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John 20:30-31

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

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John 20:30-31

but these are written so that you
may believe that Jesus is the
Christ, the Son of God, and that by
believing you may have life in his
name.



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The Seven “Signs” of Jesus Identity

1. Water into Wine [John 2:1-11](#)
2. Official's Son Healed [John 4:43-54](#)
3. Lame Man Walks [John 5:1-15](#)
4. Feeding 5000 [John 6:1-14](#)



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| 5. Walking on Water | John 6:15-21 |
| 6. Healing the Blind | John 9:1-14 |
| 7. Raising Lazarus | John 11:1-44 |
| ❖ Miraculous Catch | John 21:6-11 |

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John 7:1-52

The Feast of Tabernacles

Jesus Makes His Final
Appearance in Jerusalem...

Until Calvary

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John 1:11

He Came to His Own...

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Tabernacles: An Decisive Moment

– Greatest of the Feasts

Lev. 23:39-40

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Exodus 23:14-19

“Three times a year you are to celebrate
a festival to me.

“Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened
Bread;...

“Celebrate the Feast of Harvest with the
firstfruits of the crops you sow in your
field....

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Exodus 23:14-19

“Celebrate the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field.

“Three times a year all the men are to appear before the Sovereign Lord.

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Leviticus 23:33, 39-40

The Lord said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites: ‘On the fifteenth day of the seventh month the Lord’s Feast of Tabernacles begins, and it lasts for seven days.’”



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Leviticus 23:33, 39-40

‘So beginning with the fifteenth day of the seventh month, after you have gathered the crops of the land, celebrate the festival to the Lord for seven days; the first day is a day of rest, and the eighth day also is a day of rest.

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Leviticus 23:33, 39-40

On the first day you are to take choice fruit from the trees, and palm fronds, leafy branches and poplars, and rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days....

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Leviticus 23:33, 39-40

Live in booths for seven days: All native-born Israelites are to live in booths so your descendants will know that I had the Israelites live in booths when I brought them out of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.’ ”



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- Greatest of the Feasts Lev 23:39-
- Part of the “Holiday” Month Lev 23:23-



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Leviticus 23:23-34

“Speak to the people of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a day of solemn rest, a memorial proclaimed with blast of trumpets, a holy convocation.



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Leviticus 23:23-34

...“Now on the tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. It shall be for you a time of holy convocation, and you shall afflict yourselves and present a food offering to the Lord.

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Leviticus 23:23-34

...On the fifteenth day of this
seventh month and for seven days is
the Feast of Tabernacles to the Lord.



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- A Time of Great Celebration Deut 14:22-

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Deuteronomy 14:22-26

Eat the tithe of your grain, new wine and oil, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks in the presence of the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name, so that you may learn to revere the Lord your God always.

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Deuteronomy 14:22-26

But if that place is too distant and
you have been blessed by the Lord
your God and cannot carry your
tithe...

then exchange your tithe for silver,
and take the silver with you and go to
the place the Lord your God will
choose.



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Deuteronomy 14:22-26

Use the silver to buy whatever you like: cattle, sheep, wine or other fermented drink, or anything you wish. Then you and your household shall eat there in the presence of the Lord your God and rejoice.



