

The Gathering

BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday

JANUARY 10 - FEBRUARY 14, 2023

7:30 P.M.

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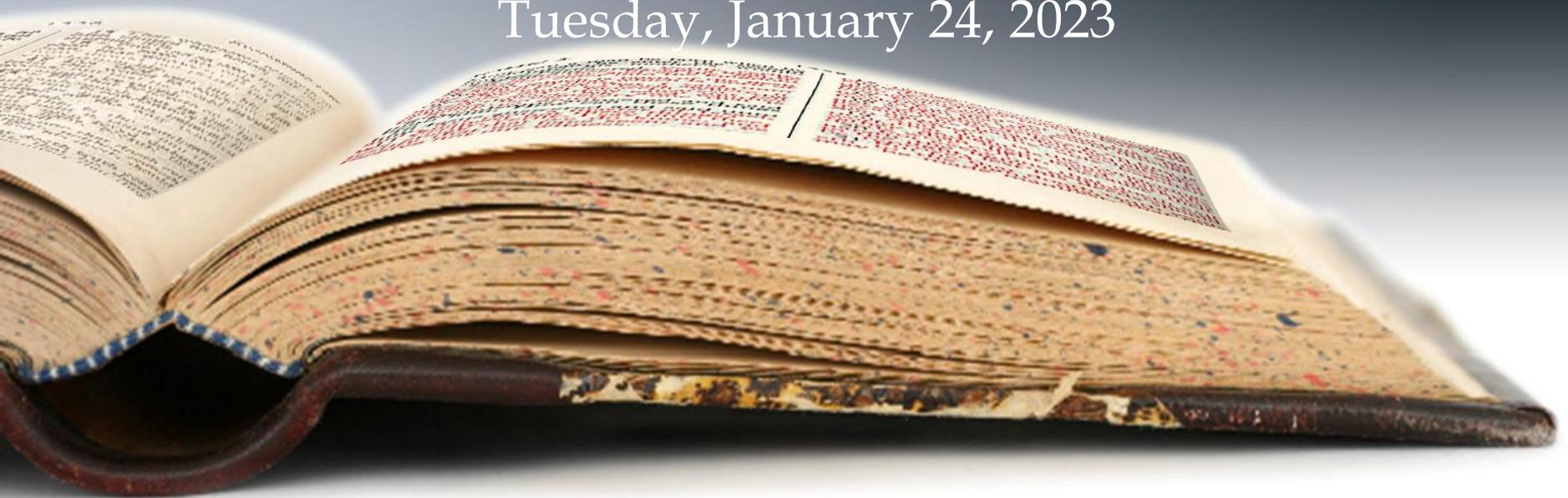


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The Power of Choice

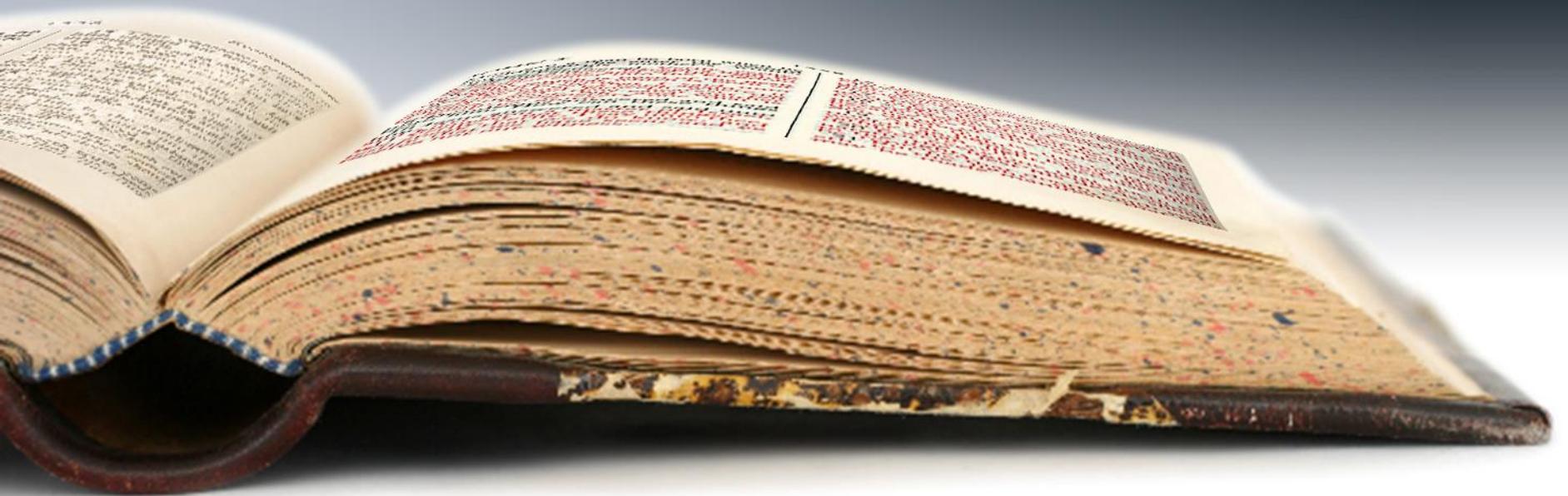
Choose Christ As Lord

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Joshua 24:14 – 15

Colossians 1:15-20



Choose Jesus Christ as Lord



Some choose esteemed persons to serve or an authority figure: a pastor, a professor, a politician.

