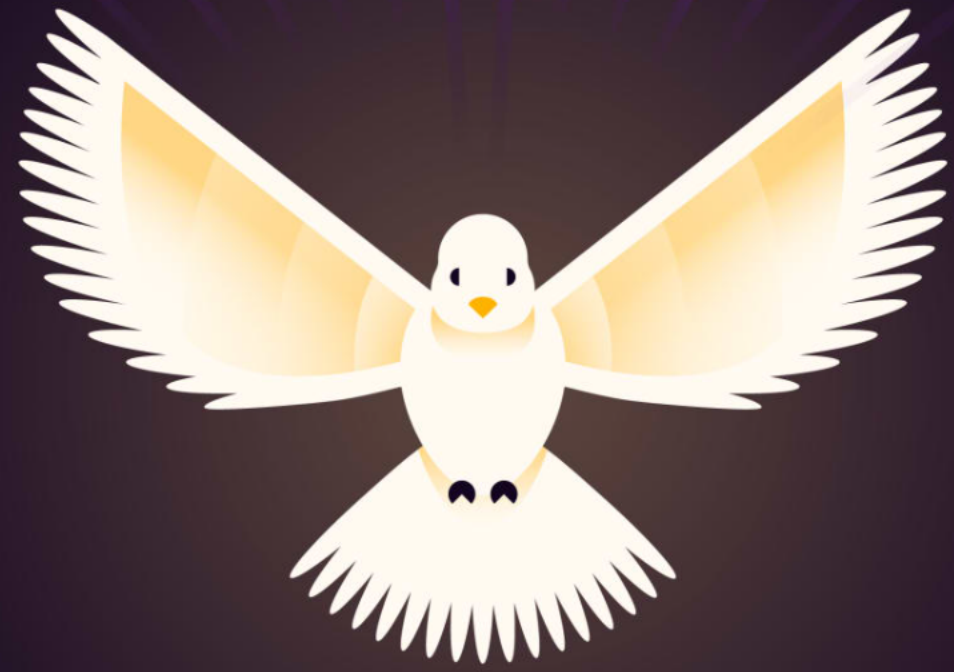




SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 7:24 - 52

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO



— JOHN —



We think of ourselves as dry creatures.

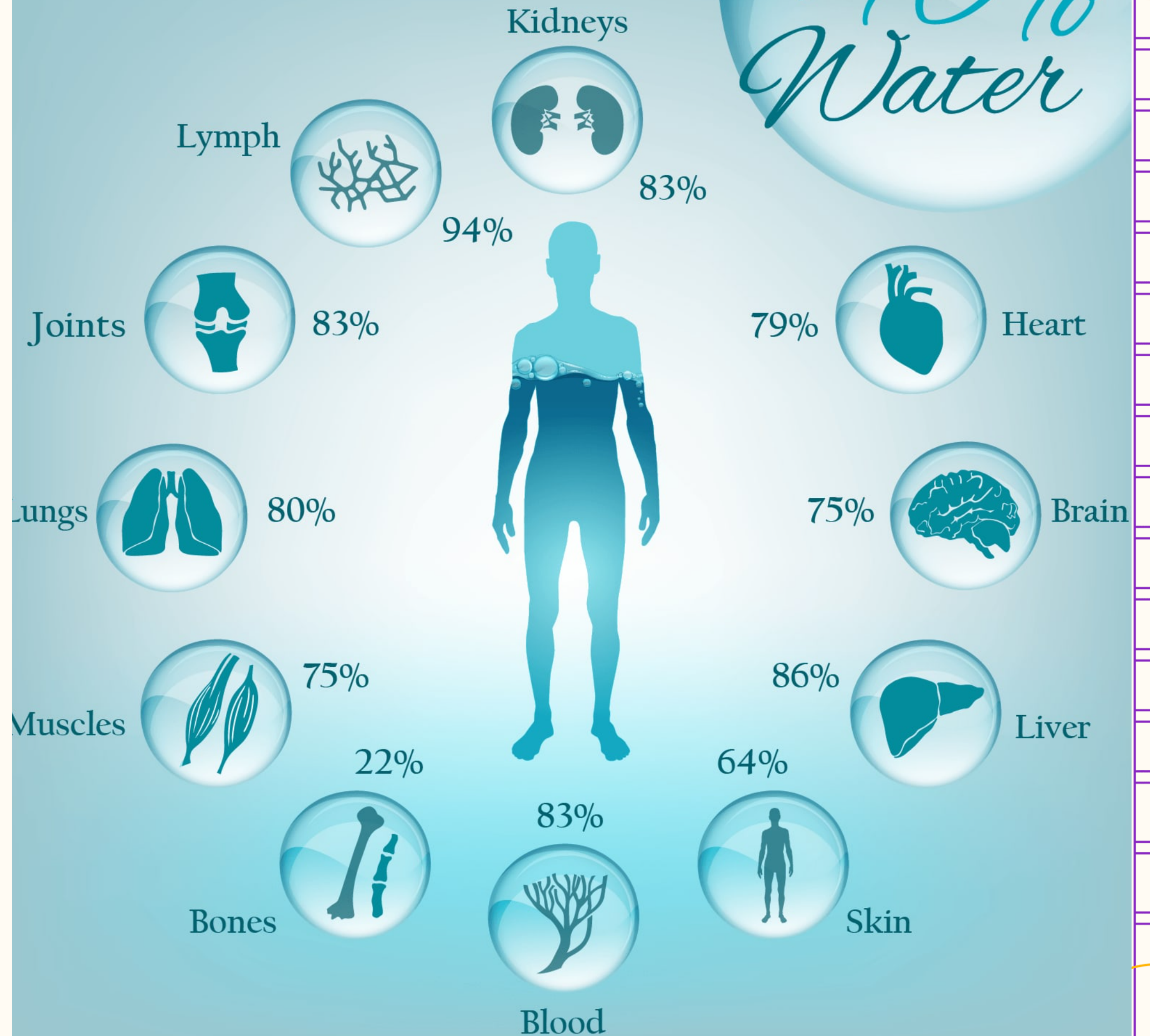


After some play, we like to get out of our wet clothes.

