



*Your Story*  
is Better Than You Think



## OUR PREMISE

When you join God's family by believing in Jesus,  
you become a part of His amazing, eternal Story.

*John 1:1-18*



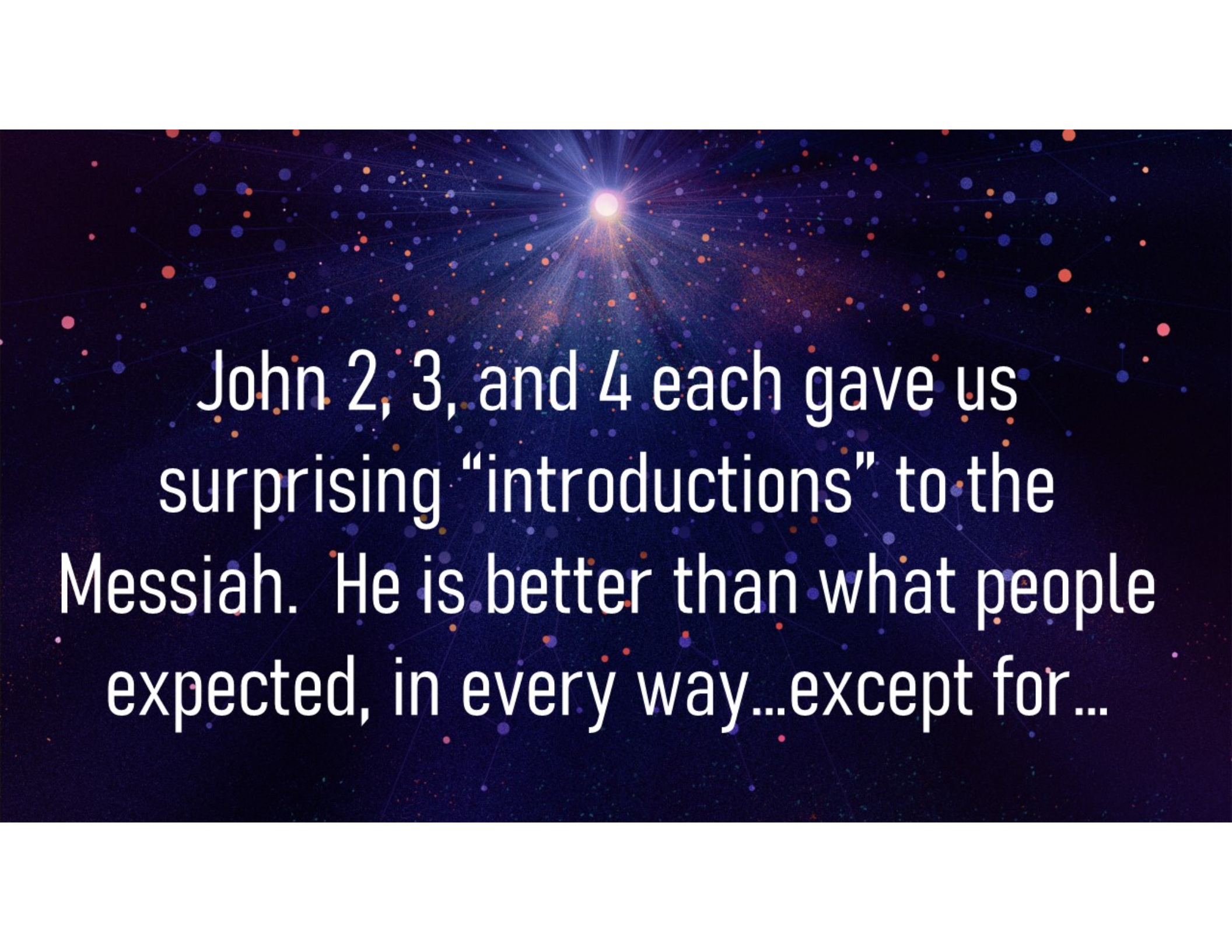
## TESTIFY

Tell Someone Your  
Story about Meeting Jesus

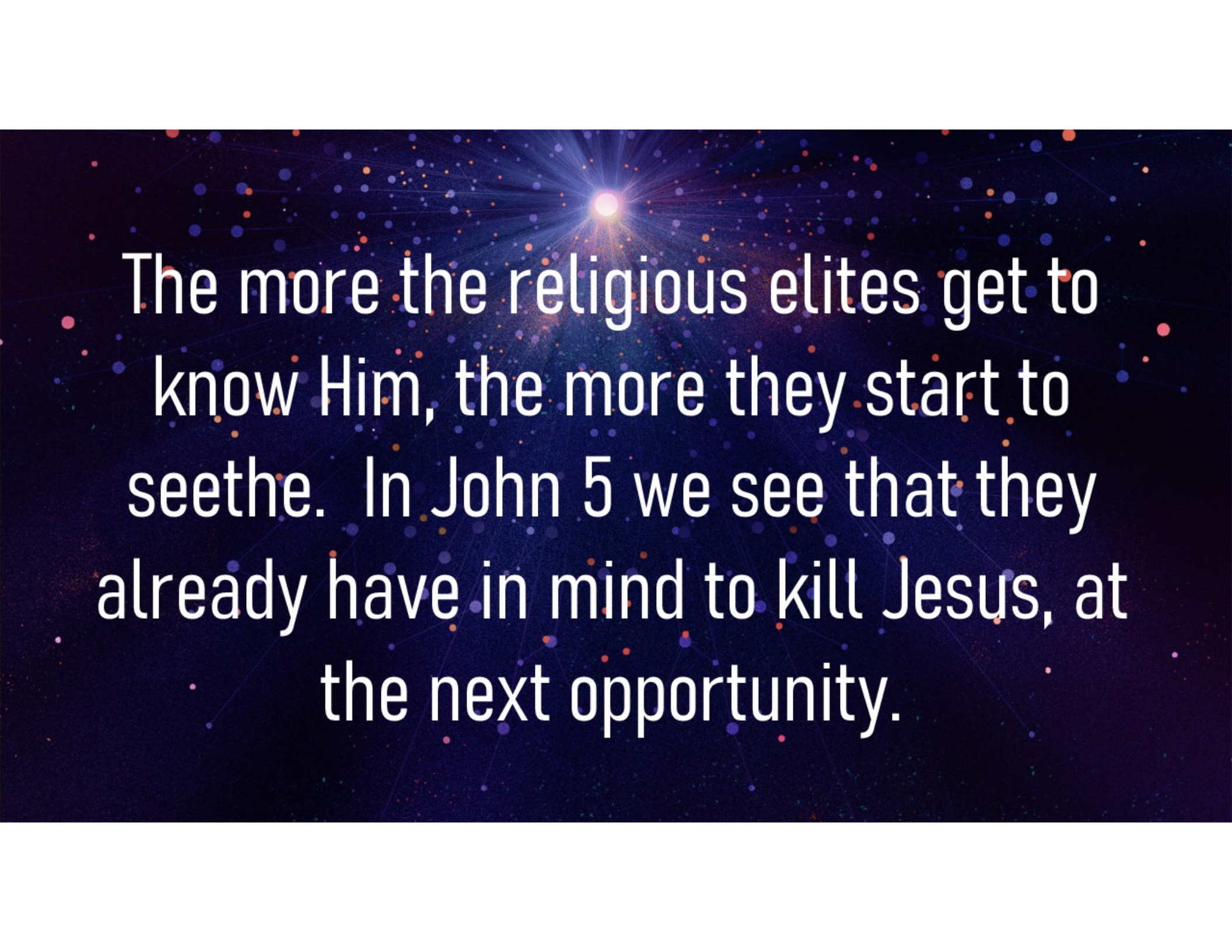
## INTRODUCE

Ask If They Would  
Like to Meet Him Too

*John 1:19-51*



John 2, 3, and 4 each gave us surprising “introductions” to the Messiah. He is better than what people expected, in every way...except for...



The more the religious elites get to know Him, the more they start to seethe. In John 5 we see that they already have in mind to kill Jesus, at the next opportunity.

## What did Jesus do that was so offensive to them?

1. He collapsed their sham “worship” at the Temple.
2. He confounded the best of their teachers.
3. He called out their hypocrisy regarding the Torah.
4. He claimed He was the ultimate Truth.
5. He didn't care what *they* thought! (5:41LOL)



# 3 Bold Claims of Jesus that Require a Response



JESUS CLAIMED HE COULD GIVE PEOPLE  
ETERNAL LIFE (John 5:21, 24)

“I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.”

