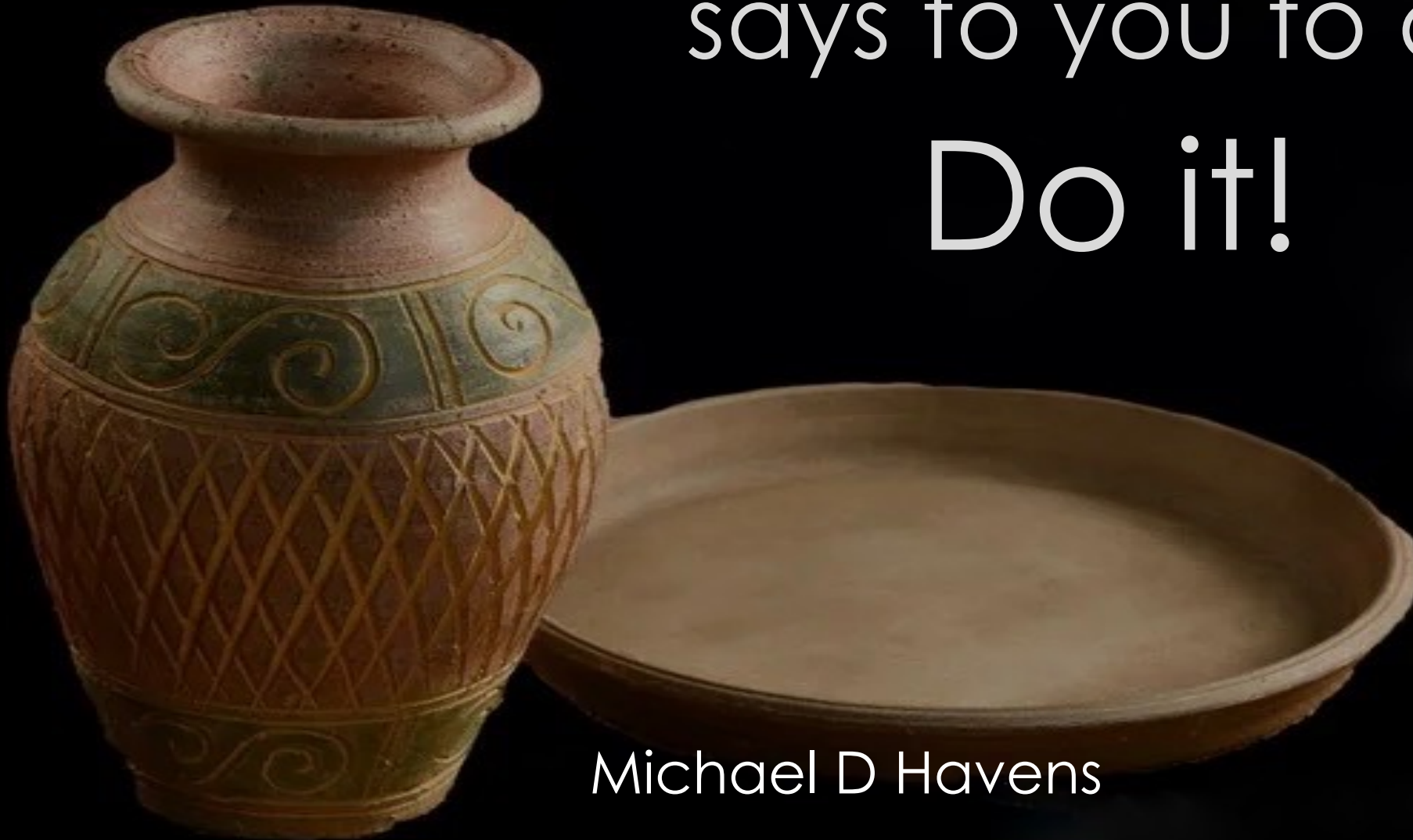


Whatever Jesus
says to you to do
Do it!

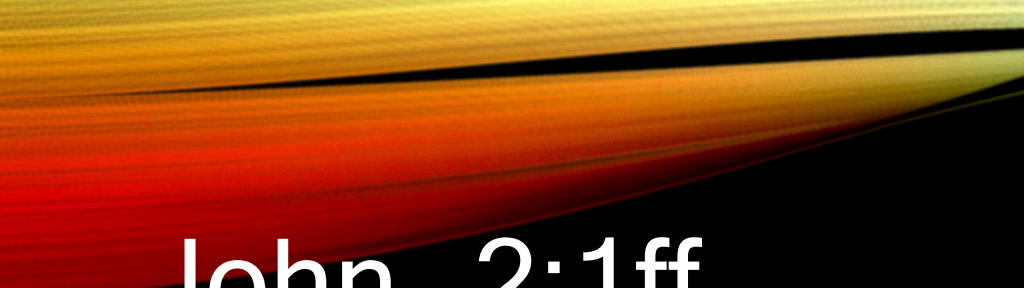


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Most are familiar
with Jesus first
miracle at the
wedding in Cana

