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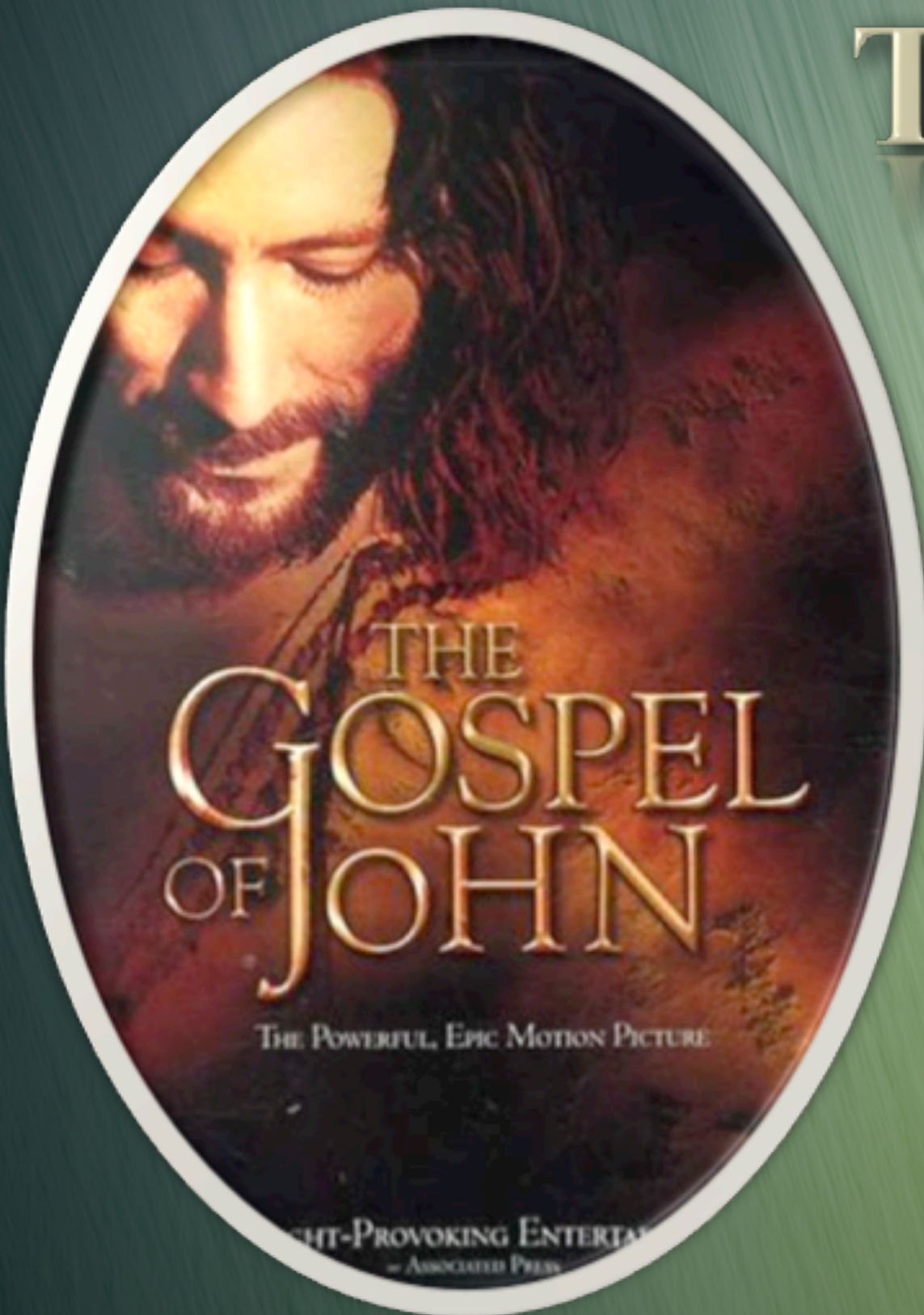
**“THIS MATTER OF JUDGING”
(JOHN 7:1-24)**

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THEME

John 20:30-31 (NKJV)