But you are mostly made up of water. Creatures are among the wettest things on earth.

Water In The Human Body

Our Body is **70%** Water



Your Liquid Assets

Water keeps your energy up, weight down, muscles strong, joints supple, digestive system smooth—your whole system in physical balance

REGULATES BODY TEMPERATURE

MAKES UP 83% OF BLOOD

REMOVES WASTE

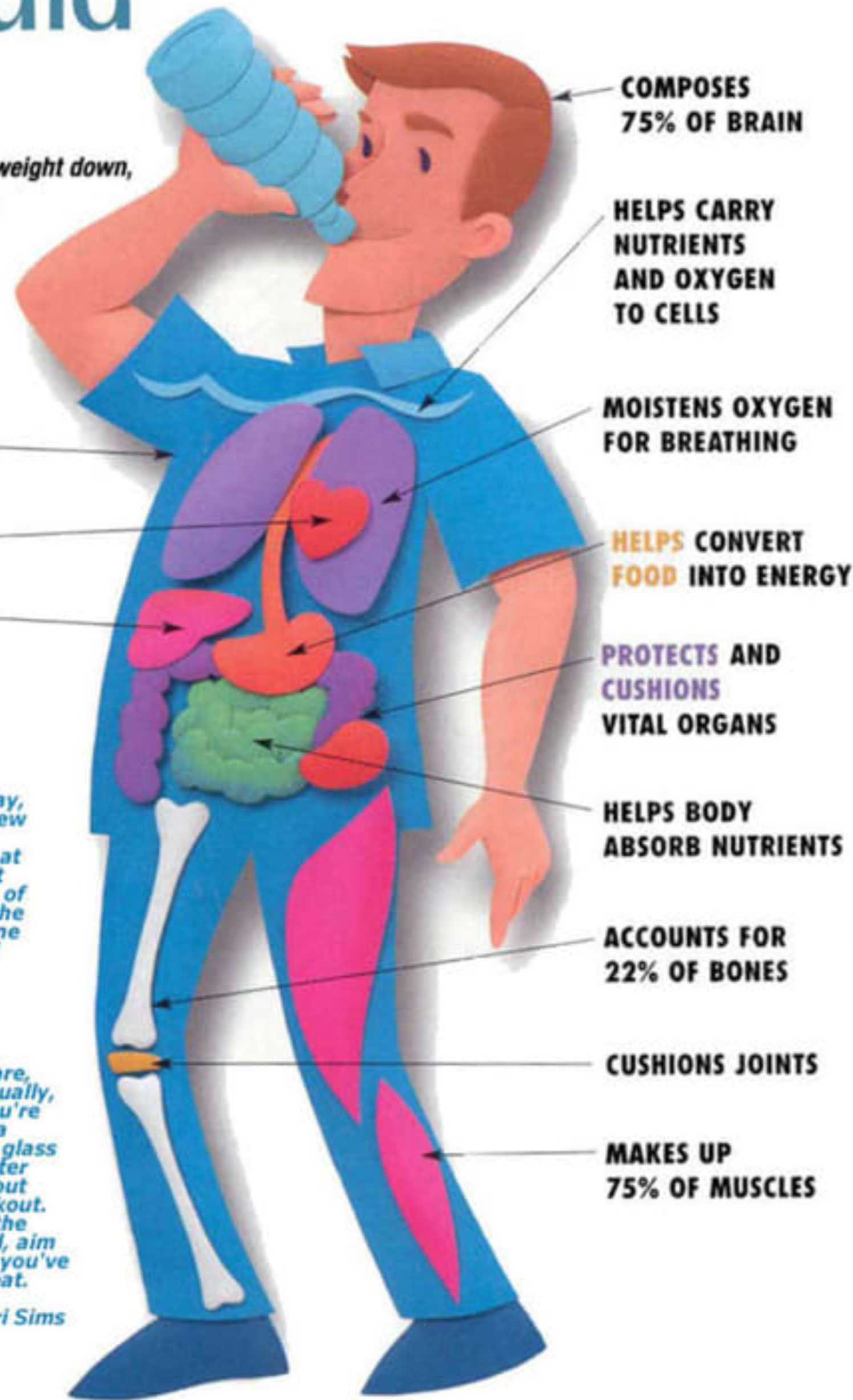
Water and Cancer

Downing 11 glasses of fluid a day -- the bulk of them water -- may help keep male bladder cancer away, suggests a just-out study in *The New England Journal of Medicine*. The research, led by a team of doctors at Harvard and Ohio State, found that men who drink at least six glasses of plain old H₂O daily have just half the risk of those who have less than one glass of water a day, regardless of what else they drink.

Water and Workouts

Which is best: drinking water before, during or right after exercise? Actually, all three, say experts. Whether you're heading off for a morning walk or a vigorous tennis match, drink a tall glass of water first. Then try to take water breaks (even just a sip or two) about every 10 minutes during your workout. The more vigorous your exercise, the more water you'll need. Afterward, aim for two more glasses, especially if you've been active enough to break a sweat.