John 2:1-11

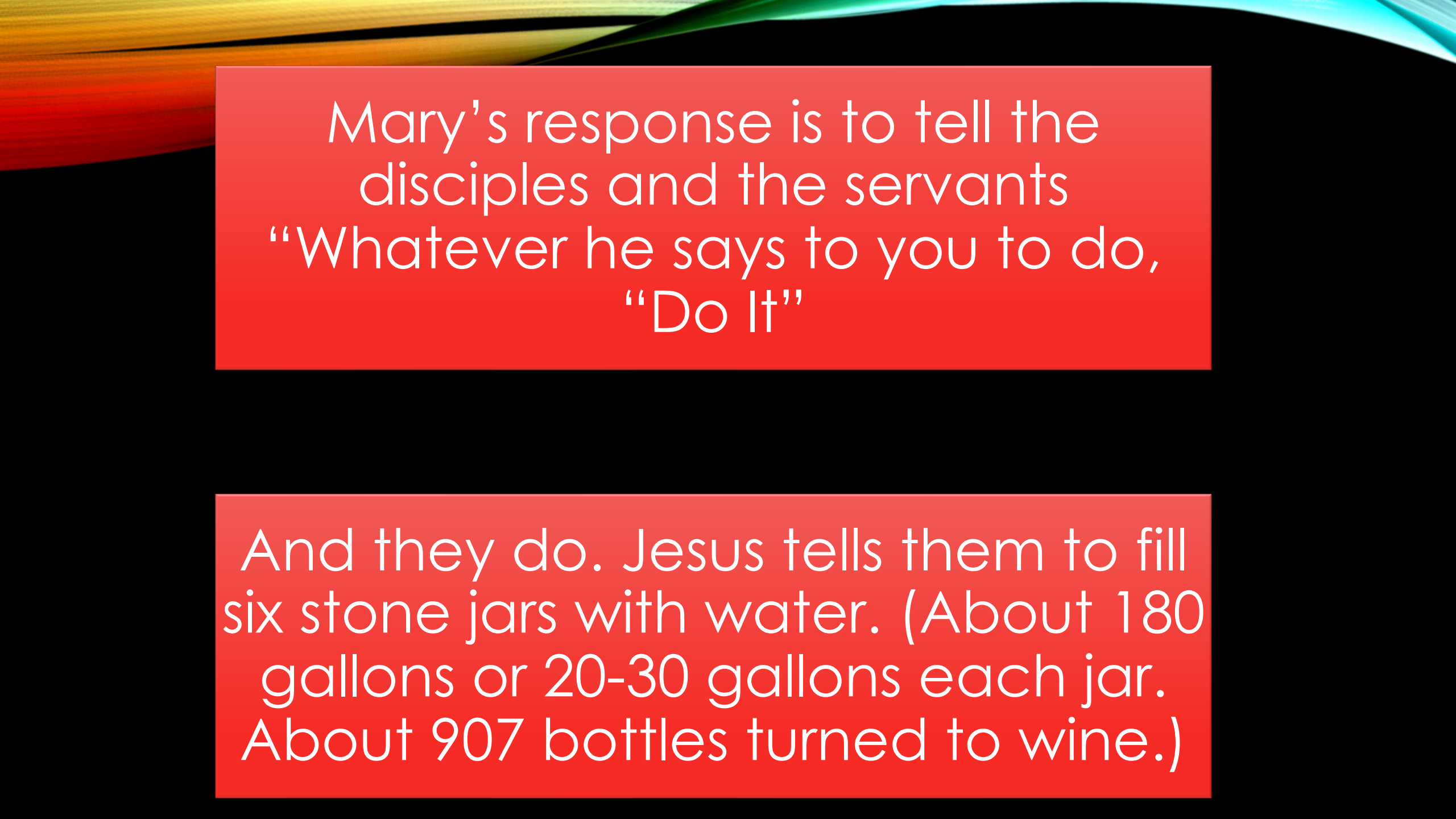




John 2:1ff

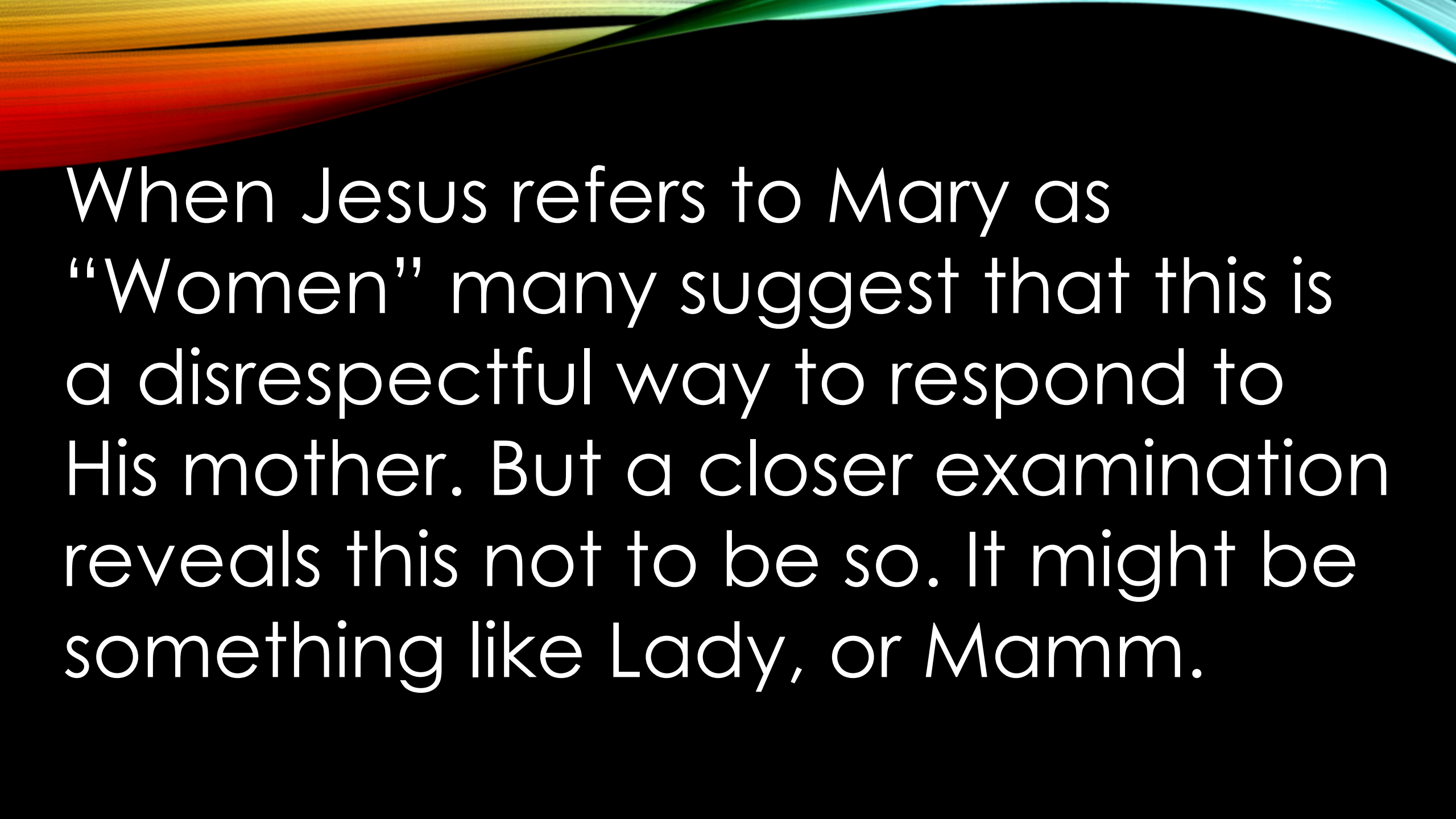
There we find Jesus and his disciples;
when Mary says to Jesus that the wine
has run out; Jesus responds Women,
“How does this concern you and me?”

