

Resurrection Author LORD
I AM Christ
bread of life
Beginning and the End
Good Shepherd SAVIOR
Messiah

SON OF
the beloved man
OUR Light
HOPE cornerstone
Teacher Life
King of the Jews

RIGHTEOUS ONE Friend TRUTH
Everlasting Father Great
FIRST AND Physician
LAST
faithful and true
Alpha and witness
Omega JESUS
high priest
Friend
Holy One
master

Son of the Most High
Bright & MORNING STAR
counselor Author of
LOVE Salvation
true vine
Heir Shield & Potter
of all Buckler
ROCK
Righteousness Alpha
of Judah lamb without blemish
Living Water
Savior wonderful

in His Name

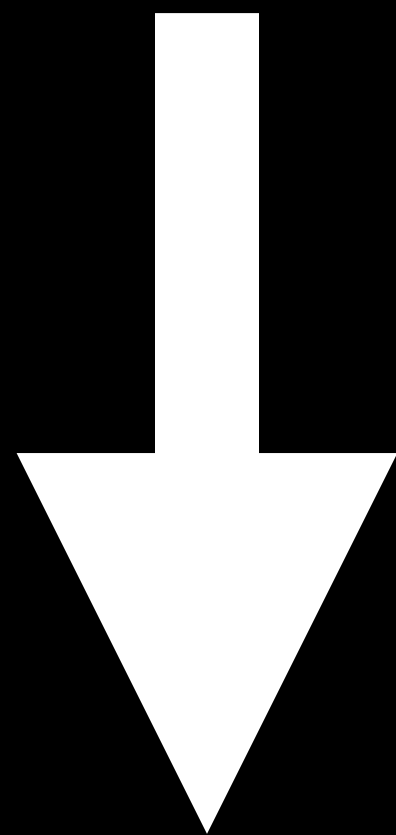


I don't follow the royal family, but millions of people just heard readings from the Bible, songs of praise to the Lord, and a little bit of preaching. That's a good thing, don't you think?



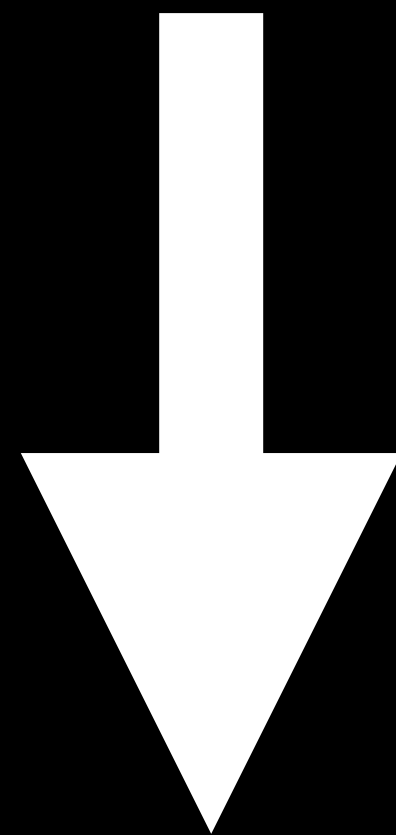
John 7

Easter



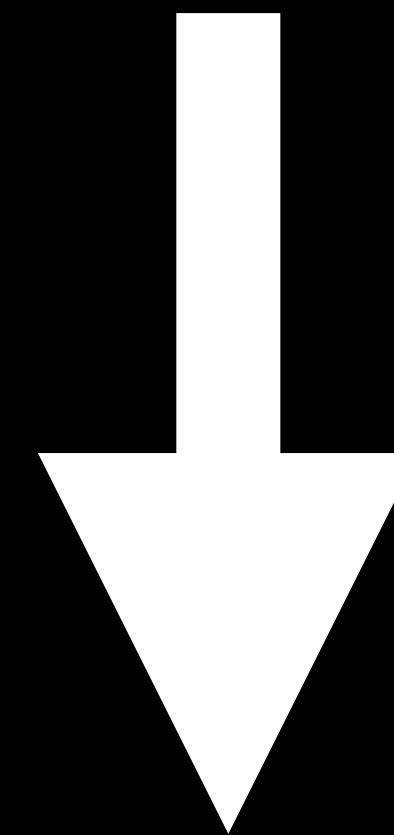
Rescued!

