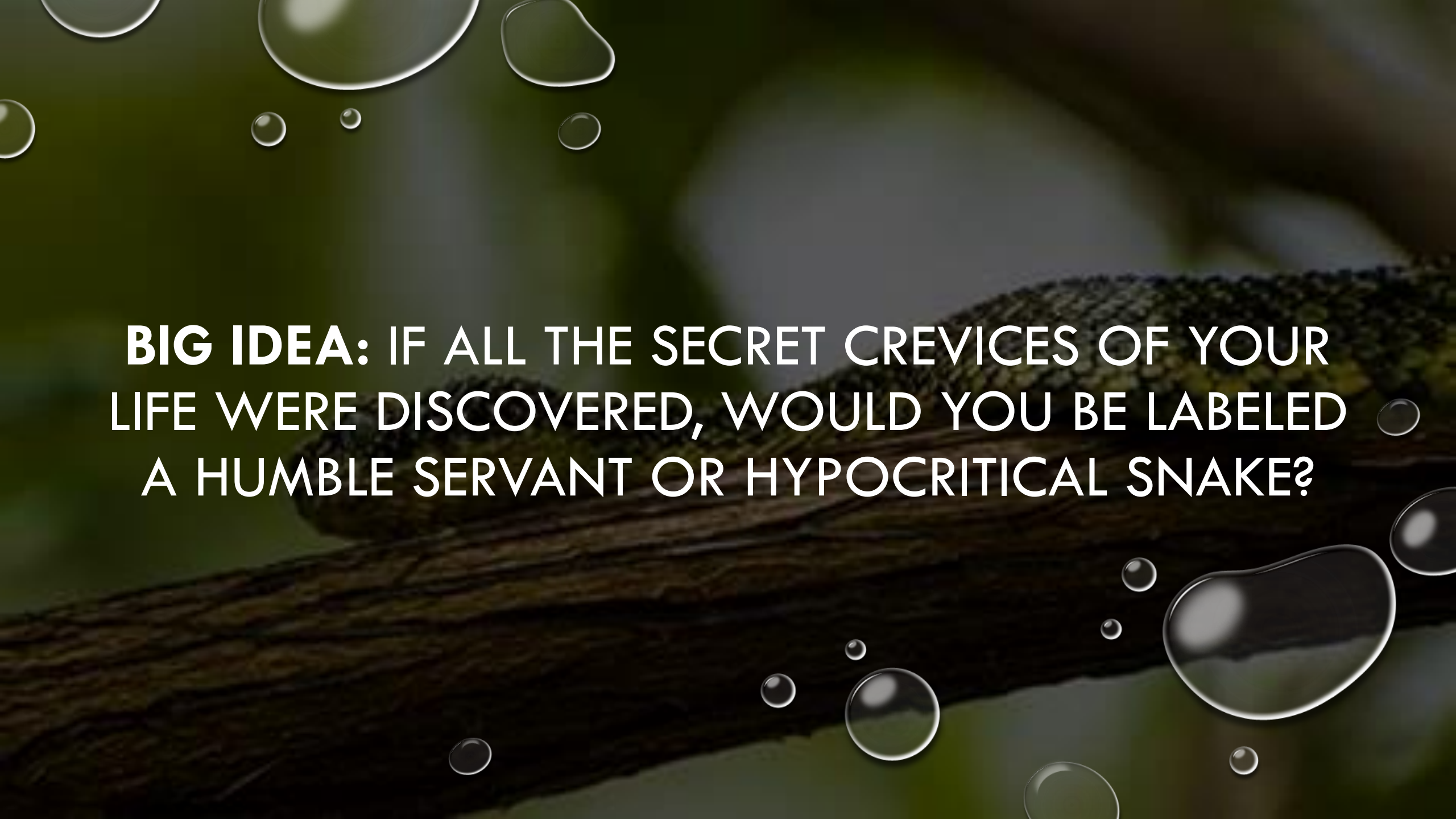




**JESUS IN THE
MANUSCRIPT OF
MATTHEW**

MESSAGE #75: A PORTRAIT OF A HYPOCRITE

MATTHEW 23:1-39

A close-up photograph of a snake's head, showing its textured scales and a large eye. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green. Numerous clear water droplets of various sizes are scattered across the scene, some resting on the snake's head and others in the air, creating a sense of freshness and transparency.

BIG IDEA: IF ALL THE SECRET CREVICES OF YOUR LIFE WERE DISCOVERED, WOULD YOU BE LABELED A HUMBLE SERVANT OR HYPOCRITICAL SNAKE?

HYPOCRISY FROM 30,000 FEET...

1. A HYPOCRITE SPEAKS THE TRUTH, BUT DOES NOT LIVE THE TRUTH (V. 3).
2. A HYPOCRITE LIVES TO BE SEEN AND PRAISED BY OTHERS (V. 5).
3. A HYPOCRITE'S LIFE IS MARKED BY AN INFLATED EGO (V. 11-12).

A HYPOCRITE...


1. RECRUITS PEOPLE TO THEMSELVES, NOT TO THE KINGDOM (V. 13).
2. PROCLAIMS A LAW-BASED PROCESS INSTEAD OF A GRACE-BASED GOSPEL (V. 15).
3. BLINDS PEOPLE'S CONSCIENCES BY CREATING LOOPHOLES TO THE WORD OF GOD (V. 16-22).

A HYPOCRITE...

4. NITPICKS ON THE SECONDARY MATTERS OF GOD'S WORD AND NEGATES THE PRIMARY MATTERS OF GOD'S WORD (V. 23-24).
5. PRIZES EXTERNAL PERFORMANCE OVER INTERNAL OBEDIENCE (V. 25-26).
6. CONFUSES THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF OUTWARD DEEDS WITH THE TRUE BEAUTY OF THE HEART (V. 27-28).

A HYPOCRITE...

7. MANIPULATES THEIR HISTORY OF EVIL WHILE
PERPETRATING PRESENT EVIL ACTIONS (V. 29-36).



**THE ANTIDOTE FOR
HYPOCRISY: HUMILITY (V. 11 -
12) & LAMENT (V. 37-39)...**