“My hour has not yet come.”

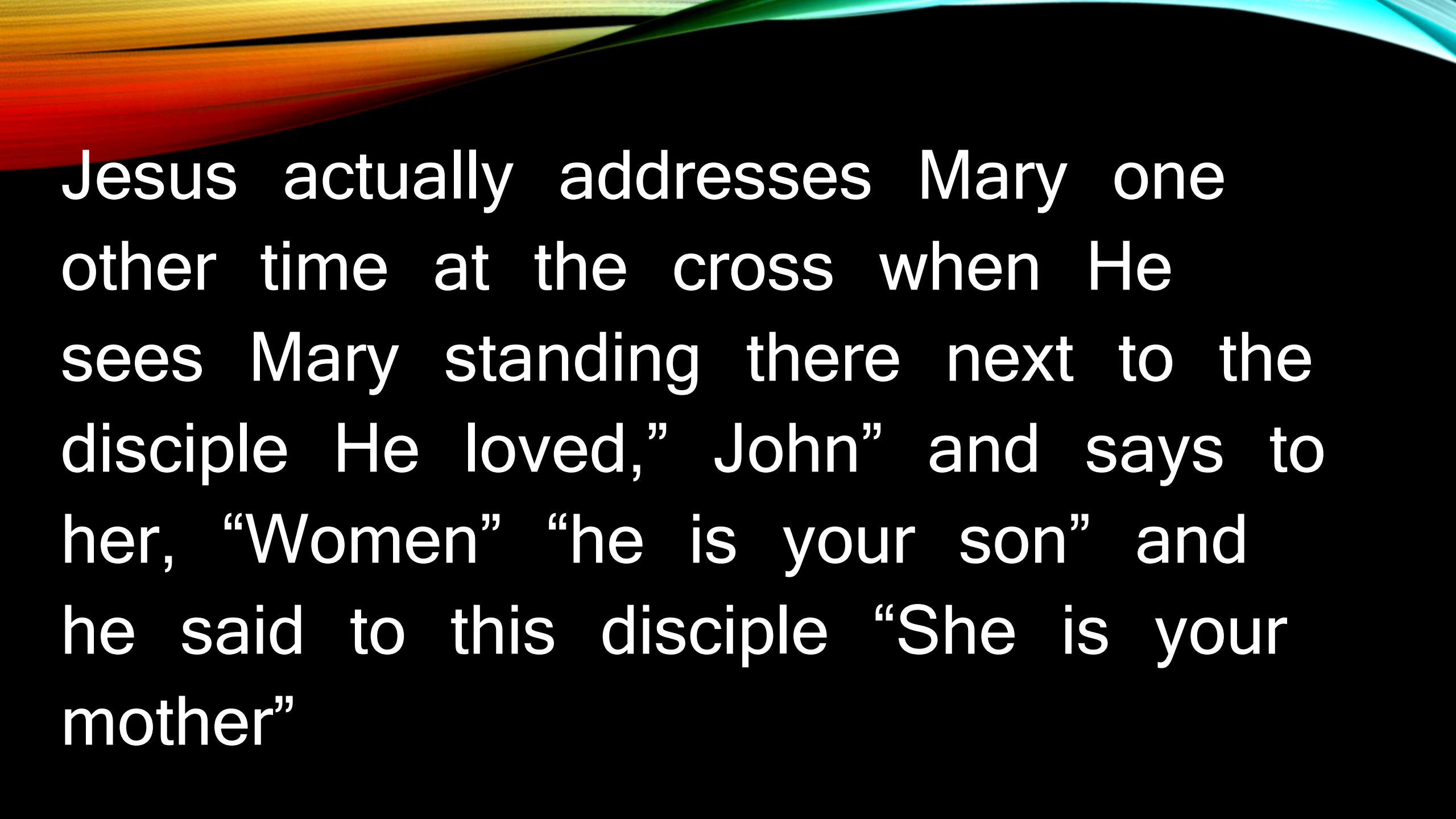


Mary's response is to tell the
disciples and the servants
“Whatever he says to you to do,
“Do It”

And they do. Jesus tells them to fill
six stone jars with water. (About 180
gallons or 20-30 gallons each jar.
About 907 bottles turned to wine.)



