

HERO

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VILLAIN?

PART 2

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JOHN 5:14-17



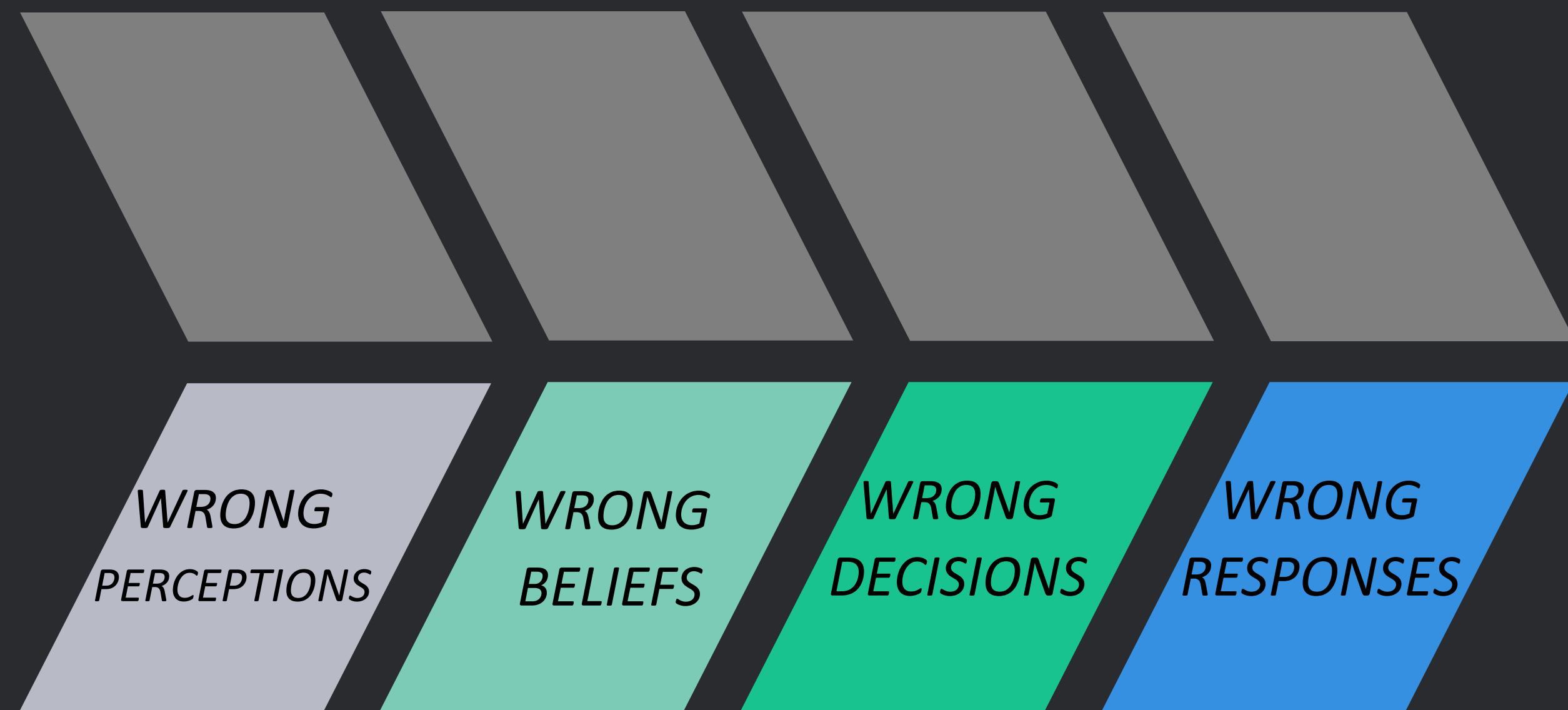
PREVIOUS SERMON

The traditions and religious beliefs of the Jews caused them to be **CLOSED** to the TRUTH.

failed to see Him as both MESSIAH and GOD 
instead of being HAILED A HERO

JESUS

persecuted as a ~~VILLAIN~~
seen as a ~~BLASPHEMER~~



UNBELIEF
IS A
CHOICE.

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²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, ²² who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; ²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

1 PETER 2:21-24

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Jesus **revealed** Himself to the one He had healed.

Jesus **HID HIMSELF** to others and **REVEALED HIMSELF** to others.

It is **ONLY** to the **SEEKING HEART** that Jesus reveals Himself.

'You will seek Me and find *Me* when
you search for Me with all your heart.
(Jews in Babylon)

JEREMIAH 29:13

II. JESUS heralded by the one healed (the sinner)

verse 15

The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

After Jesus reveals Himself to the man he healed, the man goes about identifying Jesus as the man who healed Him. This healed man now becomes Jesus'

HERALD of GOOD NEWS.