Thanksgiving



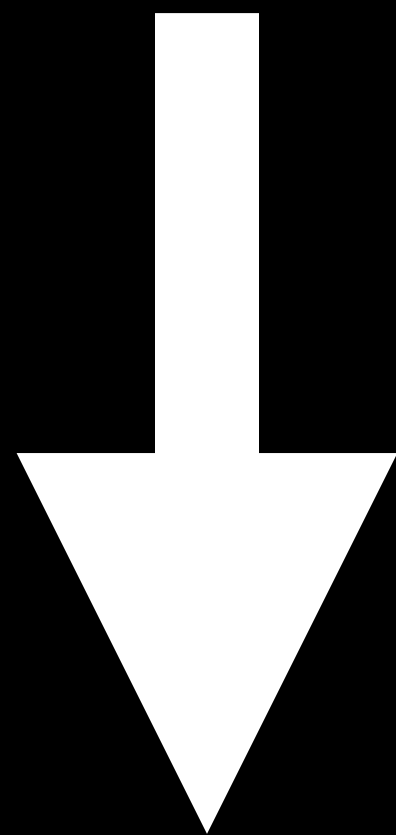
Gratitude!

Christmas



Incarnation!

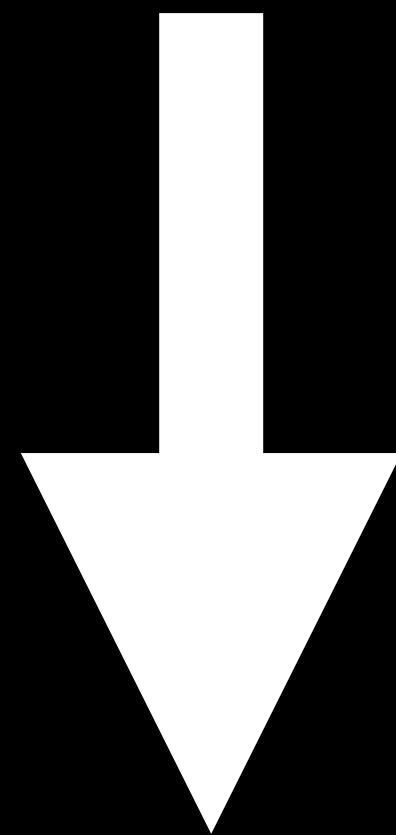
Easter



Bunnies

Candy

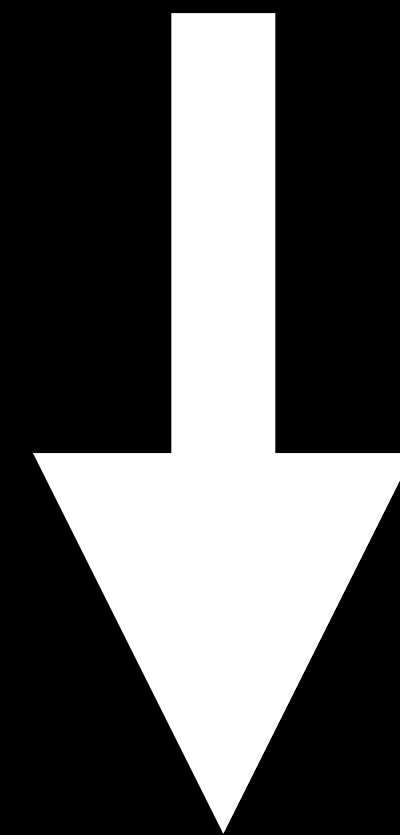
Thanksgiving



Pilgrims

Turkey

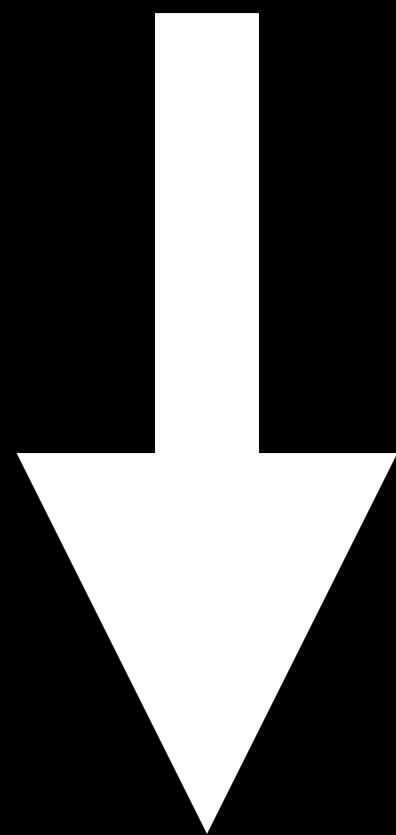
Christmas



Santa

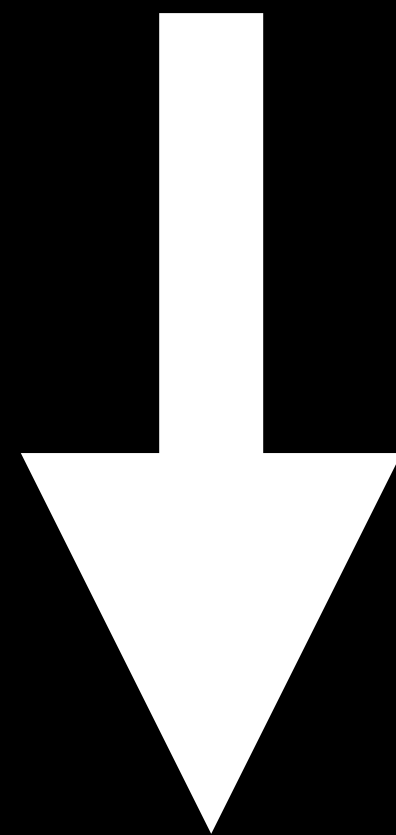
Presents

Passover



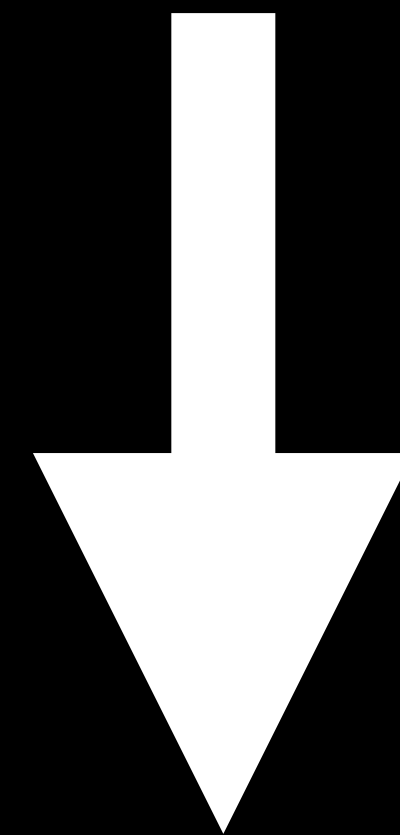
Exodus

Pentecost



Law

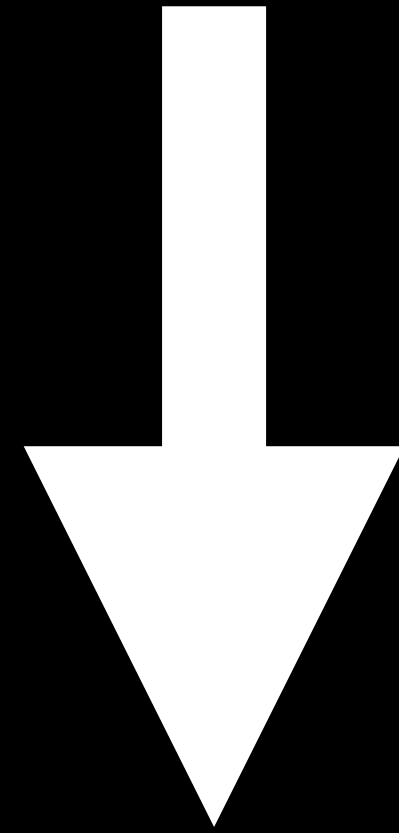
Tabernacles



Provision

- **Bread from Heaven**
- **Water from Rock**
- **Light of Guidance**

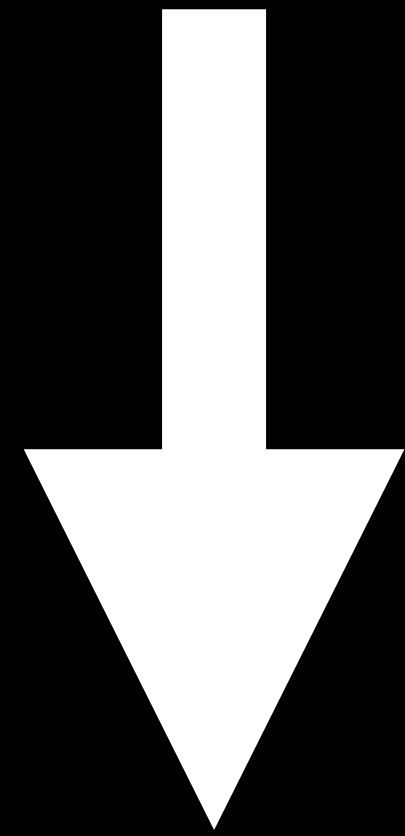