When Jesus refers to Mary as “Women” many suggest that this is a disrespectful way to respond to His mother. But a closer examination reveals this not to be so. It might be something like Lady, or Mamm.



Jesus actually addresses Mary one other time at the cross when He sees Mary standing there next to the disciple He loved,” John” and says to her, “Women” “he is your son” and he said to this disciple “She is your mother”

Jesus also addresses two other women in this same manner.



John 4:21 Jesus addresses the Samaritan woman at the well “Women believe me”



John 8:10 Jesus addresses the woman caught in adultery “Women, where are those accusers of yours?”

This first miracle does not take place in a synagogue or a colosseum but at a wedding.

It is not happenstance that this wedding occurred on "the third day," as John records it. Reference given to the crucifixion





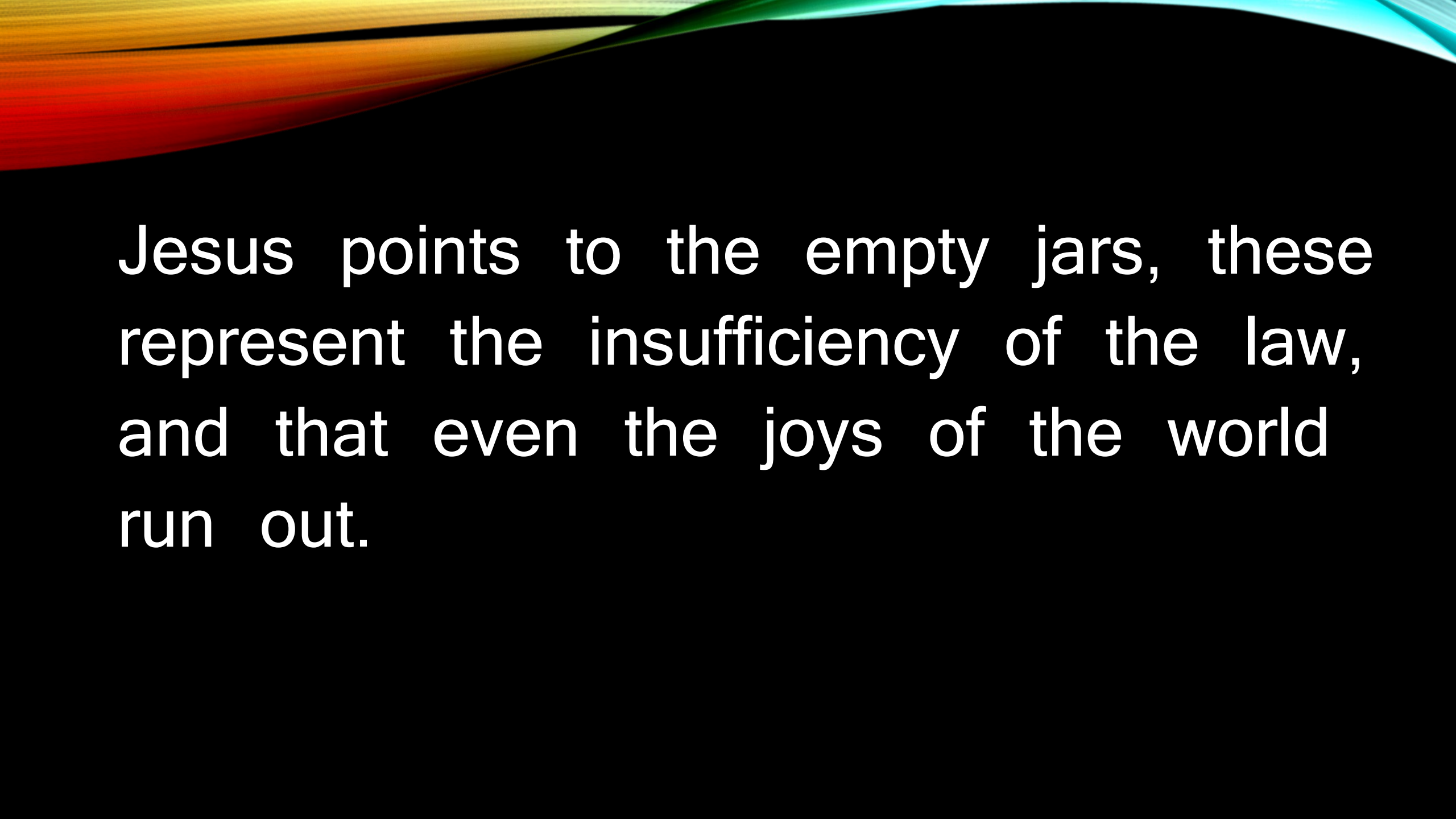
Stone Jars have a special significance

Romans develop a process for making jars of stone at the time Jesus comes on the scene, Jews begin implementing in their ceremonial cleansing rituals.



The jews continue to use stone jars but oddly discontinue their use after the time of the crucifixion and return to using earthen or pottery jars.