Some choose a close relative as their ultimate authority.

Some people serve a mission or an organization.

Some people serve a personal agenda.



Serving Themselves



There is only one who is worthy
to be chosen as the authority
figure in your life –
Jesus Christ the Lord!



Spiritually, to not choose
is to make a choice,
you are either serving Satan or
you are serving the Savior.



My question is:
you are saved but
are you surrendered?



Jesus is not here to serve us;
we are to serve him.

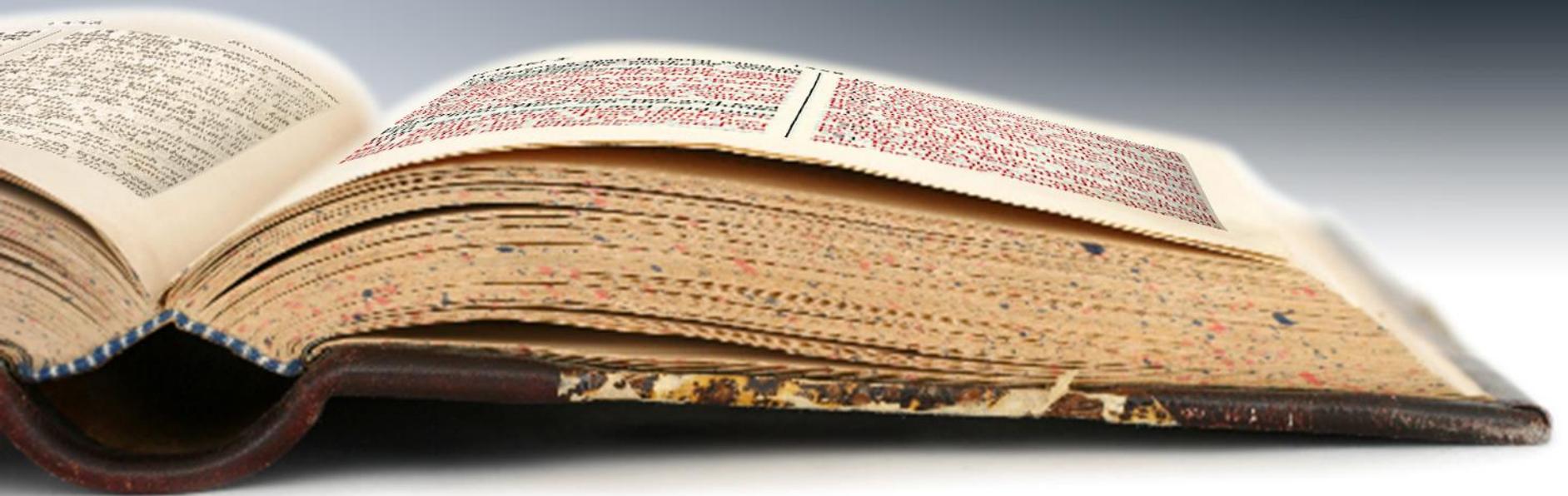
James McDonald



Decide to let Jesus Christ
be Lord of your life.



Jesus Christ is Lord.



Jesus might be prominent,
but he wasn't preeminent.



He is the image of the invisible
God. The word “image” is
“eikon” in the Greek or our
English word “icon.”



Jesus is the perfect
representation of God.