-- Shari Sims



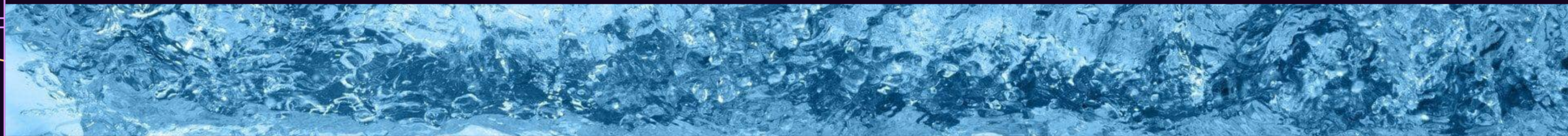
Hence all the water drinking health kicks.



K E Y I D E A :



**Water is the
foundational
element
sustaining life.**



The Sustaining Foundation

Life
Refreshment
Habitability
Healing
Cleansing
Hospitality
Civilizing
Fertility
Growth
Flourishing





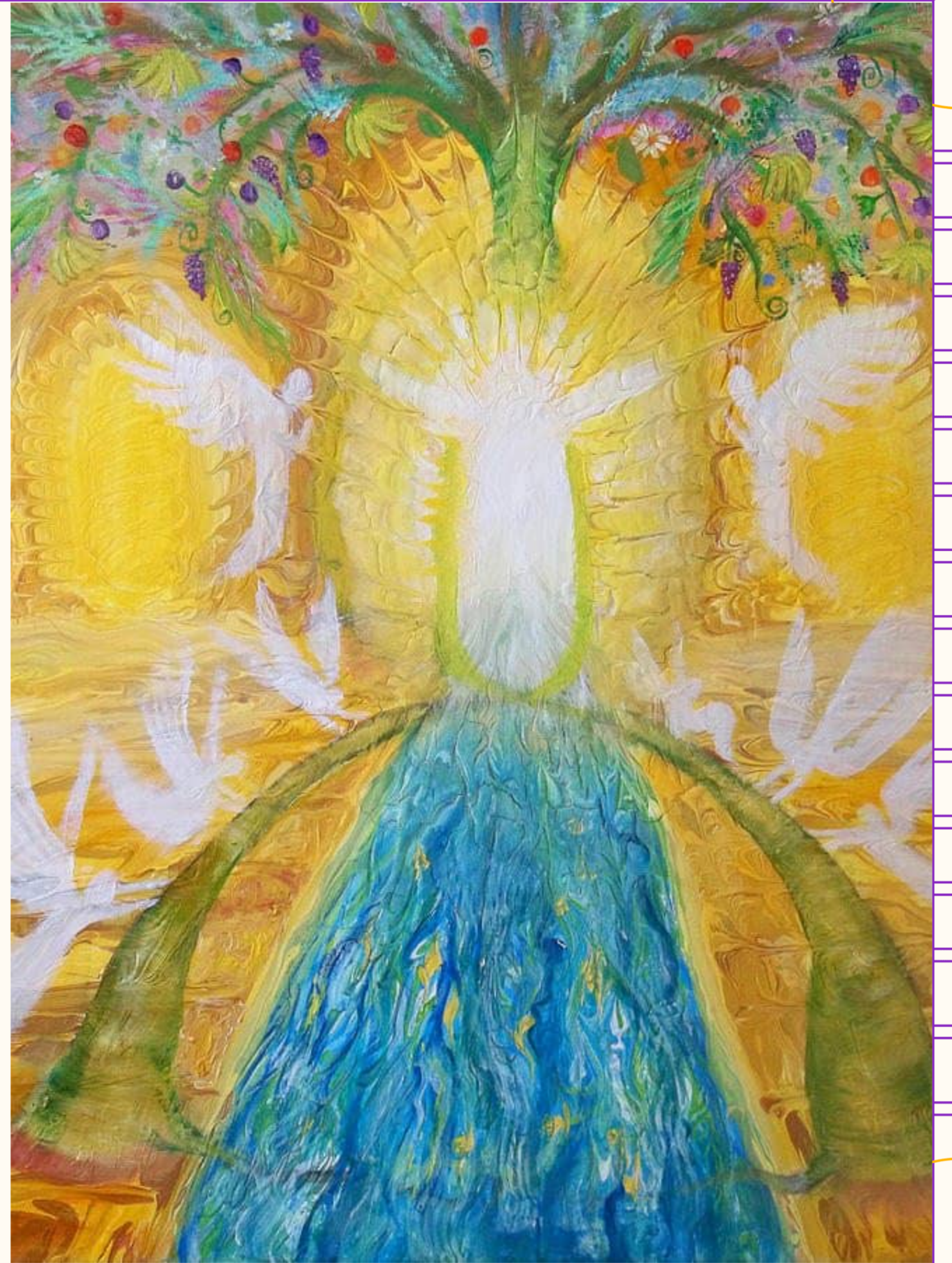
John 7:37 – 38

"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."

Revelation 22

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.



Ezekiel 47

Water flowing from the Temple to the Dead Sea and Mediterranean. God will be the source of life—even the Dead Sea will teem with life.





Isaiah 55:1

"Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters; and you who
have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without
money and without cost.