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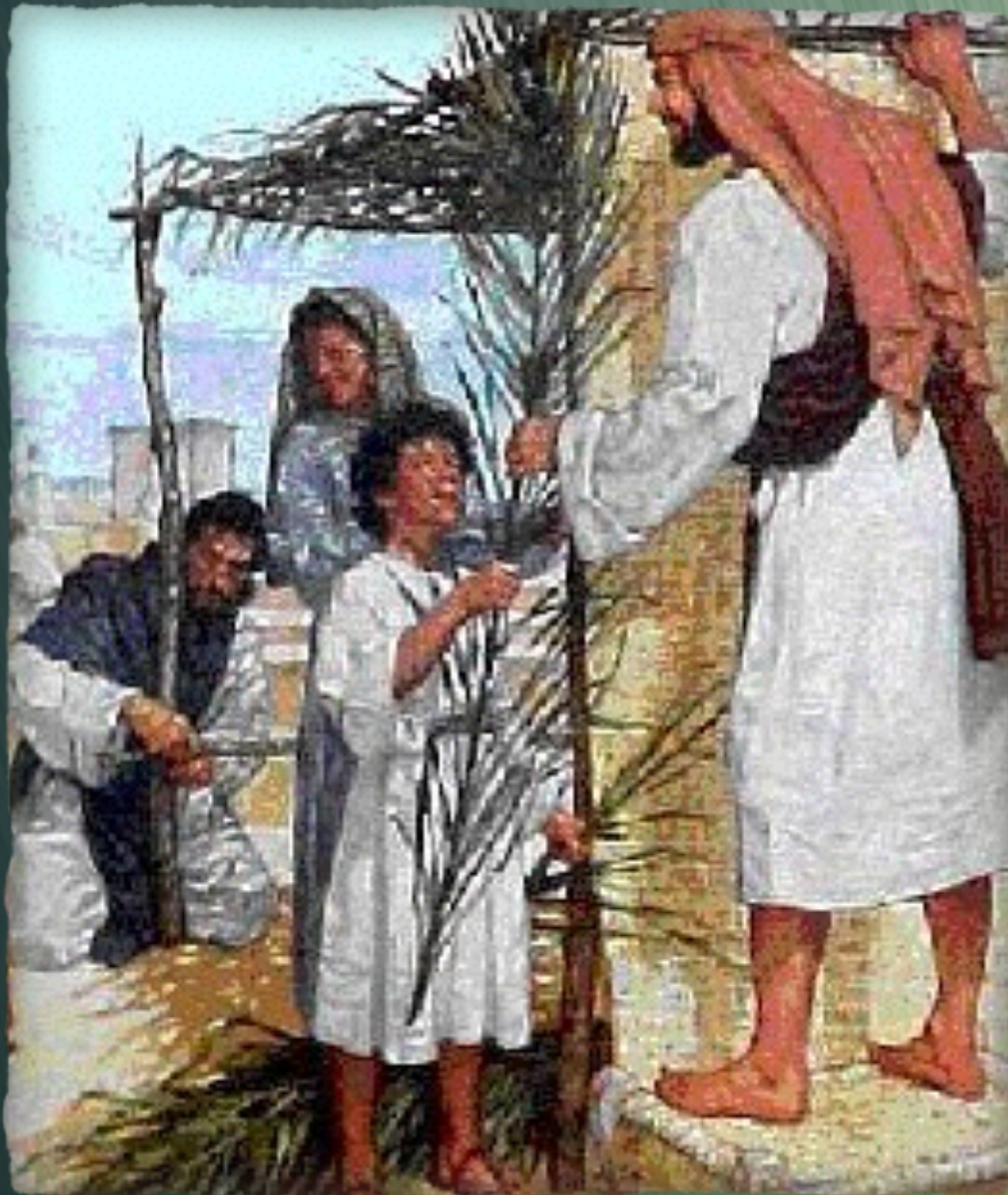
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- ◆ This chapter records incidents before & during Jesus' return to Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles,
- ◆ About 6 months from His death.