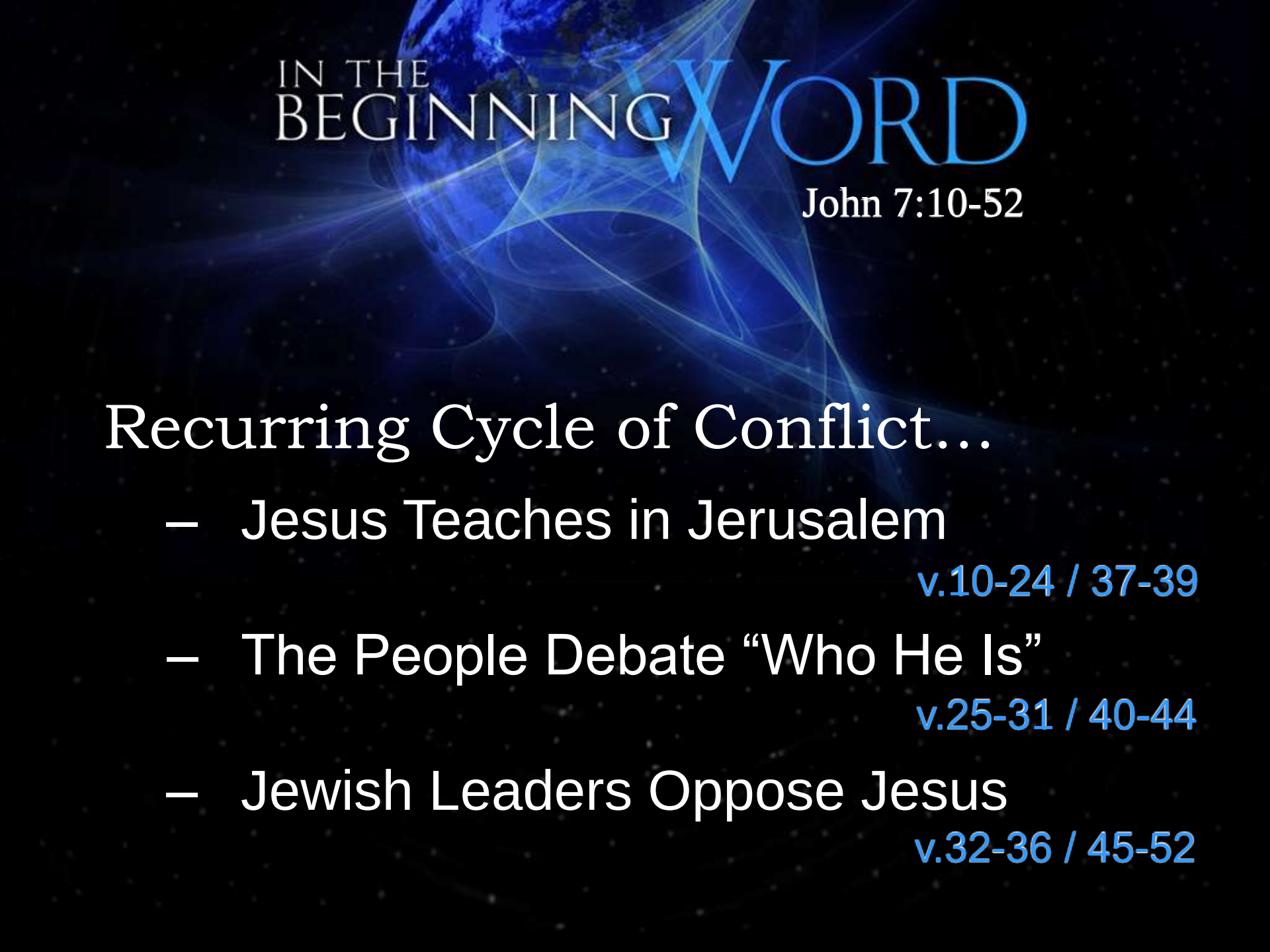
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- Hope of David’s Kingdom Tradition

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What Did Jesus Do at this Feast
that was So Special?



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John 7:10-52

Recurring Cycle of Conflict...

- Jesus Teaches in Jerusalem

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- The People Debate “Who He Is”

