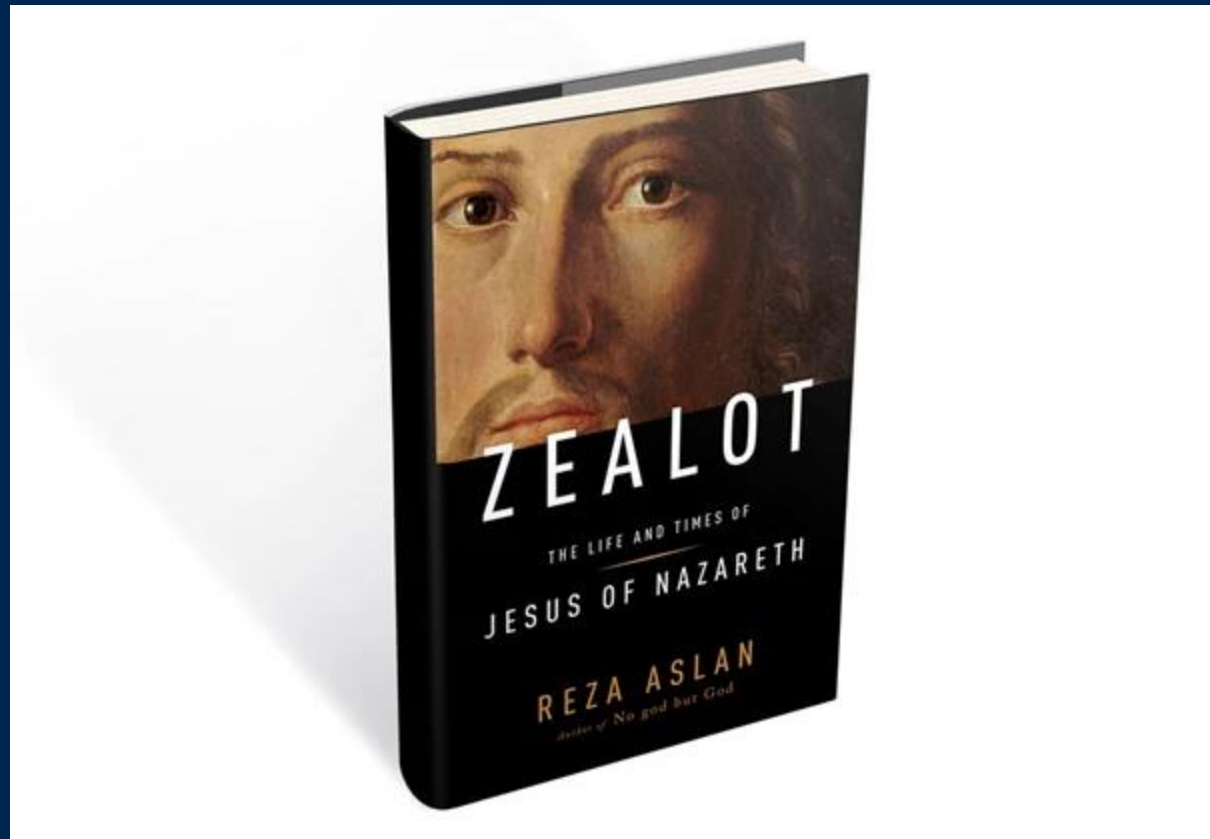


“But who do you say that I am?”

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## Main Point-

People will either worship themselves  
or something else as king

**OR**

They will bow down and worship Jesus.

*Implication-* those in the Kingdom of  
God receive truth with pleasure.

## John 18:33–35

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?”

## 1<sup>st</sup> Truth-

Jesus asks—and He ultimately knows—  
where your heart is in relationship to him  
as your King.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Truth-

The kingdom of man is achieved by physical force. But Christ's kingdom grows by the Spirit moving in the hearts of men and women

## John 3:3

Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

## John 3:6

That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

## Mark 1:15

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

## Matthew 5:3, 9

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



## John 18:37-38a

Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Truth-

The Kingdom of man relies on worldly wisdom. The kingdom of God is anchored in eternal truth

## 1 Corinthians 1:18–19 ESV

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I  
will thwart.”

## 1 Corinthians 1:22–25 ESV

For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.