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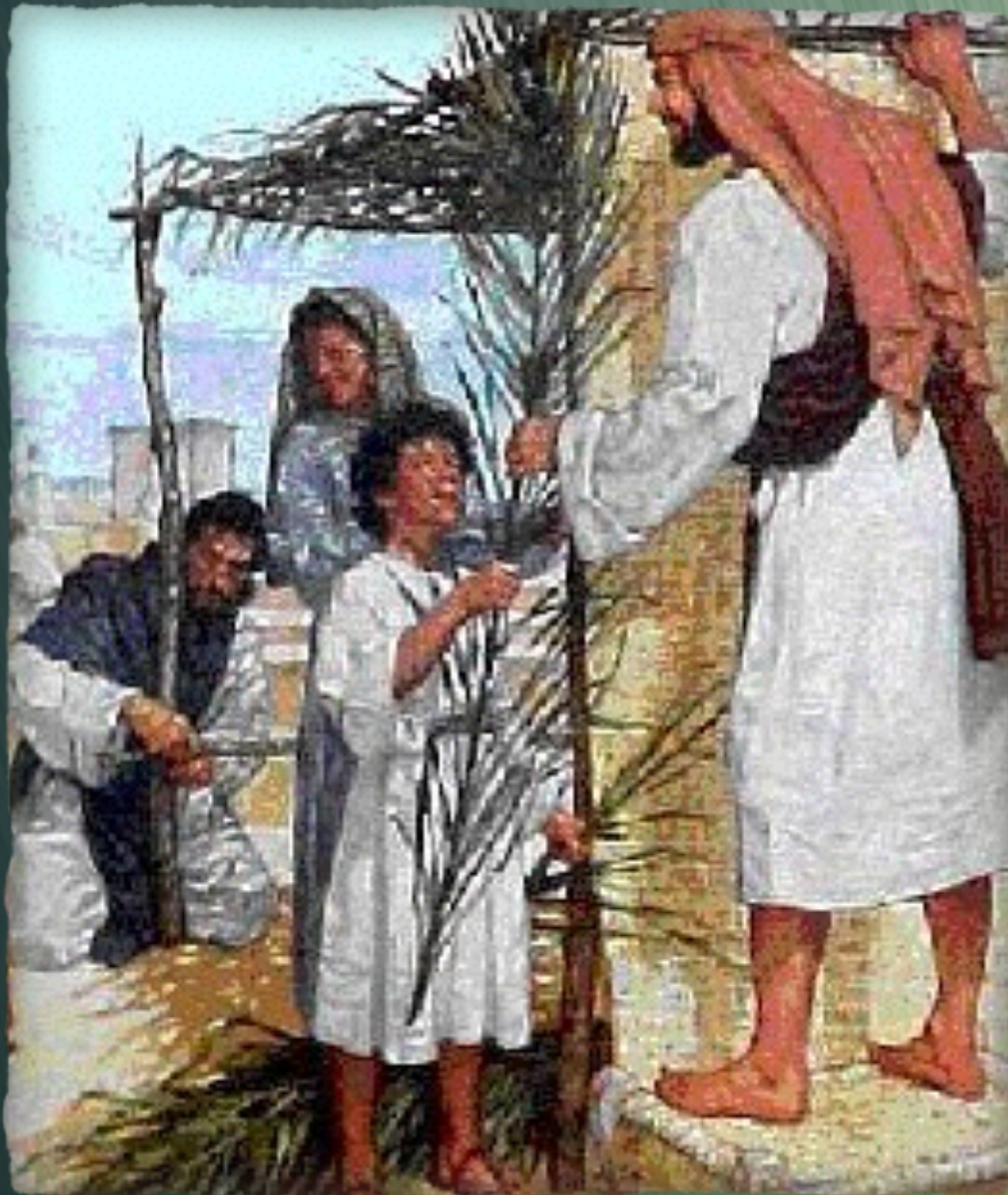
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- ◆ This feast was celebrated on the 15th day of the month Tisri, – the last half of our month September and the first half of October, Numbers 29:12, Deut 16:13-15.
- ◆ It was designed to commemorate their dwelling in tents in the wilderness, Nehemiah 8:16-18.