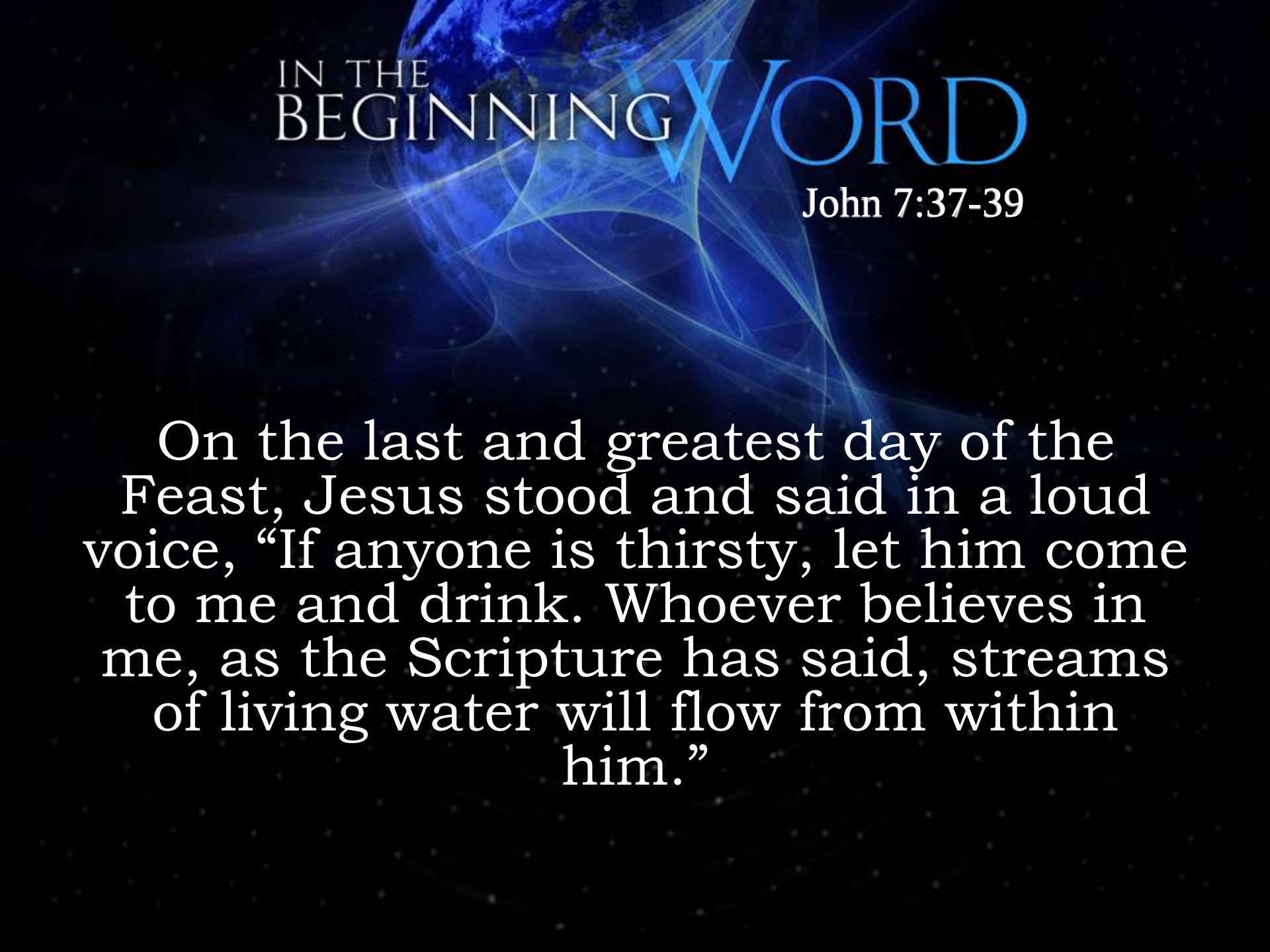
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- Jewish Leaders Oppose Jesus