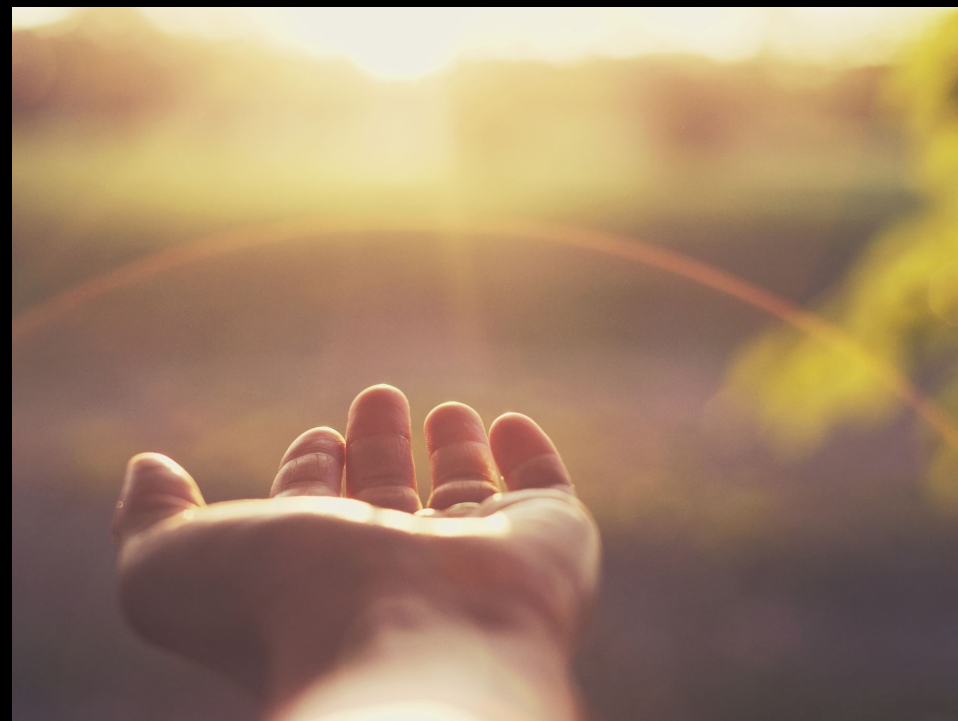
Archeological evidence proves this out.



Jesus points to the empty jars, these represent the insufficiency of the law, and that even the joys of the world run out.

Turn your will and your
life over to God, to
Jesus

“ Do whatever He tells
you to do.”



Jesus at that time
first displays and
manifest His glory.

Paul tells us in
Romans 6:4 Jesus
was raised from the
dead by the
manifest glory of
God





Reveal yourself to God

- He wants us to know that we know Him
- He wants to revive us
- He wants to fill us to the brim.
- He wants to pour out His unconditional love and grace upon us.



IN ALL OF
SCRIPTURE, WE
ARE TOLD TO
GIVE.



IF ASKED TO
WALK A MILE
GIVE 2 MILES
GO FURTHER.



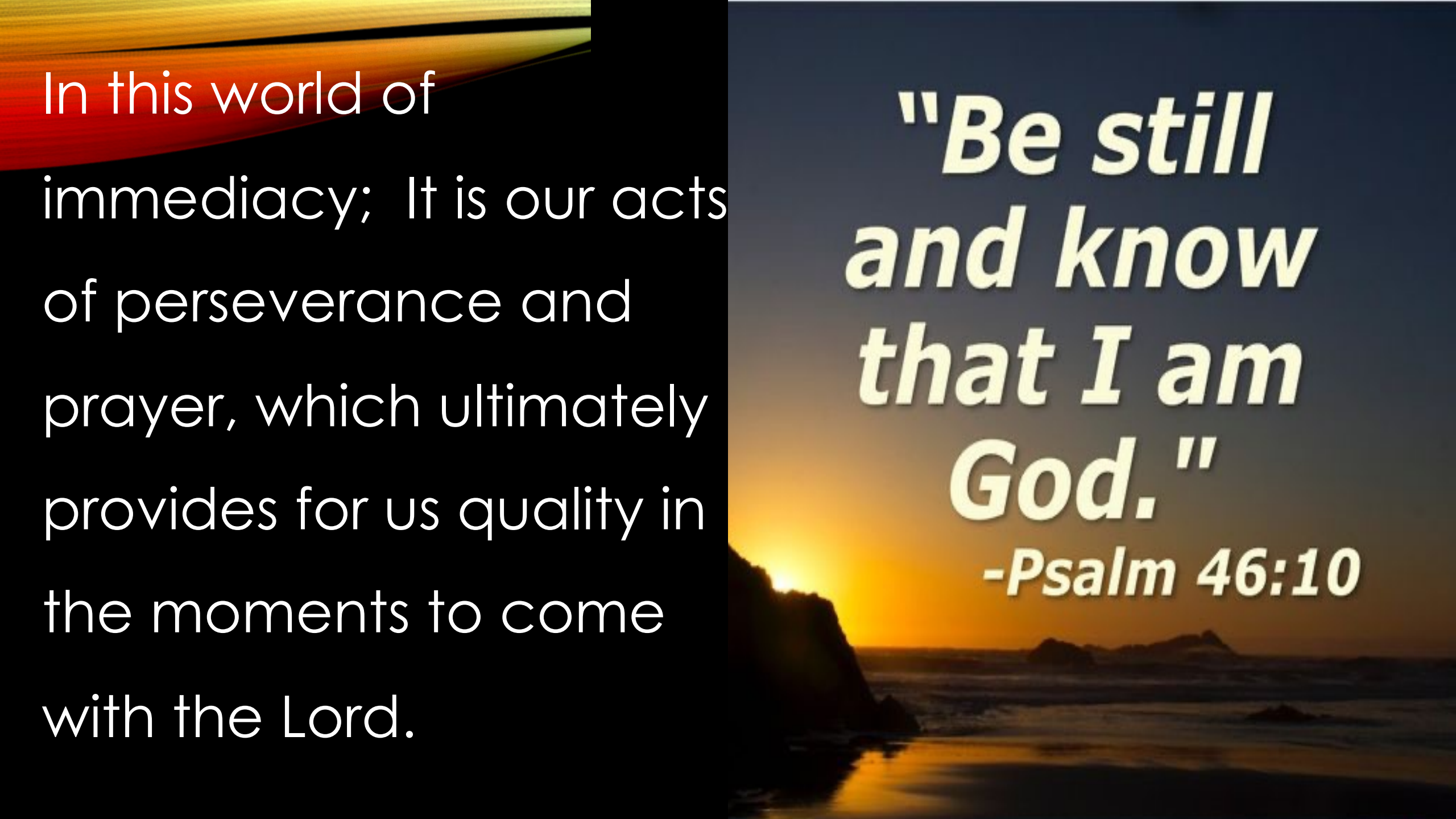
GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE
ARE UNCONDITIONAL.
THIS IS SOMETHING HE
GIVES US FREELY, LAVISHLY.