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- ◆ The feast was continued eight days, and the eighth or last day was the most distinguished, – John 7:37, Numbers 29:35.
- ◆ Many sacrifices were offered on this occasion (Numbers 29:12-39, Deuteronomy 16:14-16),
- ◆ A time of general joy.

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- ◆ The animosity of the Jewish leadership had grown to the point of seeking to put Jesus to death. (7:1,30,32)
- ◆ Many were confused about Who Jesus is.
- ◆ Jesus claims to be the source of life to all who would come to Him – – (7:37,38)

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- ◆ Jesus' brothers do not believe in Him – 7:1-9
- ◆ Jesus goes to Jerusalem but not openly – 7:10
- ◆ The confusion of the people about Jesus – 7:11-13
- ◆ Jesus makes an appearance in the Temple and argues with His detractors – 7:14-36

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- ◆ On the last day of the feast, Jesus invites those who thirst to come to Him for Life – 7:37-39
- ◆ Division among the people because of Jesus – 7:40-44
- ◆ Jewish leaders argue about Jesus and what to do with Him – 7:45-53

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BROTHERS DO NOT BELIEVE – (7:3-5)



- ◆ If He really was what He claimed to be, they reasoned, He should publicly demonstrate it. (7:3,4)
- ◆ "Even His own brothers did not believe in Him." [James, Joses, Simon & Judas] – (7:5; Mat. 13:55)
- ◆ Later they came to believe – (1 Cor. 9:6)

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JESUS EXERCISES CAUTION - (7:6-10)



- ✦ Jesus responded that His time differed from theirs. (7:6,8)
- ✦ It was not yet time for the public manifestation [the Cross] - (2:4; 7:6, 8, 30; 8:20; 17:1; cf. 12:23, 27; 13:1).
- ✦ The world was not dangerous to the brothers of Jesus - But the world hated Jesus because He is not of it. (7:7,8)

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JESUS TEACHES IN THE TEMPLE - (7:11-24)



- ◆ Sought by the Jews - (7:11)
- ◆ The people disagreed privately about Jesus' nature & teaching - (7:12-13)
- ◆ Jesus appears in the Temple teaching to the amazement of the Jews. He was an uneducated man - He had never been to a Rabbinic school - (7:15,16)

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- ◆ Jesus' teaching was from the Father Who commissioned Him - (5:30; 6:38-40; 7:16; 8:28; 12:49,50; 14:10,24)
- ◆ Their main problem was their unwillingness to do the "Father's will" - (7:17)
- ◆ Jesus did not seek His own glory - (7:18) and again invokes Moses as a witness against them - (7:19; 5:41-44)

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- ✦ Jesus is accused of “having a demon” denying any plot to kill Him – (8:48; 10:20; Mat 12:18)
- ✦ Jesus exposes their hypocrisy & inconsistency in applying the Law of Moses – (7:21-23)
- ✦ Were the Jews correct in condemning Jesus for healing a man on the Sabbath day? Were they correctly applying the Law? (7:24; Mat 7:1-5)

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Wise Discrimination Essential

Look Out For Logs – Dogs – Hogs – Wolves



Mat 7:3



Mat 7:6



Mat 7:6



Mat 7:15-20

Text instructs us to make wise discernment!

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Nature of The Judgment "Forbidden"



- ◆ Presumptively -
- ◆ Hastily or rashly -
- ◆ Unmercifully -
- ◆ Magisterially -
- ◆ Hypocritically -

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Judge Righteous Judgment

- ✦ With Love and Mercy
- ✦ With Knowledge of God's Law,
- ✦ With Knowledge of Circumstances - (not presumption)
- ✦ With Substantial Evidence -
- ✦ Without Prejudice -
- ✦ With The Understanding That Whatever Standard I Use - The Same Will Be Used Against Me.



