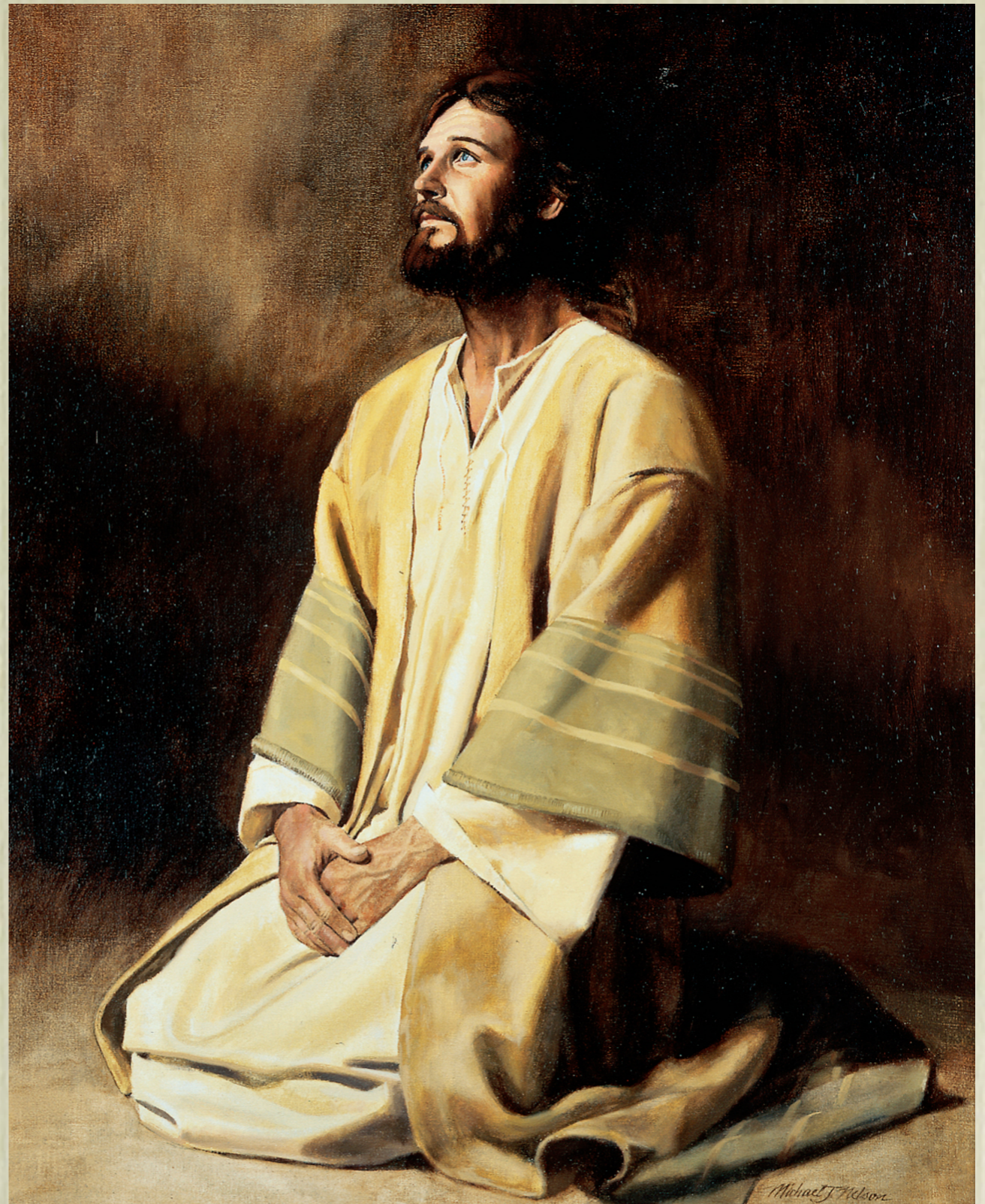
Then Jesus cried aloud: “Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the darkness.”

John 1:18

No one has ever seen God.
It is the only Son,
who is in the bosom of the Father,
who has made God known.

John 10:15,17

The Father knows me
and I know the Father ...
The Father loves me.



John 3:31-32

The one who comes from heaven
testifies to what he has seen and heard.

John 3:34

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

John 6:46

The one who is from God has seen the Father.

John 6:57

The living Father has sent me and I live because of the Father.

John 7:29

I know him because I am from him and he sent me.

John 8:19

If you knew me you would know my Father also.

John 10:14-15

I know my own and my own know me,
as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

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.



Scene 2: John 10:22-42

In the Temple on Feast of Dedication



John 10:30-33

The Father and I are one.”

The Jews took up stones again to stone him.

Jesus replied, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?”

The Jews answered, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.”

John 10:34-38

Jesus answered, ‘Is it not written in your law,

“I said, you are gods” [Psalm 82]”?

If those to whom the word of God came were called ‘gods’ – and the scripture cannot be annulled – can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, ‘I am God’s Son’?

If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.”

Jesus is not 'making himself God'. His claim is to be 'God's Son'.

'It is the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, who has made God known'(1:18).

'God so loves the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life'(3:16).

'Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever disobeys the Son will not see life'(3:36).

'This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life'(6:40).

'If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed'(8:36).

Jesus claims to be God's Son

and to have been sanctified by the Father and sent into the world,
and to be doing what his Father sent him to do.

'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'(5:19-20).

'Just as the Father has life in himself,
so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself'(5:26).

‘It is on the Son of Man that God the Father has set his seal’(6:27).


‘I have come down from heaven
to do the will of him who sent me’(6:38).

‘The one who is from God has seen the Father’(6:46).

‘The living Father has sent me and I live because of the Father’(6:57).

‘I know him because I am from him and he sent me’(7:29).

‘If you knew me you would know my Father also’(8:19).



Gaze Upon the
Lord

Inez

You are my breath



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La ilaha illa 'Llah



You are my breath

Breathe in me

You are my light

Reveal me

You are the sweetness

in all things

Oh My Beloved.

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There is only one love
and I see it in your face
Everywhere I go
I am surrounded by grace
The moment I awake
I am lost in the embrace
of My Beloved

La ilaha illa 'Llah



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