Be that as it may,
intimacy with God
takes time.

This is not something we
can possibly give away.

To know God is to love
God, however, to know
God as God wants us to
know him, This takes
time.





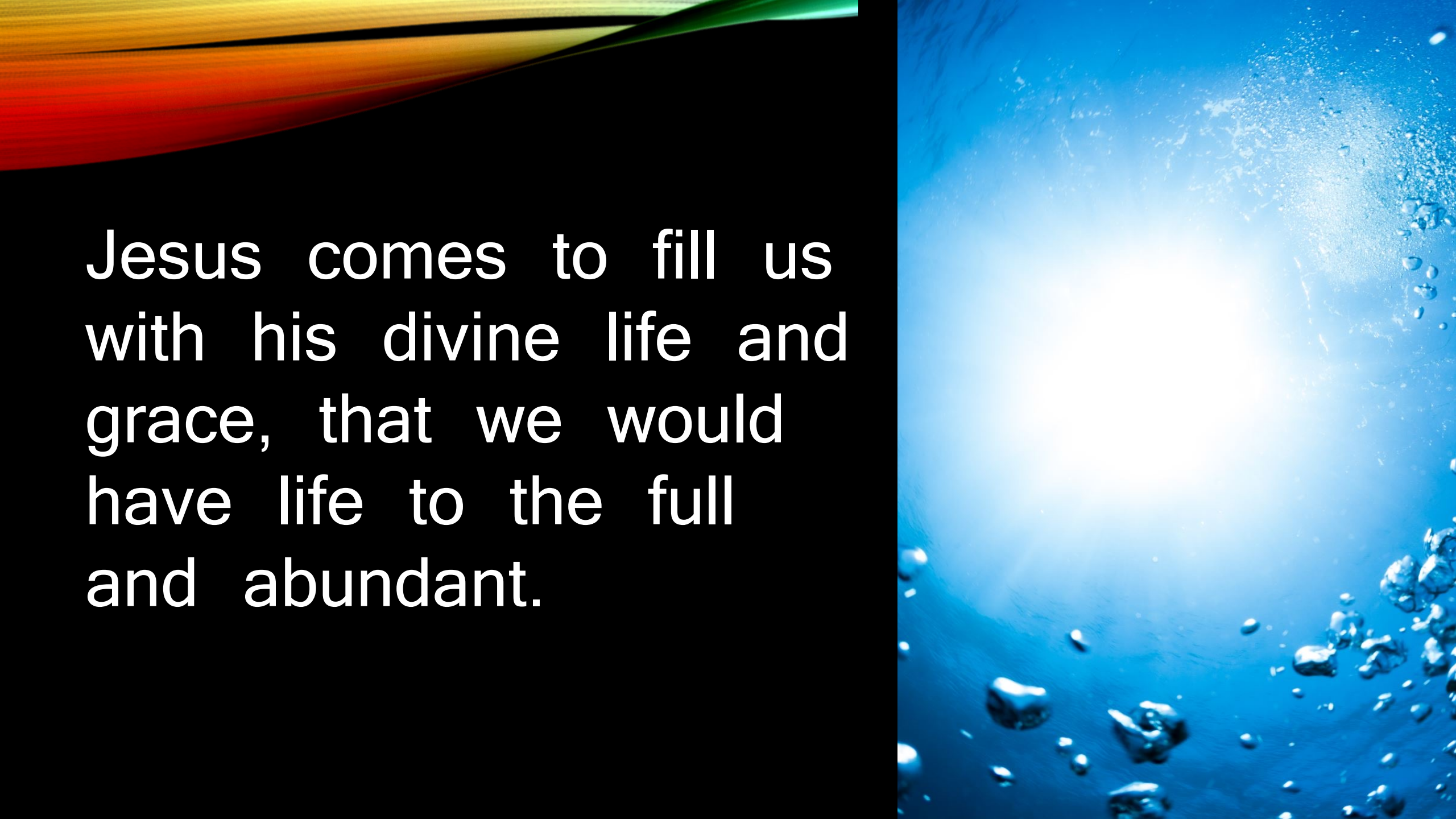
In this world of immediacy; It is our acts of perseverance and prayer, which ultimately provides for us quality in the moments to come with the Lord.

***"Be still
and know
that I am
God."***

-Psalm 46:10

It is the time spent in
our hearts with the
Holy Spirit, through
which we experience
intimacy with God the
Father.





