

Resurrection Author LORD
I AM Christ
bread of life
Beginning and the End
Good Shepherd SAVIOR
Messiah

SON OF
the beloved man
OUR Light
HOPE cornerstone
Teacher Life
King of the Jews

RIGHTEOUS ONE Friend TRUTH
Everlasting Father Great
FIRST AND Physician
LAST
faithful and true
Alpha and witness
Omega JESUS
high priest
Friend
Holy One
master

Son of the Most High
Bright & MORNING STAR
counselor Author of
LOVE Salvation
true vine
Heir Shield & Potter
of all Buckler
ROCK
Righteousness Alpha
of Judah lamb without blemish
Living Water
Savior wonderful

in His Name

John 3:22-36

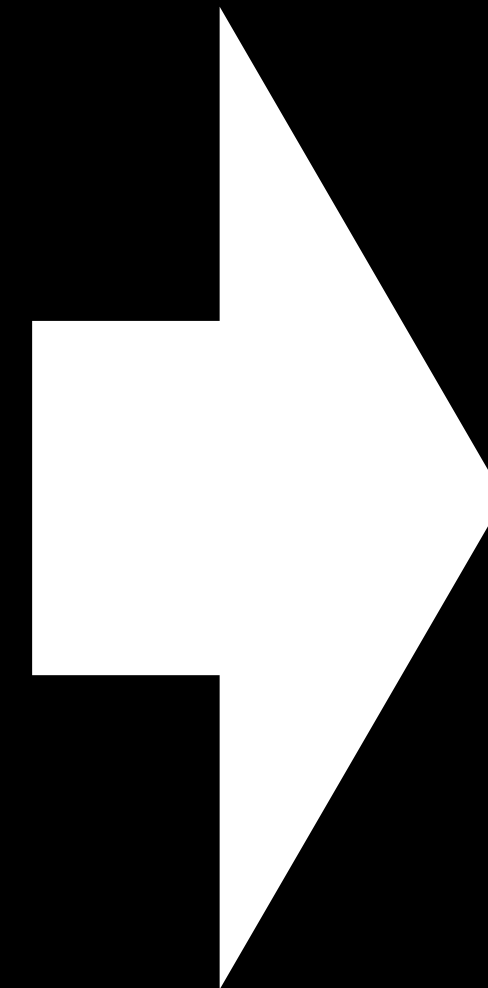
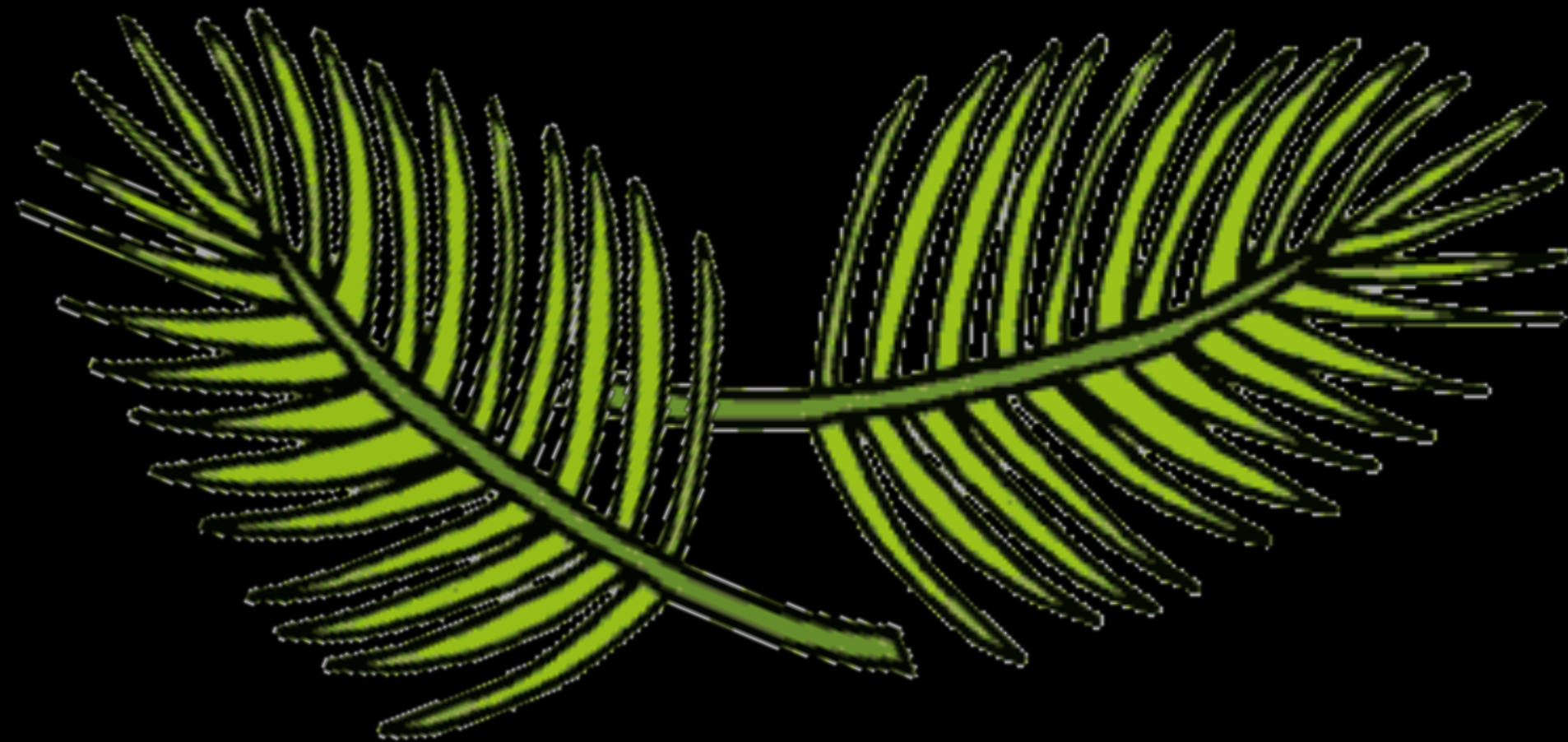
Life's Greatest Paradox*