"Come to the Waters"

Life
Refreshment
Habitability
Healing
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Harvest
Flourishing





Isaiah 44:3 – 4 NIBO

**For I will pour water on the thirsty land,
and streams on the dry ground; I will pour
out my Spirit on your offspring, and my
blessing on your descendants.**

**They will spring up like grass in a meadow,
like poplar trees by flowing streams.**



Isaiah 58:11 – 12

The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. **You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.** Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.



Joel 3:18

"In that day the mountains will drip new wine, and the hills will flow with milk; all the ravines of Judah will run with water. **A fountain will flow out of the LORD's house and will water the valley of acacias.**



Zechariah 13:1

"On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity."



Zechariah 14:8 – 11

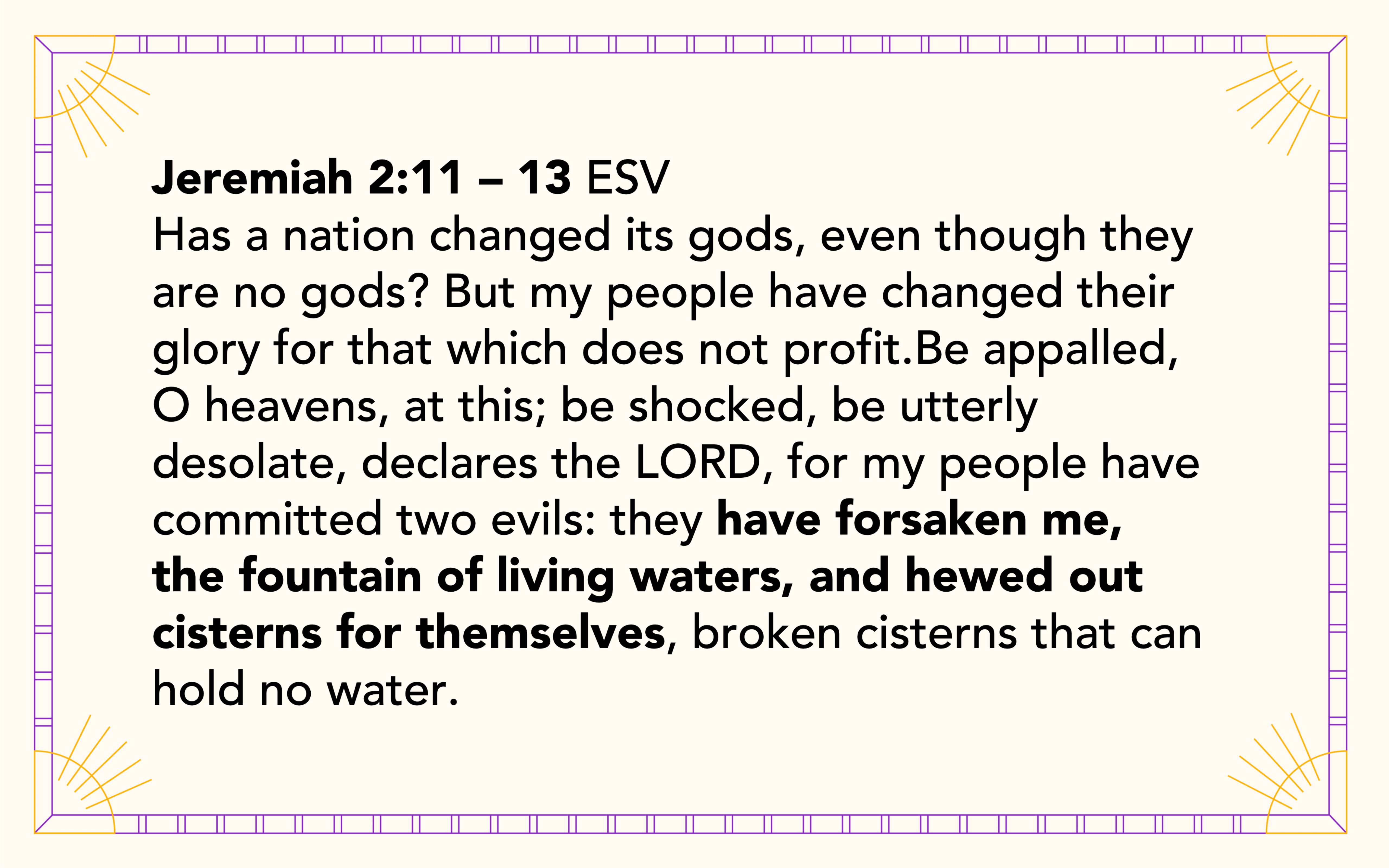
On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half to the eastern sea and half to the western sea, in summer and in winter. The LORD will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one LORD, and his name the only name.



Jeremiah 17:13 – 14 ESV

O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be put to shame; those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth, for they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living water.

Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.



Jeremiah 2:11 – 13 ESV

Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they **have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.**

Water In John

Baptism
in water



Born of water
& the Spirit



Living water
at the well



at the
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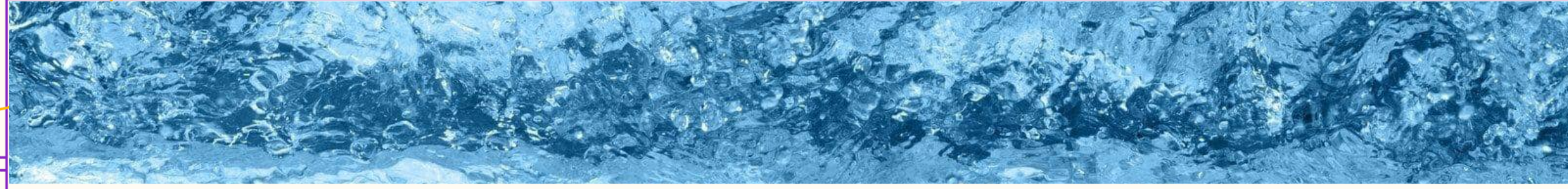
cleansing,
identification
and faith

Spiritual birth
as imp as
physical birth

Your deeper
longing

The source of
real healing

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John 7:37 – 38

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."





