"God Speaks Through Object Lessons"
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God speaks to us through object lessons. God especially speaks in this manner to the Old Testament prophets. A good example is God's command to Hosea to marry a prostitute. This was to symbolize Israel's unfaithfulness and idolatry. Then later, God tells him,

> "*The Lord said to me, 'Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another man and is an adulteress . Love her as the Lord loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods'*".
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> Hosea 3:1

Also…
> "*The word of the Lord to Jeremiah: 'Go down to the potter's house, and there, I will give you my message.' So I went to the potter's house and I saw him working at the wheel…The Lord said, 'Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, house of Israel*.
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> Jeremiah 18:1-8

A divine Object Lesson is a spontaneous event that happens in front of us and works like a living/live parable

> "*The Lord showed me a basket of ripe fruit. 'What do you see Amos?' he asked, 'A basket of ripe fruit,' I answered. The Lord said to me, 'the time is ripe for my people Israel; I will not spare them any longer.'*"
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> Amos 8:1-2

God gave an object lesson when he orchestrated the timing of Jesus' death. It all happened on Passover week. He wanted to have us connect the two. He is saying that Jesus is the new Passover lamb who shed his blood so we may find deliverance from, not the Egyptians, but our sin.

Modern Examples of Object Lessons
1. The Horse
2. The Robin
3. The Cat
4. The Eagle
5. The Dog

Jesus' Parables are Object Lessons.
1. Pearl of great price
2. The sower

The 7 "I AM" sayings as Object Lessons
1. "I Am the Bread of Life"
2. "I Am the Light of the World"
3. "I Am the Door"
4. "I Am the Good Shepherd"
5. "I Am the Resurrection and the Life"
6. "I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life"
7. "I Am the True Vine"

We are to meditate on object lessons, parables, and metaphors and let them help us see, know, understand, and perceive the world we cannot see.