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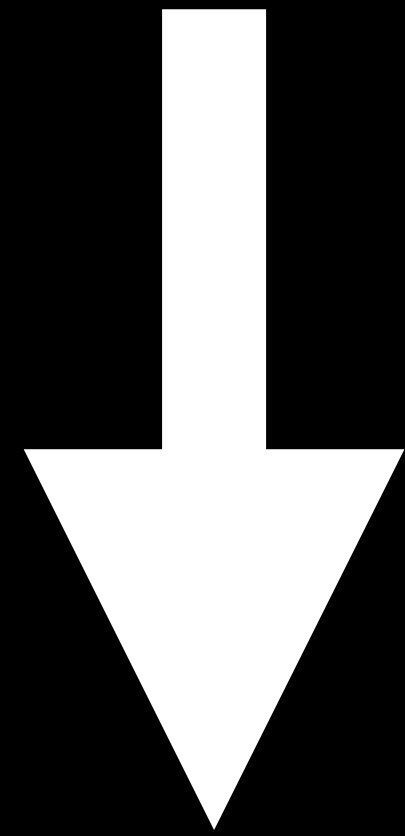
- **Bread from Heaven (John 6:35)**
 - **Water from Rock (John 7:38)**
 - **Light of Guidance (John 8:12)**

40 Years in the Wilderness?



Grumbling!

4 Chapters in John (chap 7-10)



Grumbling!

**They should have been
thanking God for sending His
Bread, pouring forth His Living
Water, and shining His Light.
Instead—they grumbled.**

**The were Distracted
by their own Demands,
Dreams & Desires.**

**In John 7-8,
Jesus is confronting
our many distractions.**

1. (vv. 1-13)

**Jesus confronts His
brothers' view of
worldly success.**

John 7:4

“No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world.”

2. (vv. 14-24)

**Jesus confronts the
world's view of
knowledge & custom.**

(A traditional and widely accepted way of behaving)

John 7:14

“The Jews there were amazed and asked, ‘How did this man get such learning without having been taught?’”

John 7:23-24

“Now if a boy can be circumcised on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with me for healing a man’s whole body on the Sabbath? Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly.”