John 7:39

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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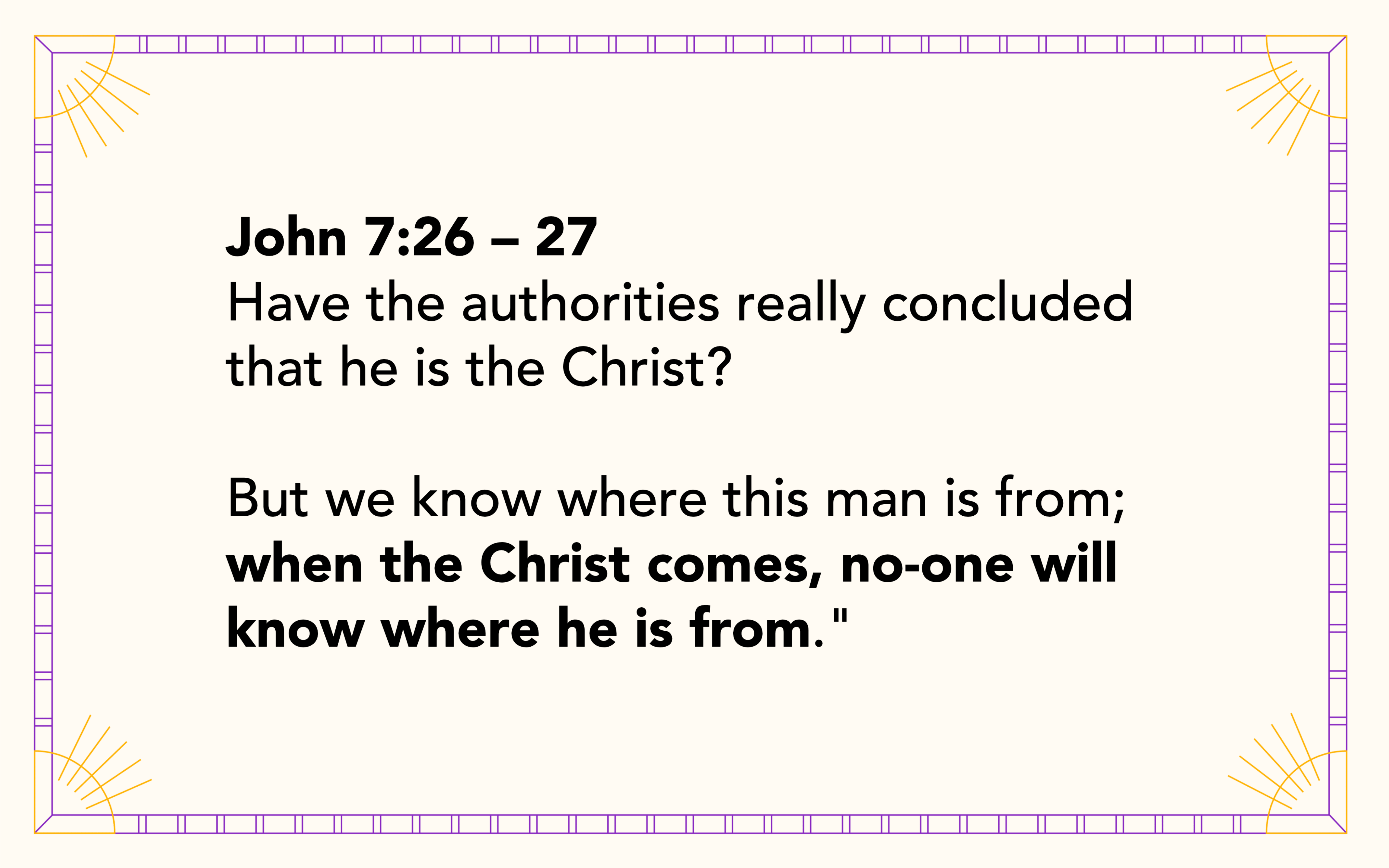
**God's life comes
with God the Spirit.**