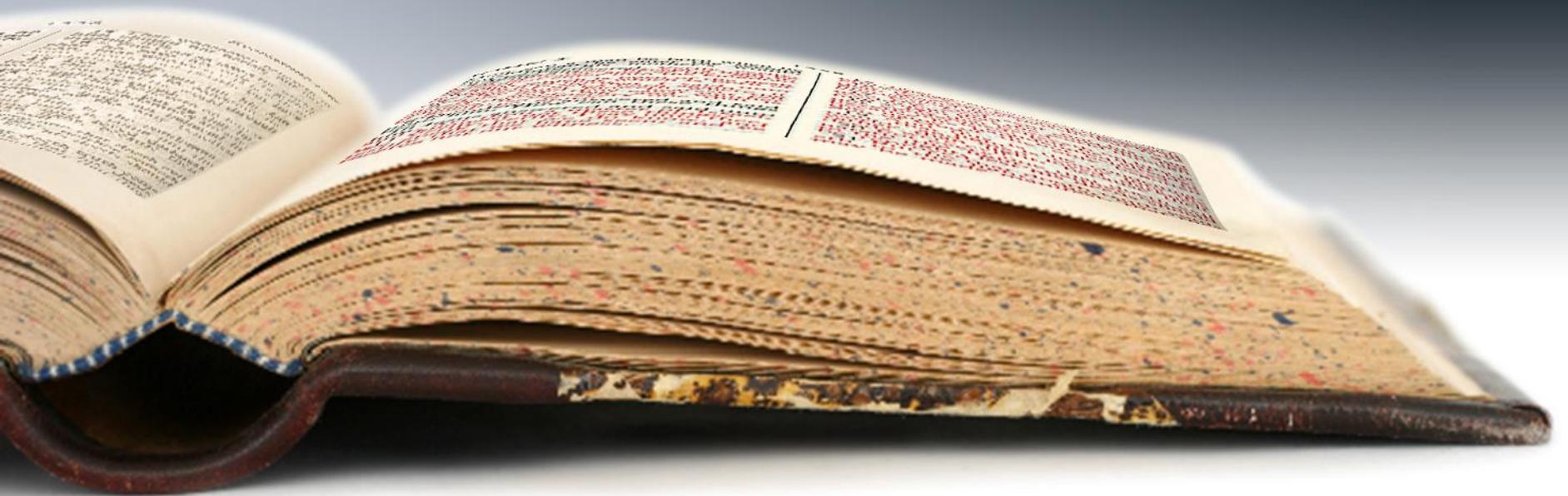


The Son is the radiance of
God's glory and the exact
representation of his being.

Hebrews 1:3



Jesus is God!



John 1:14



No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

John 1:18



He is the firstborn of all creation.



Firstborn came to mean
“unique in rank and privilege.”



Israel is my firstborn.

Exodus 4:22



But you are a chosen people,
a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's
special possession, that you may declare
the praises of him who called you out
of darkness into the marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9



Jesus is the firstborn over all creation.
He holds the highest rank because
he is the creator of all things.



He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things were made;
without him nothing was made that
has been made.

John 1:2-3



Discussion:

How do you view Jesus today?
Can you see him as Creator of
everything? Why or why not?



Jesus is before all things and in
him all things hold together.



He is Lord, not only of creation
but of the church.



He is the head of the church.
The word head is to be understood
as “origin” or “authority.”



Jesus is Lord! There is nothing outside the scope of Christ's sovereignty. Since all things natural and supernatural were created through him, they are subject to his authority.



The Lordship of Christ in
your life is the litmus test of
a truly transformed heart.



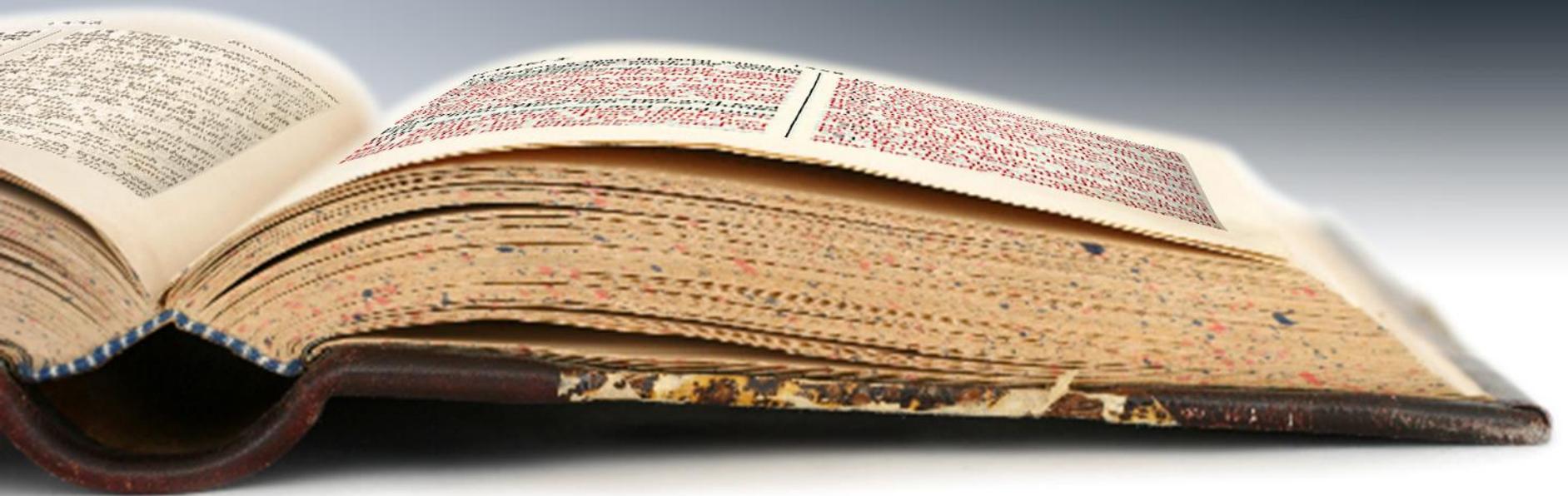
Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 7:21



Discussion:

Why do we hold on to
control so tightly?
Why can't we just let go?



Jesus becomes your Lord
as you choose to do it his way
rather than your own.



Discussion (Fill in the blanks):

If I were in charge, I would do _____ with my life, with my finances, in my marriage, on my job?

But Jesus is Lord of my life and so

I choose to do this:

