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WHAT IT MEANS TO FOLLOW JESUS

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6 "I have manifested Your name to the people whom You gave me out of the world.

Yours they were, and You gave them to Me,
and they have kept Your word.

7 Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You.

8 For I have given them the words that You gave Me,
and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I
came from You;
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- 9** I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.
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- 14** I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
- 15** I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.
- 16** They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.
- 17** Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.
- 18** As you sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.
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Definition: to make holy, consecrate, sanctify

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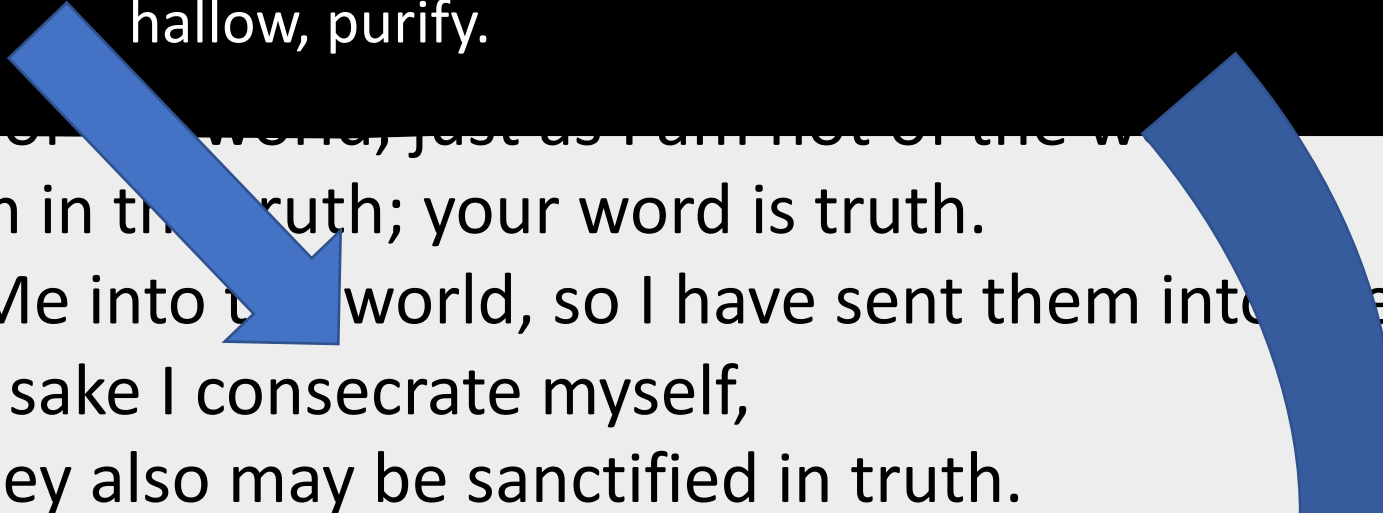
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