That's why faith; and dry pants

P O I N T 1

**Our objections
aren't great.**

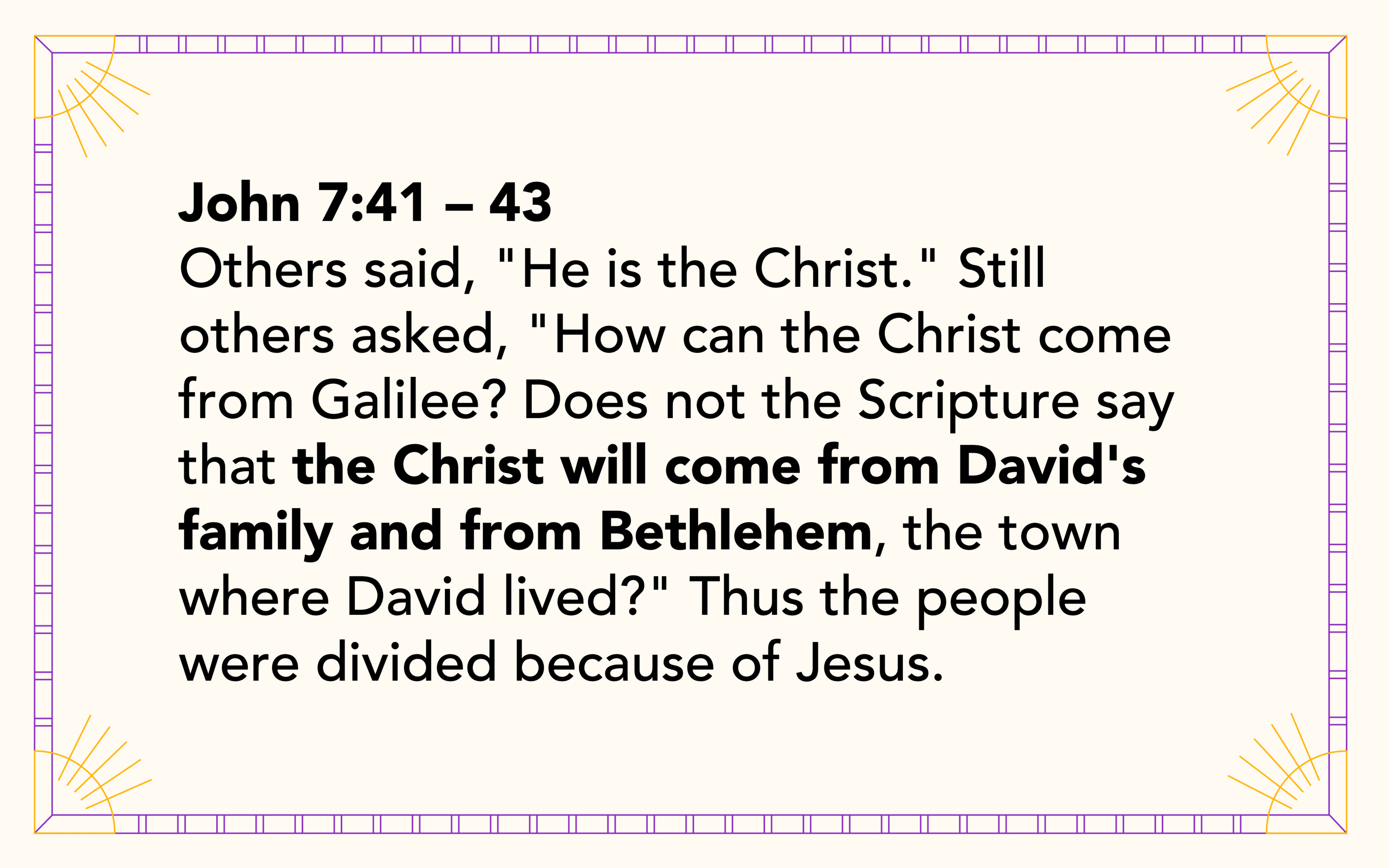
**"Stop judging by mere appearances, and
make a right judgment." John 7:24**



John 7:26 – 27

Have the authorities really concluded that he is the Christ?

But we know where this man is from; **when the Christ comes, no-one will know where he is from."**