Matthew 7:5

Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

John 7:37-39 (NKJV)

³⁷ On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." ³⁹ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

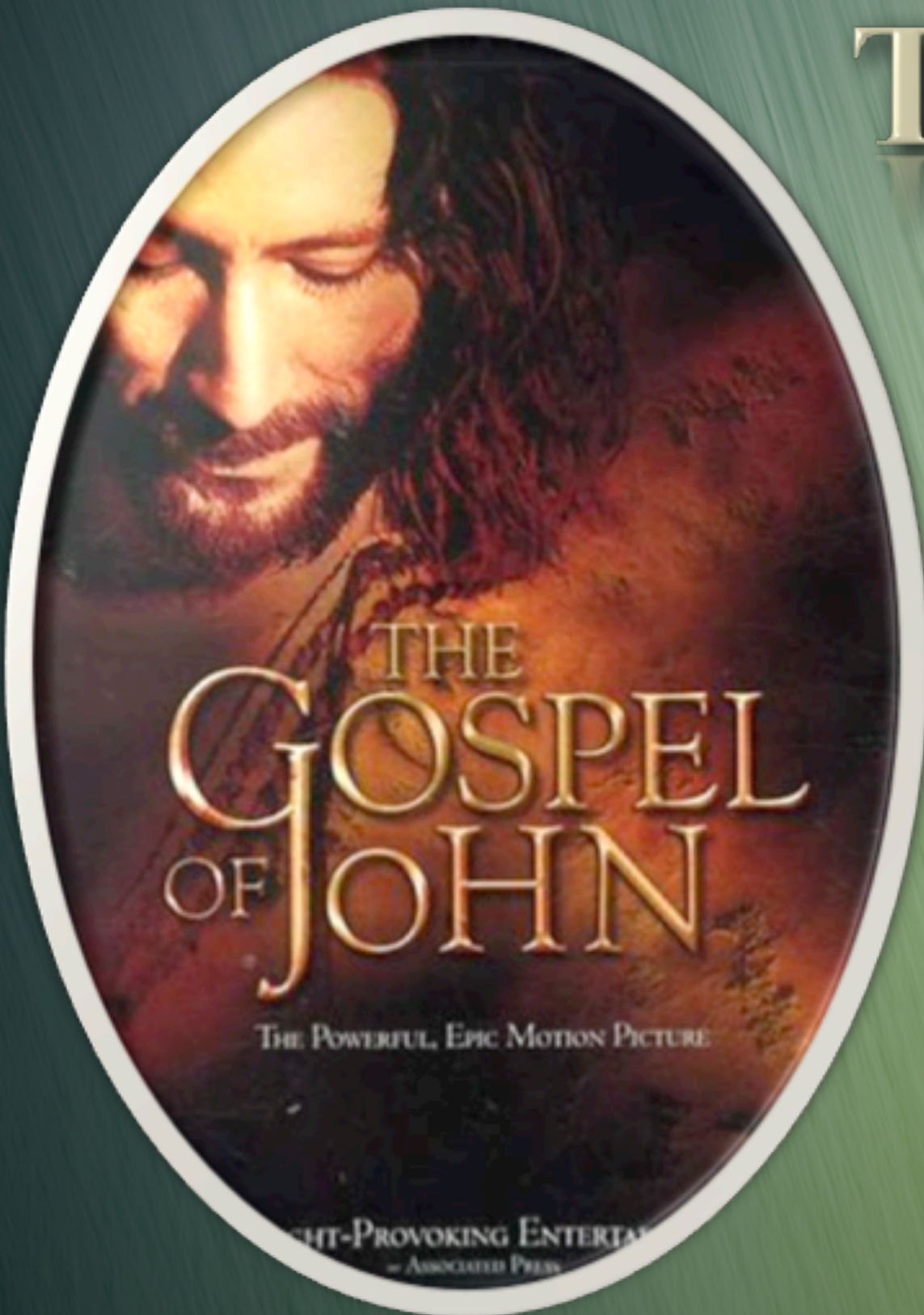


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Matthew 7:1-6 (NKJV)

¹ "Judge not, that you be not judged. ² For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. ³ And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank *is* in your own eye?



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