John 7:17

**“Anyone who chooses to do
the will of God will find out
whether my teaching comes
from God or whether I speak
on my own.”**

3. (vv. 25-36)

**Jesus confronts the
world's "Lower Story"
perspective.**

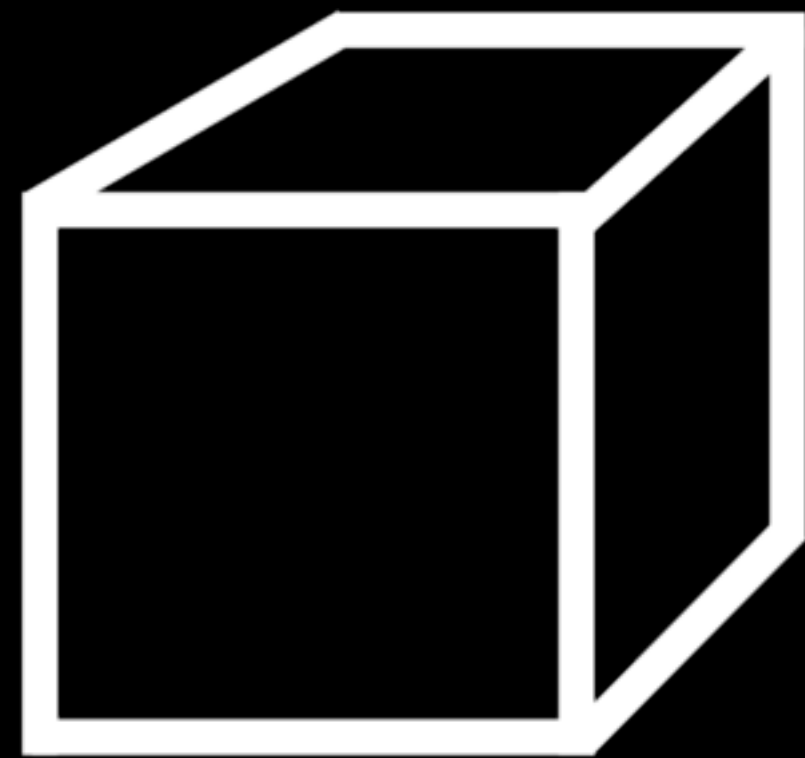
John 7:25-27

“At that point some of the people of Jerusalem began to ask, ‘Isn’t this the man they are trying to kill? ...But we know where this man is from; when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from.’”