This should be true of all of us who have **EXPERIENCED DELIVERANCE** from Christ, most especially those of us who have experienced **REDEMPTION.**

III. THE PERSECUTION of Jesus and Jesus' DEFENSE of His person and work

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(verses 16-17)

THE JEWS TOOK OFFENSE ON JESUS...

commanding the sick man to pick up his pallet

unmindful of the healing as well as the alleviation of the pain that this man had suffered for 38 years

because the healed man carried his pallet, which according to their human tradition was a violation of the Sabbath because carrying one's pallet was considered work

Many times

HUMAN TRADITION

can come in the way of our
understanding **TRUTH** and the
PERSON of Christ.

And He answered and said to them,
“Why do you yourselves transgress
the commandment of God for the
sake of your tradition?”
MATTHEW 15:3

HUMAN TRADITION

he is not to honor his father or his
mother.’ And *by this* you invalidated
the word of God for the sake of your
tradition.
MATTHEW 15:6

⁸ Neglecting the commandment of God,
you hold to the tradition of men.”⁹ He
was also saying to them, “You are experts
at setting aside the commandment of
God in order to keep your tradition.

MARK 7:8-9

thus invalidating the word of God by
your tradition which you have handed
down; and you do many things such as
that.”
MARK 7:13

The Jews were putting greater emphasis on FORM rather than on the spirit of the law.

Jesus justifies Himself by stating that just as the Father never stops working on the Sabbath, so He too works on a Sabbath.

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Likewise, Jesus is likewise implying here that DOING A NECESSARY GOOD on a SABBATH is not a violation of it.

Even as Jesus had OFTEN TRIED to CORRECT the Jews from their WRONG INTERPRETATION of Scripture, their PRIDE prevented them from understanding TRUTH.
*⁵ Moreover, the pride of Israel testifies against him, And Israel and Ephraim stumble in their iniquity; Judah also has stumbled with them.
⁶ They will go with their flocks and herds to seek the Lord, but they will not find Him; He has withdrawn from them.*

HOSEA 5:5-6

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Jesus claimed that the work of God on the Sabbath was sufficient precedent for Him, since God was His Father, thereby implying His EQUALITY with God the Father.

The Gospel of John was written by John and his purpose was to PRESENT JESUS as GOD and this is evident in his first and last references to Christ.

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JOHN 20:31

present tense and
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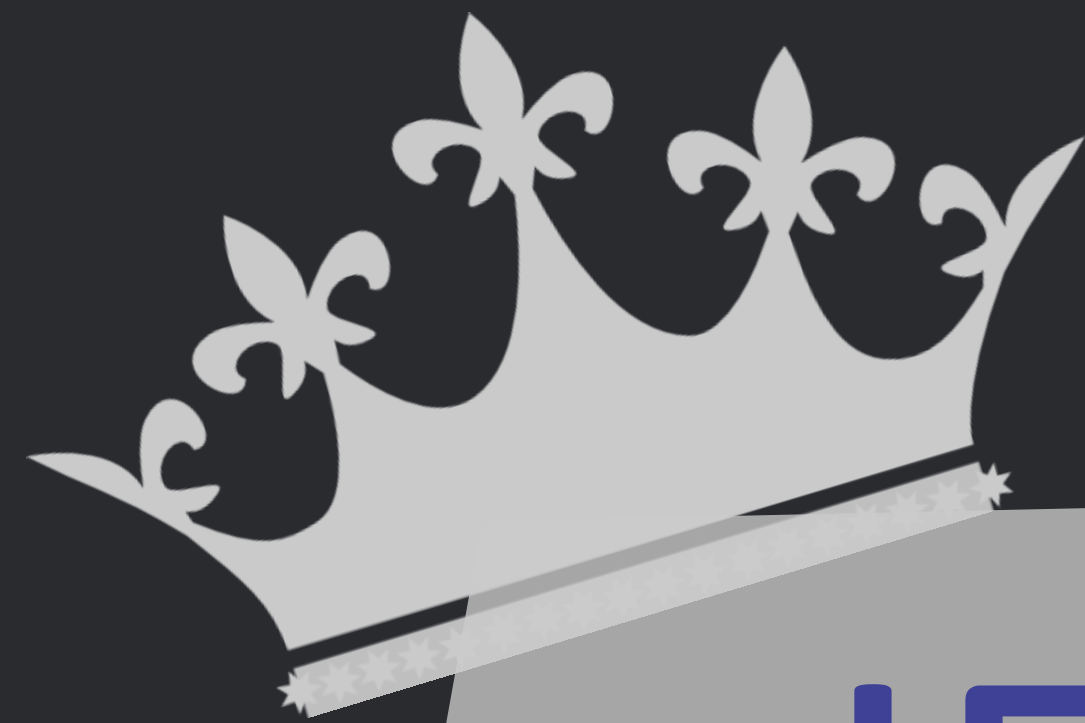
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John wanted to stress an active, continuous, and vital trust in Jesus' DEITY as well as HUMANITY.