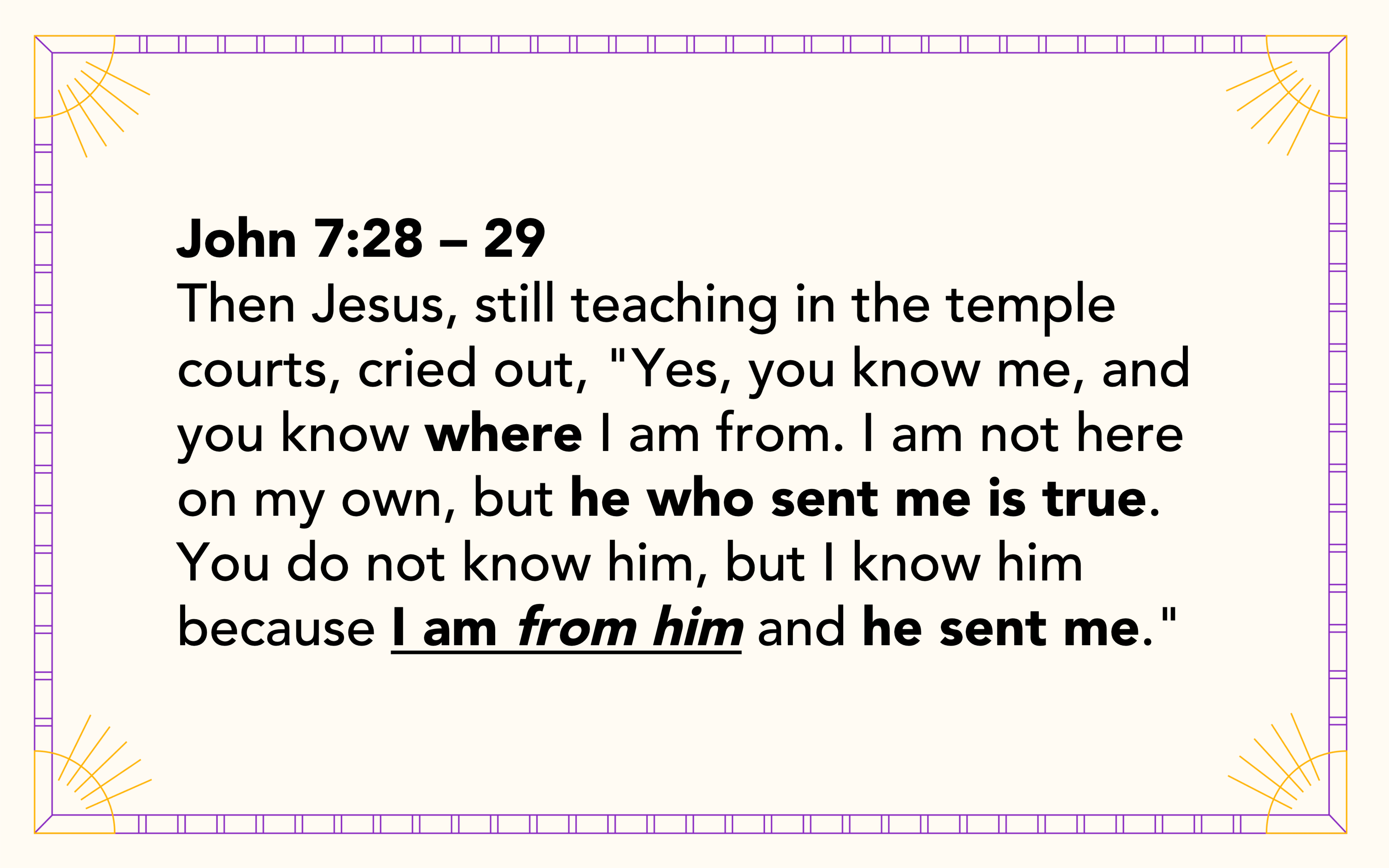


John 7:41 – 43

Others said, "He is the Christ." Still others asked, "How can the Christ come from Galilee? Does not the Scripture say that **the Christ will come from David's family and from Bethlehem**, the town where David lived?" Thus the people were divided because of Jesus.

OBJECTION

1. The Bible isn't reliable
 2. Jesus never claimed to be God
 3. Religion is bad for the world, therefore...
 4. Christians are hateful...
 5. Christianity rejects science; the real **light of the world**
 6. Christianity degrades women
 7. Christians don't really care about the poor
 8. Christians don't really improve society
 9. I don't need God or he shouldn't make me need him
 10. Christianity is bad for diversity
- Etc....



John 7:28 – 29

Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, "Yes, you know me, and you know **where** I am from. I am not here on my own, but **he who sent me is true**. You do not know him, but I know him because **I am *from him*** and **he sent me.**"



John 7:47 – 52

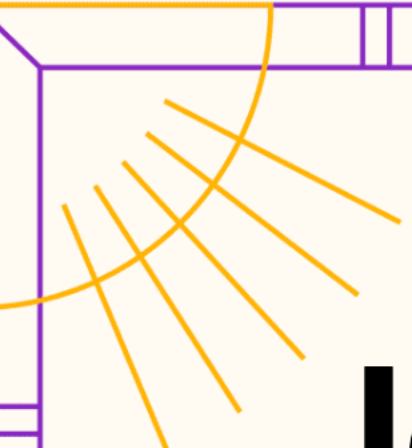
"You mean he has deceived you also?" the Pharisees retorted. **"Has any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? No!**

But this mob that knows nothing of the law—there is a curse on them."

Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number, asked, **"Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he is doing?"** They replied, **"Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee."**

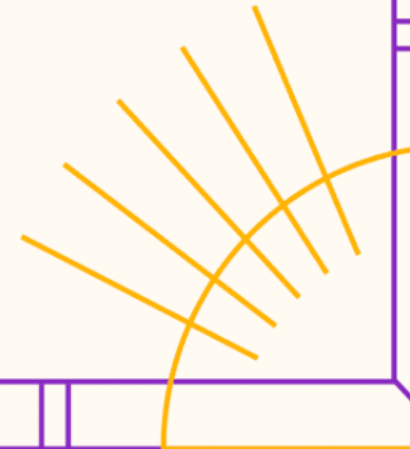
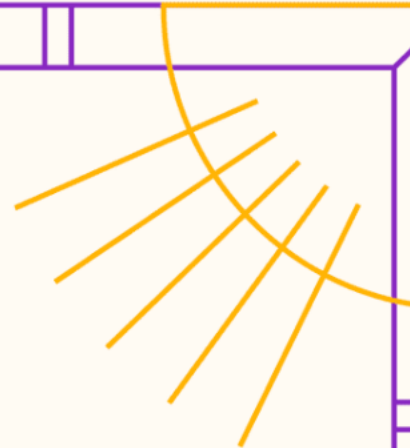

P O I N T 2

**Missing it is the
real danger.**



John 7:33 – 36

Jesus said, "I am with you for only a short time, and then I go to the one who sent me. **You will look for me, but you will not find me;** and where I am, you cannot come." The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we cannot find him? Will he go where our people live scattered among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? **What did he mean** when he said, 'You will look for me, but you will not find me,' and 'Where I am, you cannot come'?"