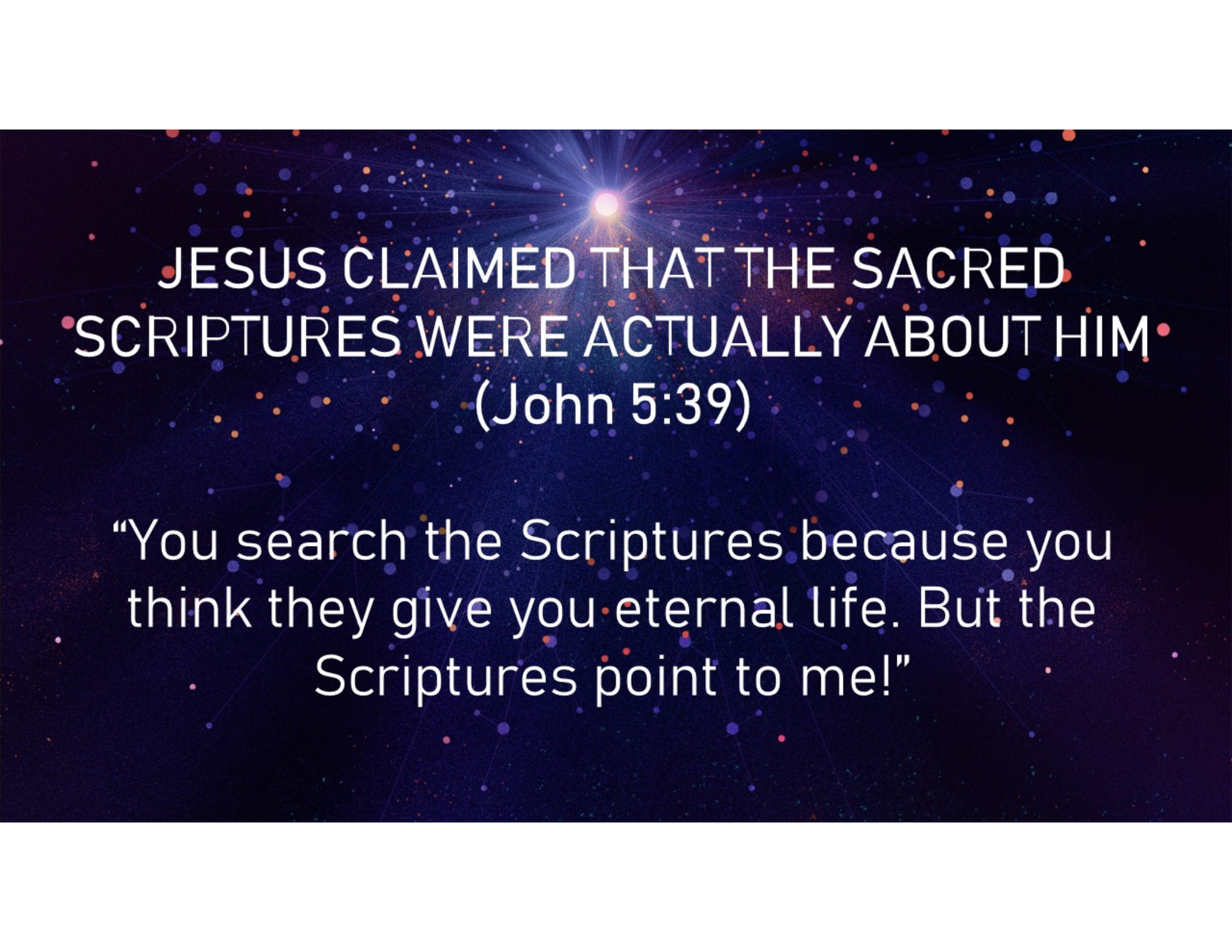




JESUS CLAIMED HE WOULD BE THE JUDGE  
OF ALL PEOPLE (John 5:22, 28-29)

“...all the dead in their graves will hear the voice of God’s Son, and they will rise again.

Those who have done good will rise to experience eternal life, and those who have continued in evil will rise to experience judgment.”




JESUS CLAIMED THAT THE SACRED  
SCRIPTURES WERE ACTUALLY ABOUT HIM  
(John 5:39)

“You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!”



The religious elites knew they had to  
make a choice about Jesus

- a) Believe Him, and follow Him
- b) Ignore Him, and become irrelevant
- c) Reject Him, and treat Him as a  
blasphemer (kill Him)
- d) Keep listening to Him, willing to believe



As we read the story of Jesus in the Gospel of John, we too have a choice to make.

Believe

Ignore

Reject

Keep Listening



## CHALLENGE THIS WEEK

Give 3 minutes each morning this week to contemplation and prayer about *eternal life*.

Starters: John 3:36, 4:14, 5:24, 5:28-29



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