A series on the book of John

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have

Colossians 1:15-18 (NIV)

the supremacy.

"Fairy tales do not tell children the dragons exist. Children already know that dragons exist. Fairy tales tell children the dragons can be killed." - G.K. Chesterton

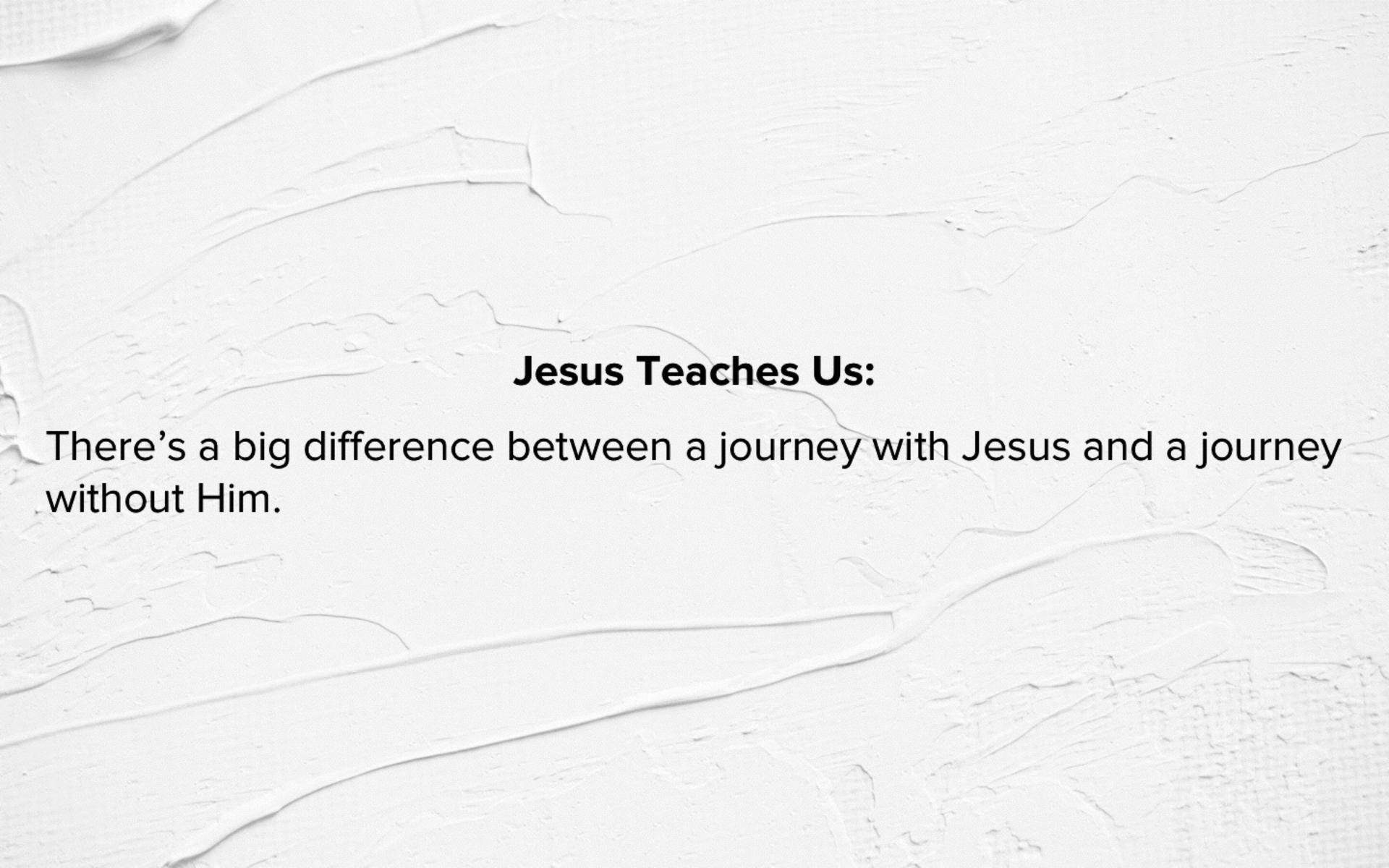
THE FIFTH SIGN: THE LORD OVER NATURE

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John 6:16-21 (NIV)

"The popular talk-show host Larry King was once asked whom he would choose, if he had the choice to interview one person across history. Larry King replied that he would like to interview Jesus Christ and that he would ask him just one question: 'Are you indeed virgin born? The answer to that question,' said King, 'would explain history to me.'"

- Ravi Zacharias, Jesus Among Other Gods



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"In pantheism, 'God is everything and everything is God.'
Therefore, if good and evil exist, both must be part of god. So pantheists either say that good and evil are not real but illusions, or they say that god is both good and evil. The nineteenth-century Hindu teacher Ramakrishna said, 'As the snake I bite; as the healer I cure."

- Jim Howard, The Miracle of Man: Evidence for God from Human Nature

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John 6:19-20 (NIV)

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God is mighty, but despises no one; he is mighty, and firm in his purpose.

Job 36:5 (NIV)

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"Thou framer of the light and dark,
Steer through the tempest thine own ark;
Amid the howling wintry sea
We are in port if we have Thee."

- John Keble

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John 6:21 (NIV)



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I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten.

Joel 2:25 (ESV)