v.32-36 / 45-52

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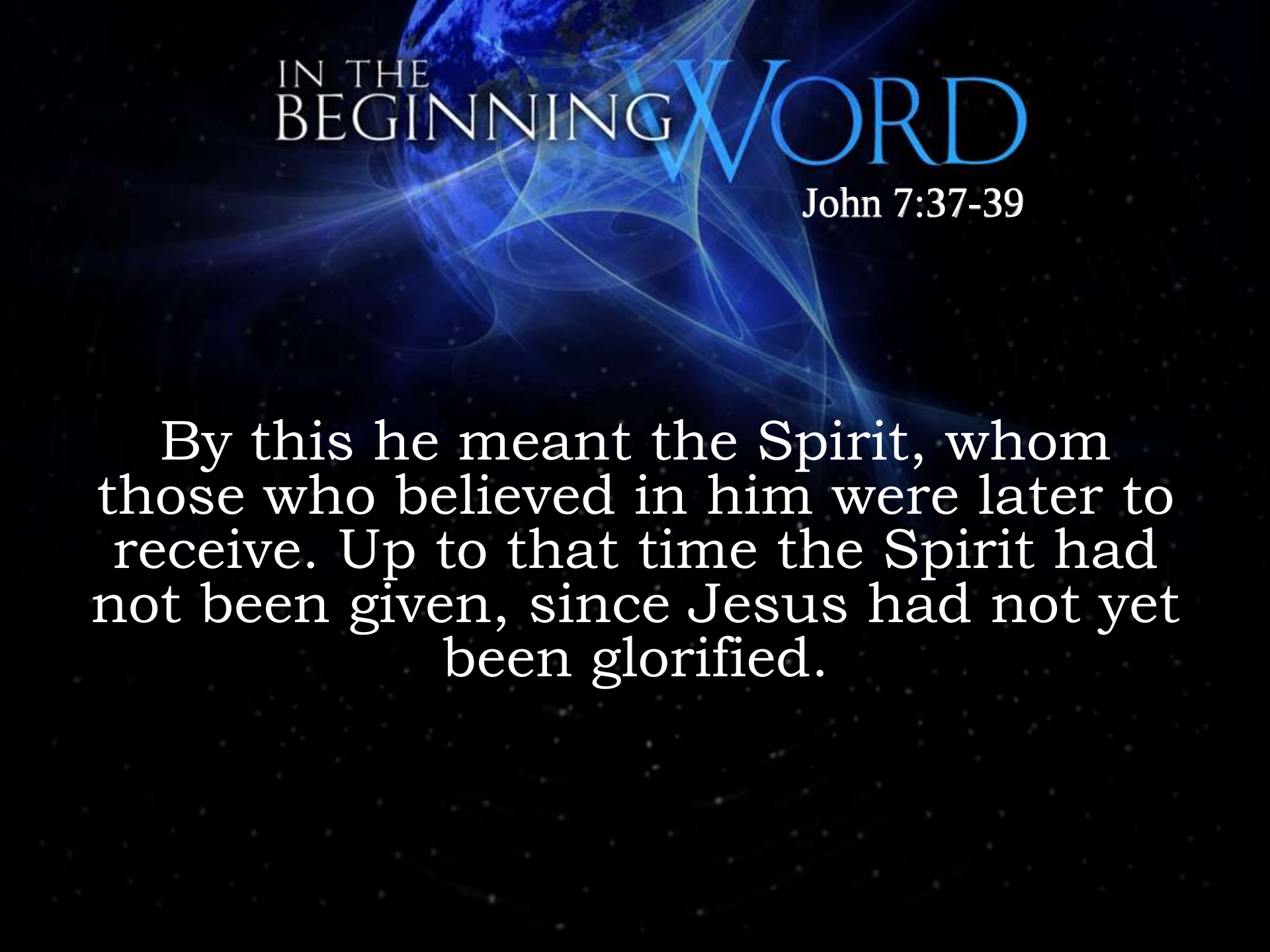
John Focuses Our Attention on
Jesus Teaching in Verse 37



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John 7:37-39

On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.”



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John 7:37-39

By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

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What Makes the “Water”
Significant?

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Isaiah 12:3

“With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation”

This verse was proclaimed – in the hope of
the Messiah’s return – at the feast ceremony
on the second Sabbath.

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Why Makes this Announcement
So Decisive?

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It is Jesus Last Invitation
for the Jewish Leaders
to Receive Him Before
Comes to Calvary

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How Thirsty Are We?
Are We Ready to Drink?

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