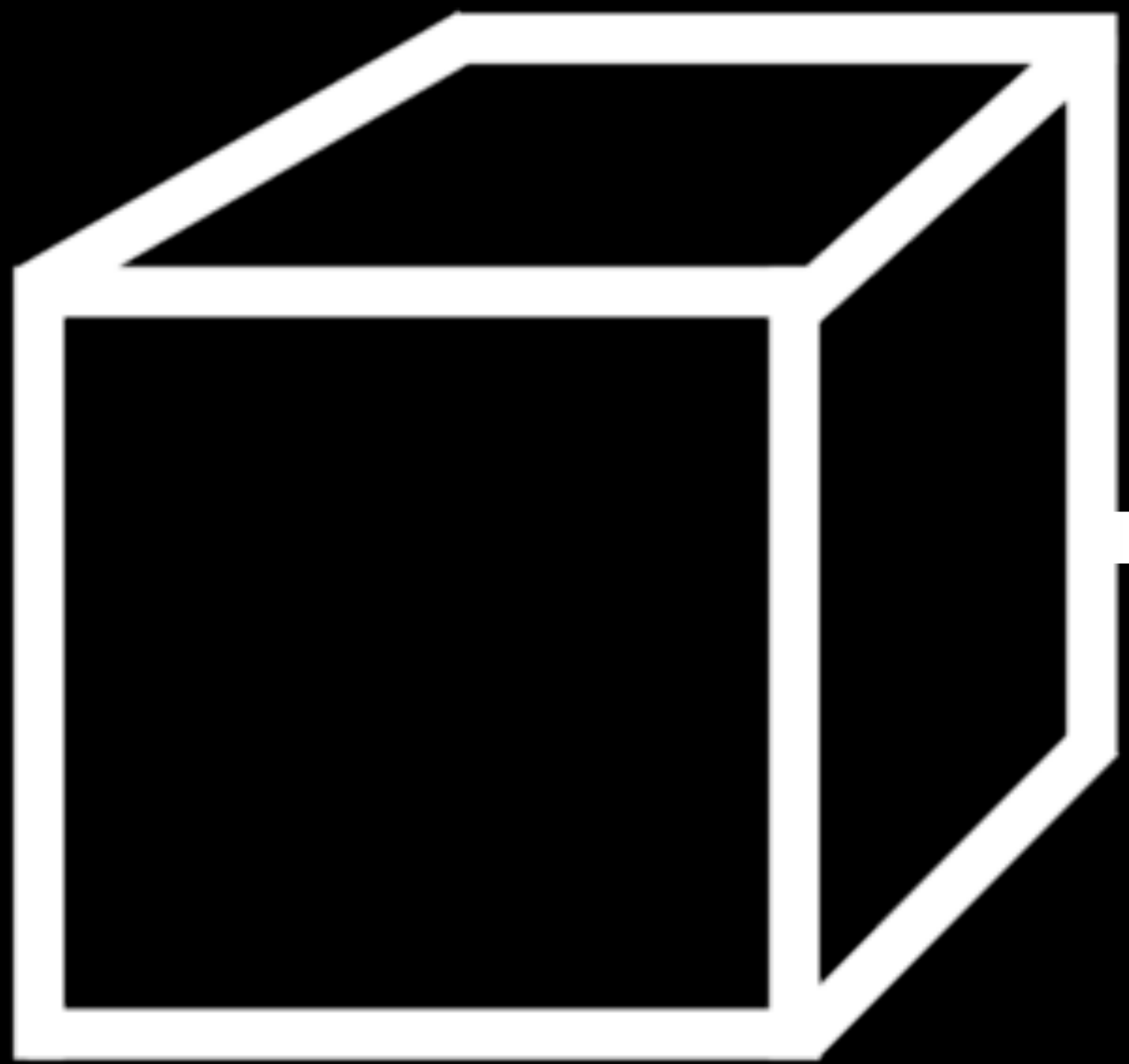
John 7:28-29

“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 authority, 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.’”

Upper Story



Lower Story



Upper Story



Lower Story

John 7:31

**“Still, many in the crowd
believed in Him. They said,
‘When the Messiah comes,
will He perform more signs
than this man?’”**

4. (vv. 37-39)

**Jesus promises the free
gift of the Holy Spirit to
thirsty believers.**



John 7:38-39

““Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.’ By this He meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were later to receive.”

5. (vv. 40-52)

**Jesus demands a
response.**

In the mouth of any speaker who is not God, these words would imply what I can only regard as a silliness and conceit unrivaled by any character in history... You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God.

C.S. Lewis; Mere Christianity; pp. 55-56

v. 40

"Surely
this man
is the
Prophet"

v. 41

"He is the
Messiah"

v. 41

"How can
the
Messiah
come
from
Galilee?"

v. 46

"No one
ever
spoke the
way this
man
does."

**"...The people were
divided because of
Jesus."**

v. 43

John 7:50-51

“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 has been doing?’”

**Jesus demands a
response.**

Song To My Parents

Keith Green

I need to say these things 'cause I love you so

And I'm sorry you get angry

when I say that you just don't know

But there's a heaven waiting for you and me

I know it seems every time we talk

I'm only trying to just make you see

And it's only that I care

I really only want just to see you there

Please try and overlook my human side

I know I'm such a bad example,
and you know I'm so full of pride

But Jesus isn't like that—

He's perfect all the way

I guess that's why we need Him,
'cause by ourselves there's just no way

And it's only that I care

I really, really only just want to see you there

Isn't that jesus?

Isn't it Joseph and Mary's son?

Well, didn't he grow up right here?

He played with our children

What, He must be kidding?

Thinks He's a prophet...

But prophets don't grow up

from little boys

Do they, from little boys? Do they?

It's only that I care

I really, really only want just to see you there