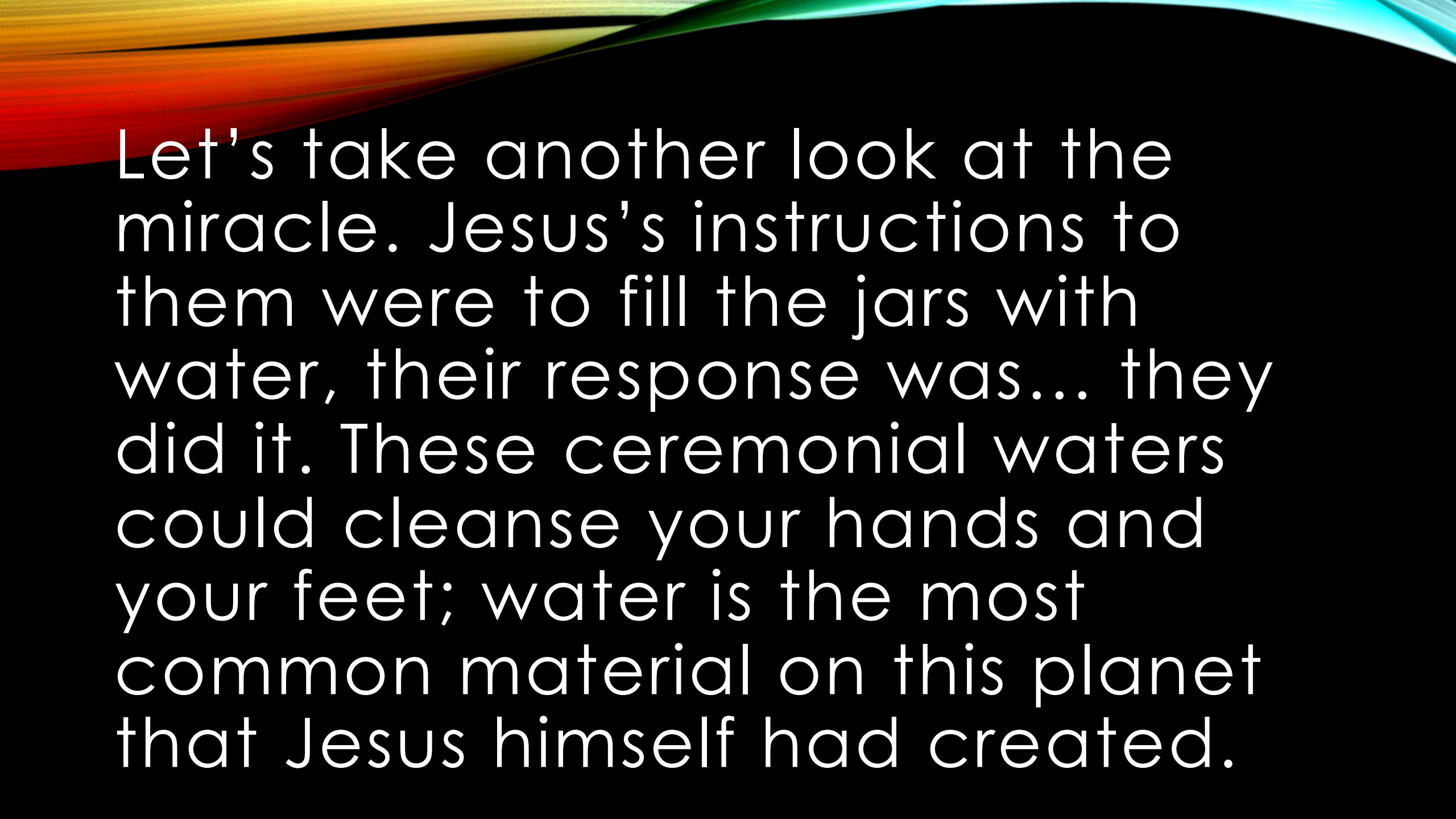
Jesus comes to fill us
with his divine life and
grace, that we would
have life to the full
and abundant.