*** A seemingly absurd or self-contradictory statement that when investigated or explained may prove to be well founded or true.**

John 3:22-36

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"Hosanna!"*



***"Crucify
Him!"***

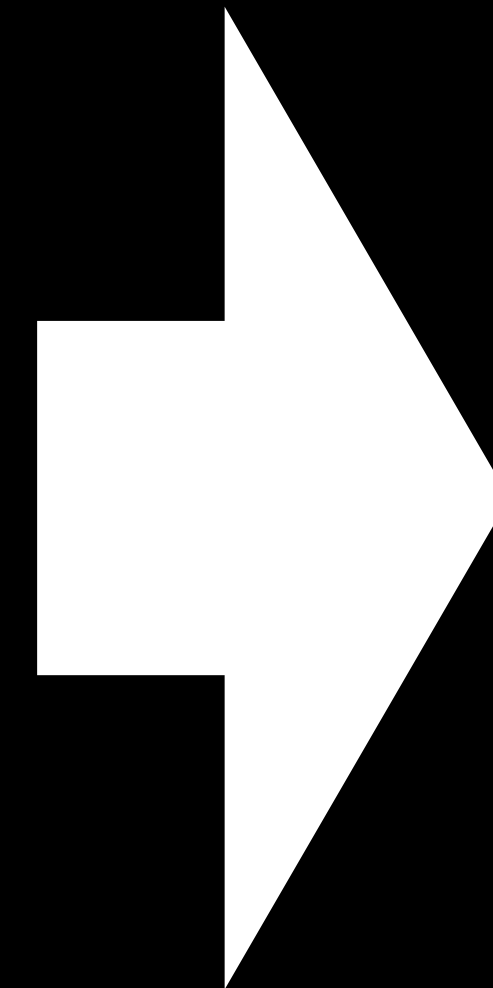


John 3:22-36

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*"Hosanna!"**

"Lord, Save us!"



*"Crucify
Him!"*



John 3:22-36

My purpose for being on this earth is to point you to Jesus.

**To bring glory to God,
and to point you to Jesus.**



Blue Sea Slug



Harp Sponge



Bioluminescent Octopus



Mandarin Fish



Rainbow Sea Horse

**These creatures have existed
for thousands of years,
in total darkness,
where no eye could see them...**

To give God glory.

**Our purpose for being on this
earth is to point others to Jesus,
& to bring glory to God.**

Who am I?

John 3:27-30

Who is Jesus?

John 3:31-36

The Gospel:

Who is God?

Who am I?

Who is Jesus?

How must I Respond?

John the Baptists Answer to the question...

Who am I?

John 3:27-30

Verse 27: I am **Content**. I am exactly where I'm supposed to be.

Verse 28: I am **Second**. I am (Only!) the Messiah's Point Man.

Verse 29: I am the **Best Man**, available to serve the Groom.

Verse 30: I am **Disappearing**. I am happy to Decrease;
He must Increase.

The Great Paradox.

*“He must become greater;
I must become less.”*

v. 30



**Roger
Youderian**

**Pete
Fleming**

**Jim
Elliot**

**Nate
Saint**

**Ed
McCully**



Jim
Elliot

**“He is no fool who gives
what he cannot keep to gain
that which he cannot lose.”**



**Roger
Youderian**

“I will be led and taught of the Holy Spirit. God desires full development, use and activity of our faculties. The Holy Spirit can and will guide me in direct proportion to the time and effort I will expend to know and do the will of God. I must read the Bible to know God’s will. At every point I will obey and do. I will die to self. I will begin to ask God to put me in a service of constant circumstances where to live for Christ, I must die to self. I will be alive unto God—that I may learn to love Him with my heart, mind, soul and body.”



And people who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives... and when the bubble has burst they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted.

— *Nate Saint* —

These men were content.

They were second.

They understood that life was fleeting, that heaven was their home, and they lived for the glory of God.

Who am I?

Who is Jesus?

Who is Jesus?

Verses 31-33: Jesus is **Above All**
— yet despised and rejected

Verses 34-35: Jesus is **Deeply Assured**
— speaking the words of God by the Spirit of God

Verse 36: Jesus is **Fully Empowered**
— able to judge every heart

Encouragement and Warning

“The decision to live a life trusting Jesus is a decision initiating a **Life of depth and length. Triggering this decision is the major purpose of the Gospel of John. Nothing less than life or death depends on this decision. I don’t know of a story in this Gospel that is not seeking this life-giving decision.”**

Frederick Bruner

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Who are you worshiping?

Who are you encouraging?

Who are you serving?