Key :

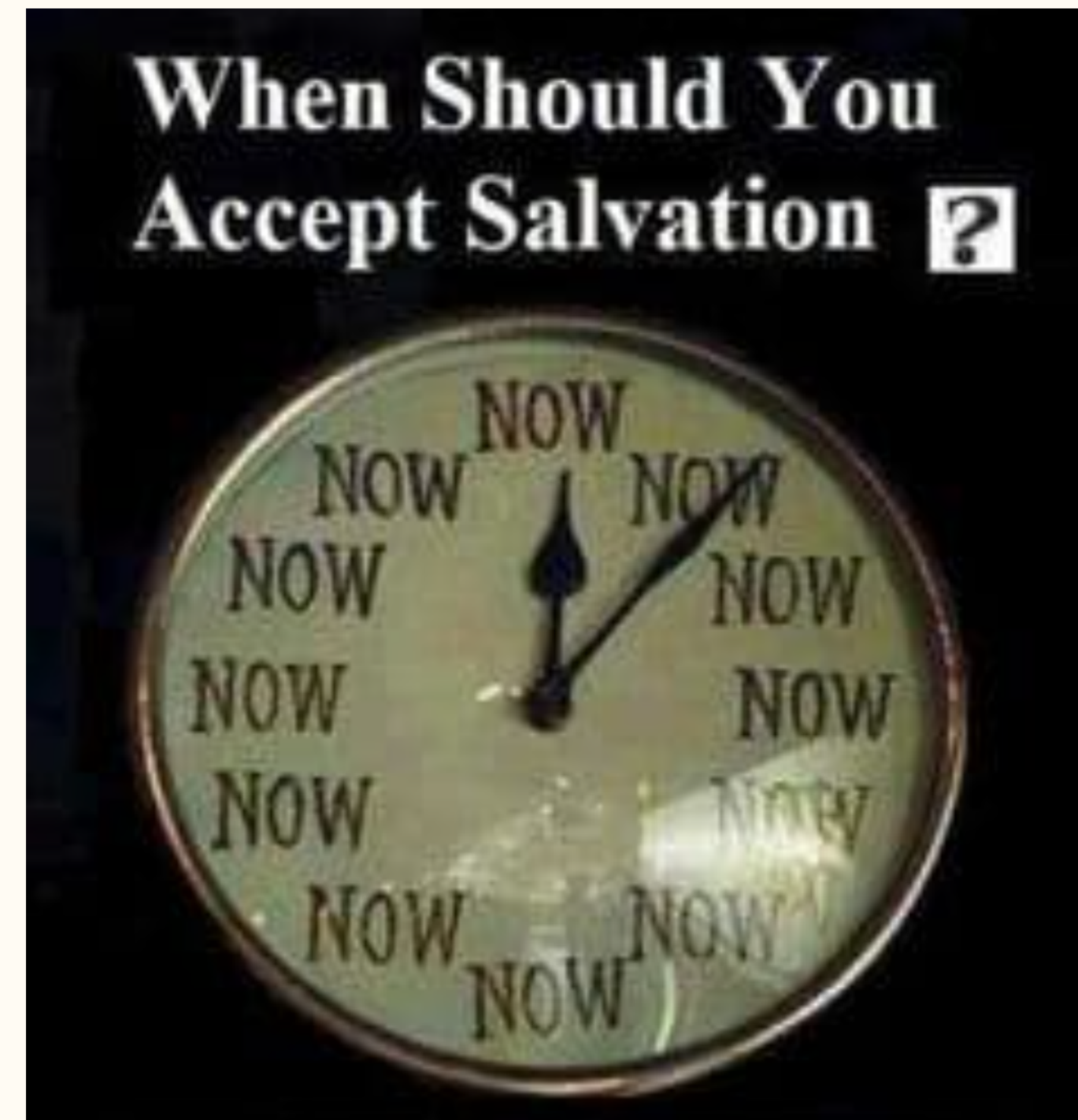
Mistrust

Missing the point you could understand to
interrogate the part you don't.
And so, misunderstanding the person.

Urgency



"You have to
decide today."



"Today is the Day of
Salvation."

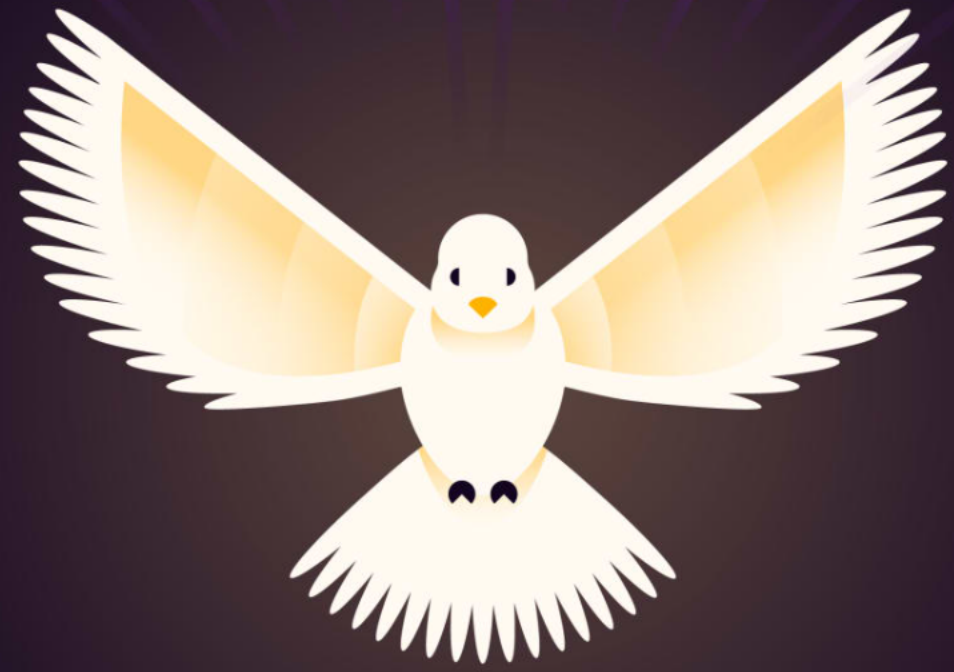
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