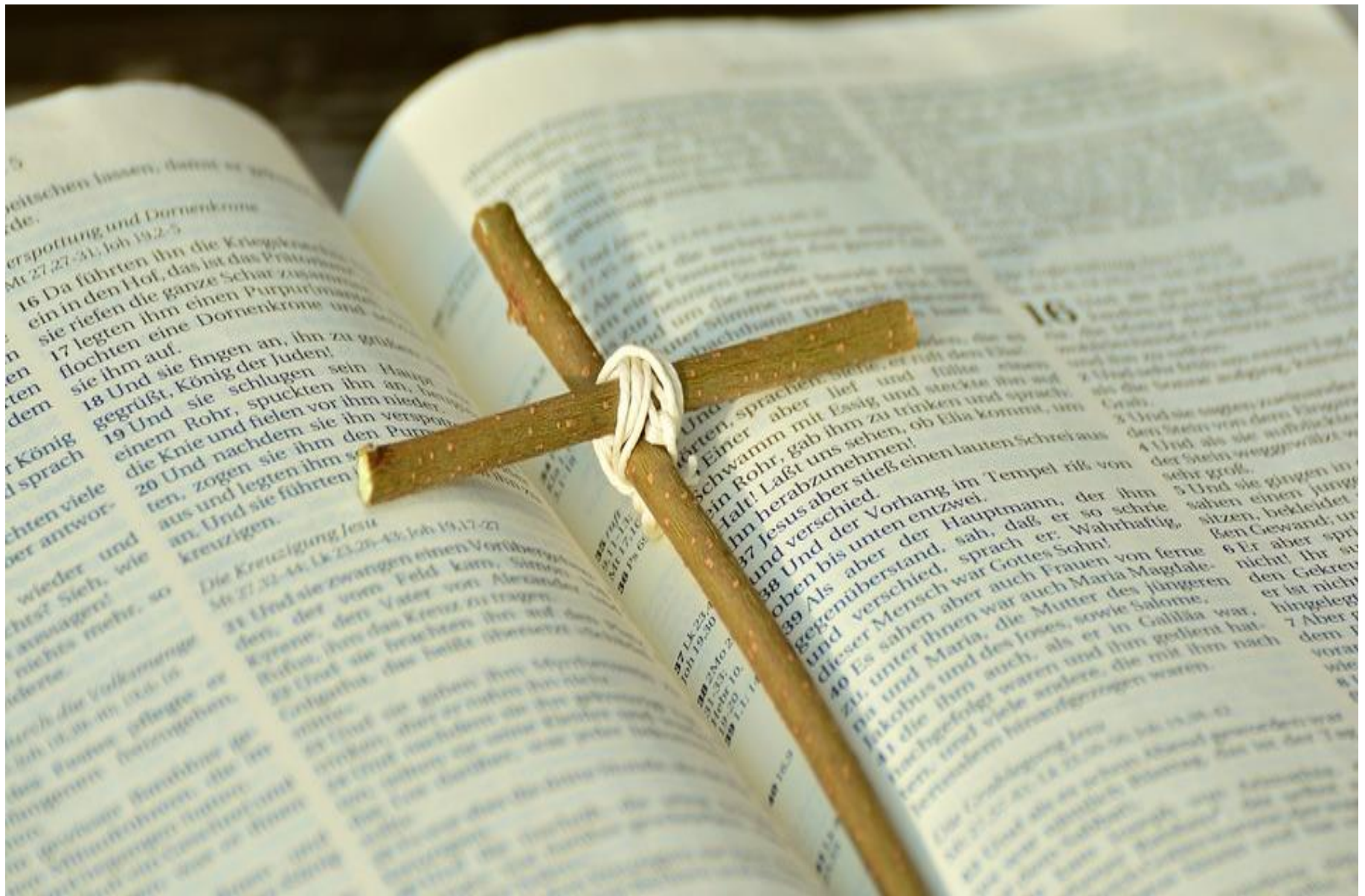


An aerial photograph showing a dark blue body of water on the left and a light brown, cracked, and parched earth bank on the right. The text 'THE GOSPEL OF JOHN' is overlaid in white, with 'JOHN' being significantly larger than 'THE GOSPEL OF'.

THE GOSPEL OF

JOHN



and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free
John 8:32



**Jesus teaches the people and Pharisees in the Temple
(the day after the Feast of Tabernacles)**

Who's Your Daddy?

Test Your Spiritual DNA
John 8:37-47

What...?

- ▶ Abraham's "seed"
 - ▶ Physical descendants (DNA)
- ▶ Abraham's "children"
 - ▶ Spiritual descendants (because of personal faith)
- ▶ See the difference? (Vv 37-38)
 2. Abraham listened to God and was obedient
 3. They resisted the Truth



OK. So what characteristics...?

- ▶ What showed these leaders to be evil?
 1. They rejected the Truth, (V 40)
 2. Tried to kill Jesus because He spoke Truth (vv 42)
 3. They didn't love God (vv 42)
 4. They could not understand Jesus' teaching (vv 43, 47)
 1. Satan's children may be well versed in religious traditions, but NO understanding of the WORD



Who...?

- ▶ In today's passage, the debate centers around the word *father*
- ▶ Jesus identifies Himself with the Father in *Heaven*
- ▶ He identifies the Pharisees with the Father of *Hell*, Satan
- ▶ Of course the Jews claimed Abraham as their father
- ▶ Jesus made a careful distinction between Abraham's "seed", and Abraham's "children"

APPLICATION

1. Who is your father?

2. Understand the person and the plan of the devil.