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JESUS

FULLY GOD AND FULLY MAN

DEITY

OF

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SEVEN

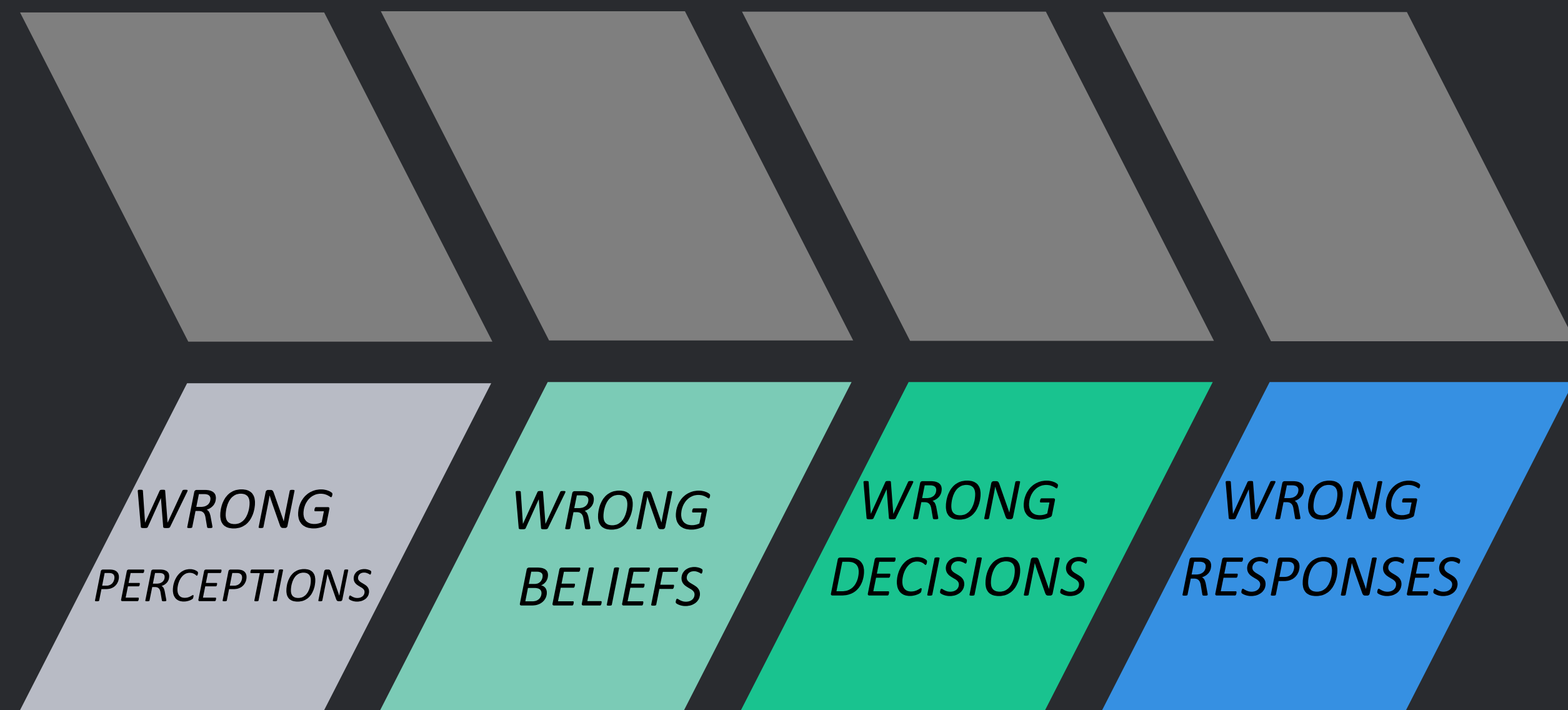
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equivalent of claiming to be God for He was using the OT name for God in reference to Himself (*Exodus 3:13-15*)

As God, Jesus can do work as He pleases as He, like the Father, is Lord of the Sabbath.

For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

JOHN 5:18



Our **pride** and our **stubborn insistence** on our religious beliefs, can come in the way of knowing **TRUTH.**

TRUTH

can only be found by those who are HUMBLE
and those who are willing for their RELIGIOUS
BELIEFS to be challenged by the AUTHORITY
of Scriptures.

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