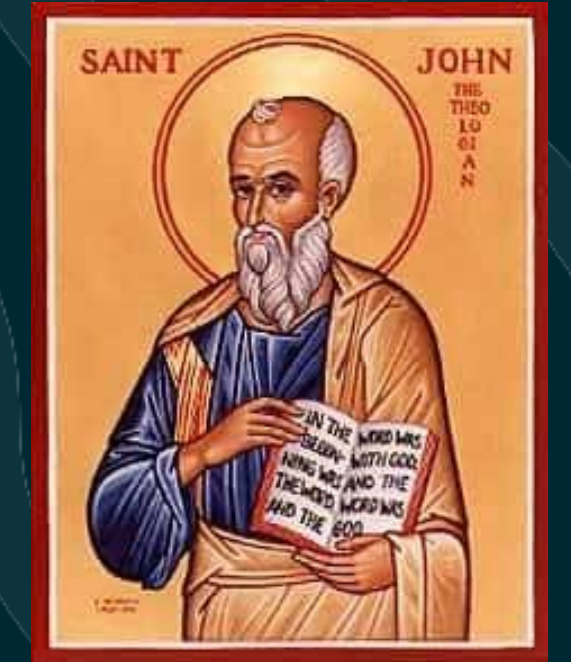




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“Synoptic” Gospels



Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Written for a Jewish audience. Focus on showing Jesus as awaited Messiah.	Written in Rome for the Church there. Deeply political. Source for the others.	Written by a doctor for “Theophilus”. More focus on the vulnerable. More focus on women.	Written “so that you may believe.”

The Gospel of John

Some interesting facts:

- Written in primary school Greek
- Some of the most complicated theological concepts
- It is essentially an evangelical tract
- The most “realised eschatology” of all the Gospels



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Some themes:

- Judgement
- Eternal Life

Judgement:

- krisis means
 - Ruling (LXX)
 - Deciding
 - Evaluating

Not condemning

Judgement

- Three main passages:
 - John 3:17 - 22
 - John 5:21 - 30
 - John 12:44 - 50

Eternal Life

- aonios zoe
 - aonios = “of the age”
 - zoe = “life”

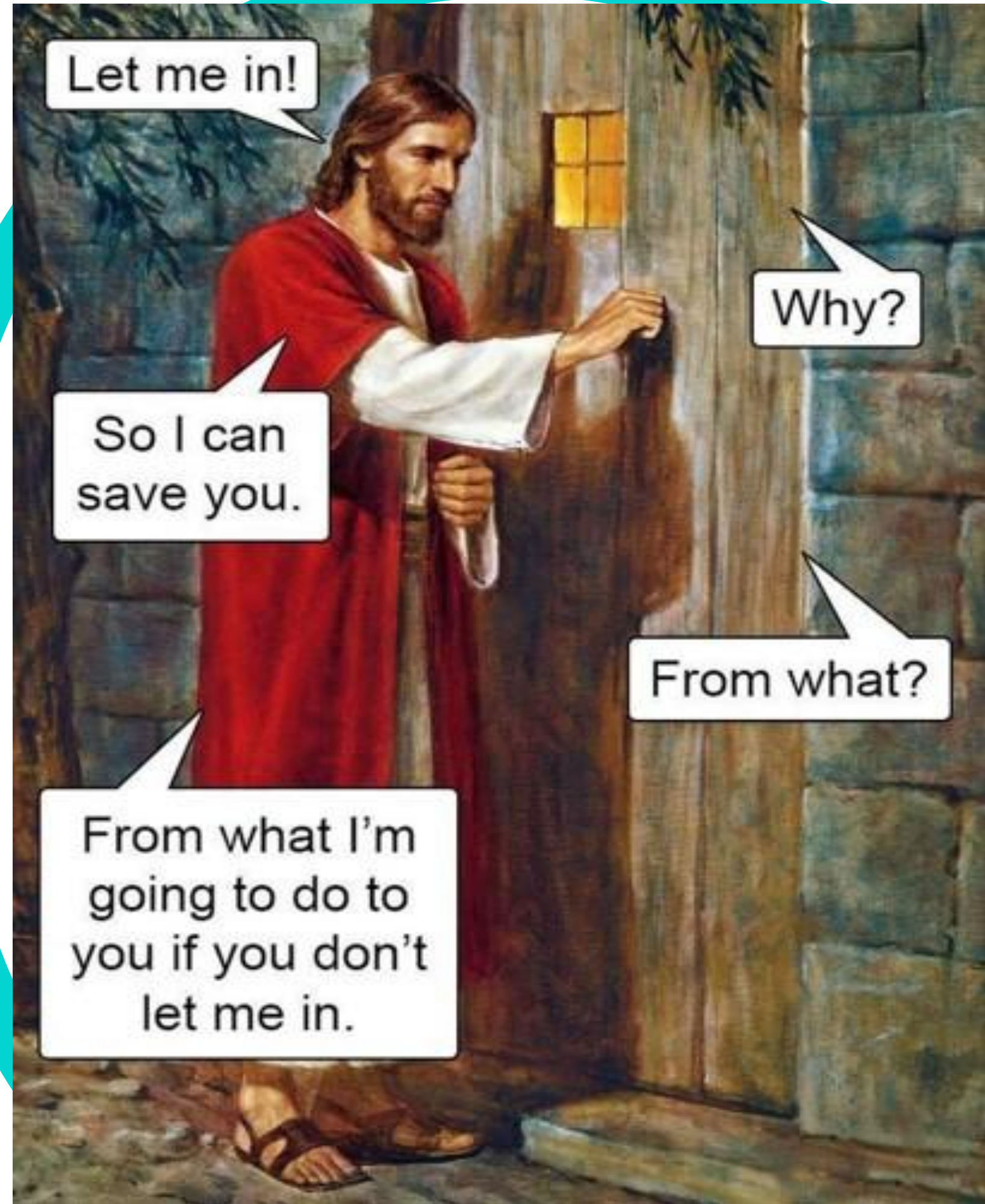
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John 3:16:

**For God so loved the world that
he gave his only Son, so that
everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have
eternal life.**

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For God loved the world so much...



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For God loved the world so much that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him...

- *pistis* = trusts



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John 3:16

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only son, so that everyone who trusts in him may not perish...

- *apollumi* = lost, wasted, destroyed
- *apoletai* = aorist tense



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John 3:16

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only son, so that everyone who trusts in him may *no longer be perishing* but have eternal life.

- “*have*” = present tense
- “*eternal life*” = age of the life [to come]
- Not “*life after death*”



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John 3:16

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only son, so that everyone who trusts in him may *no longer be perishing* but may have *the life of the age* to come now.



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John 3:16

If you trust me, you will no longer be floating in the water but will water ski



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So What?

“If hell doesn’t exist, why bother being a Christian?”

- Life of the age to come. NOW