

#### 1 - The Human Author

### Part 1: My life BEFORE Christ.

- Birth and family
   Mark 1:19-20; Luke 5:10
   John 19:25; Luke 1:36; (Cf. Mr 15:40-41; Mt 27:55-56)
- Disciple of John the Baptist John 1:37-40: Acts 1:22

#### Part 2: My life WITH Christ.

- Watching Jesus' early Judaean and Samaritan ministry John 2-4
- Becoming a disciple of Jesus Matthew 4:18-22
- Earning the epithet, "son of thunder"
  Mark 3:17; Luke 9:49, 54; (Cf. 2Ki 1; Rev 11)
- Contending for leadership Matthew 20:20-28
- Experiencing into privileged opportunities
  - The raising of Jairus daughter (*Mark 5:35-43*)
  - The transfiguration of Jesus (*Matthew 17:1-2*)
  - The preparation of the upper room (Luke 22:8)
  - The passionate prayer in Gethsemane (Mark 14:32-33)
- Observing the suffering of Christ John 18:1-15; 19:1-30
- Seeing the resurrected Christ
  John 20:1-9; Luke 24:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:3-7; Luke 24:48-51; Acts 1:4-11
  Cf. Jo 2:19-21; Mt 12:39-40; Mr 8:31; 9:9-10, 31; 10:33-34; 10:17-18; 14:27-28

# Part 3: My life FOR Christ.

- Acts 2 Pentecost, the birth of the church
- Acts 3 Miracles and preaching at the temple
- Acts 4 Arrest and threatening
- Acts 5 Imprisonment, miraculous release, and preaching
- Acts 6-8 Intensified persecution and gospel expansion

• Acts 12-15 – James killed and church growth (Cf. Gal 2:9)

Cf. John 21:18-24

## Part 4: My life FROM Christ.

• I used to be a harsh "son of thunder," but Jesus transformed me into the disciple of love and gentleness.

Luke 9:54; Acts 8:14-17 Luke 9:49; Galatians 2:9

• I used to be an ambitious, self-serving leader, but Jesus transformed me into a servant leader.

John 14:1-7; Acts 2,3,4,8

- I am an ignorant and unlearned fisherman, but I have been given wisdom. *Cf. Psalm 119:98-100*
- Part of my harshness and ambitious drive were sprouted from the insecure soil of my heart, but Jesus has redefined my identity.

John 13:25; Colossians 2:9; 1 John 1:1 John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7, 20 John 20:31