



# *“The Consolation of Israel”*

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paraklesis – *encourage,  
comfort, come near*

# Context

The background of the slide is a photograph of a forest floor. It shows several fallen, brown leaves scattered across the ground, with some tree trunks visible in the background. The entire image is covered with a dark blue gradient, which is lighter on the left side where the title is and fades into a darker blue towards the right.

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*“..the wrath of the LORD rose against His people, until there was no remedy.”*

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*The family through which the Deliverer and Reconciler of humanity would come*

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Who do you say that I am?

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*John 2:23-24 – “Many believed in His name when they saw the signs that He was doing. But Jesus on His part did not entrust Himself to them, because He knew all people.”*

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*John 14:21–23 – “Whoever has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him. If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.”*

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2. The more you *walk* with God, the more you will *see* Him at *work*