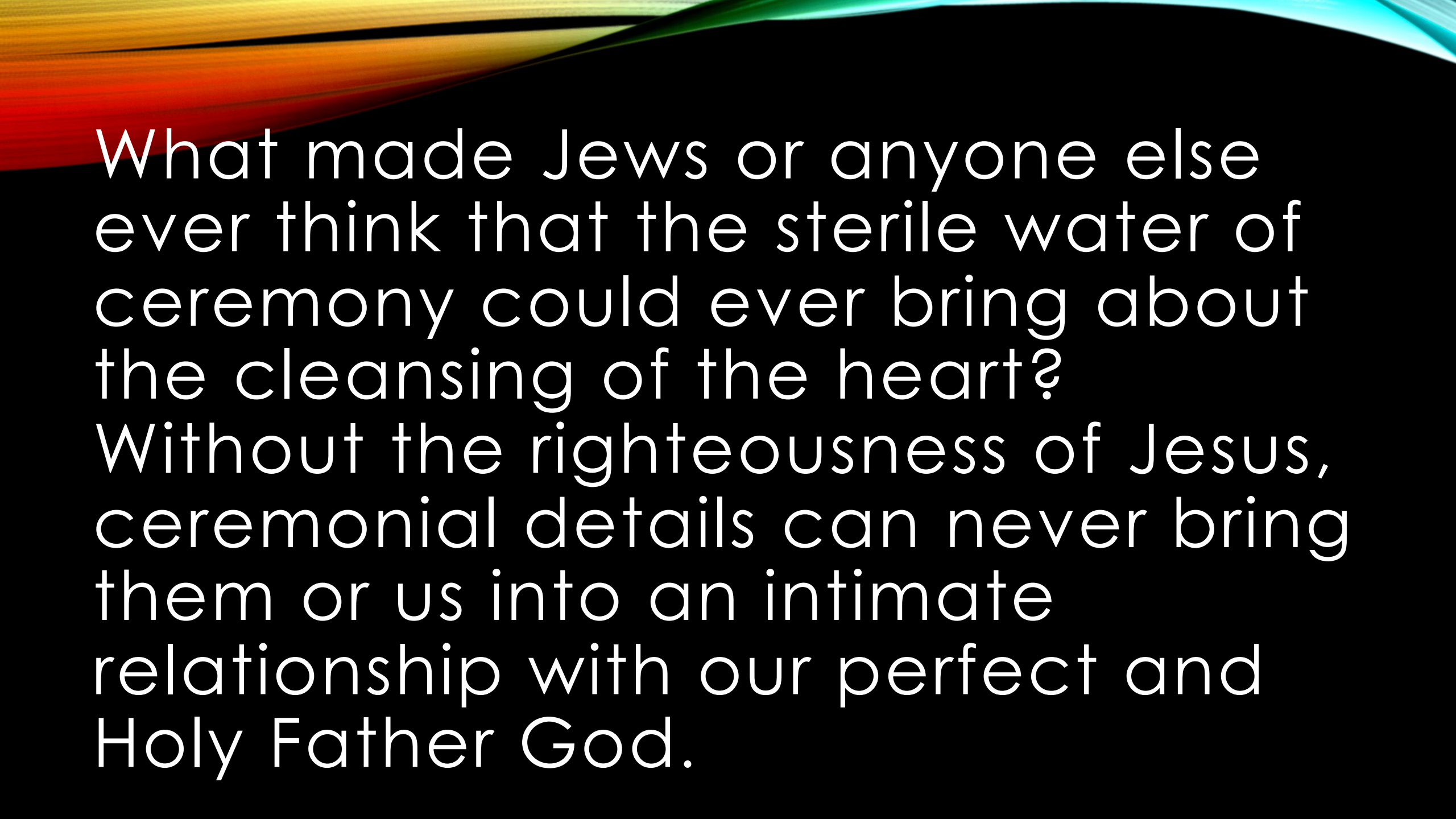
BELIEVE IN ME

This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

John 2:11



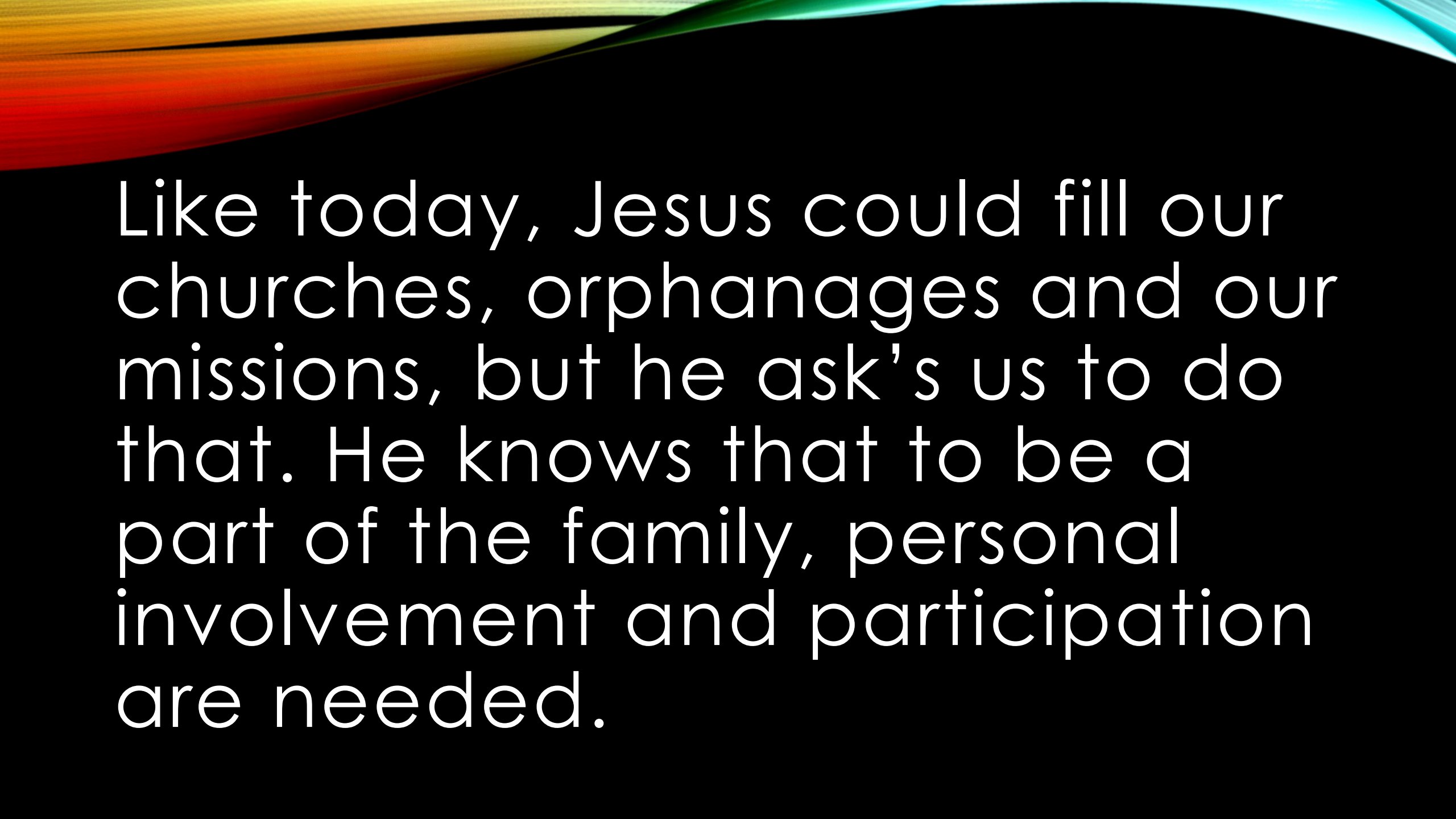
Let's take another look at the miracle. Jesus's instructions to them were to fill the jars with water, their response was... they did it. These ceremonial waters could cleanse your hands and your feet; water is the most common material on this planet that Jesus himself had created.



What made Jews or anyone else ever think that the sterile water of ceremony could ever bring about the cleansing of the heart? Without the righteousness of Jesus, ceremonial details can never bring them or us into an intimate relationship with our perfect and Holy Father God.

Is it interesting that Jesus includes the servants. Jesus could have filled the jars himself, but instead, he instructed them to do it.

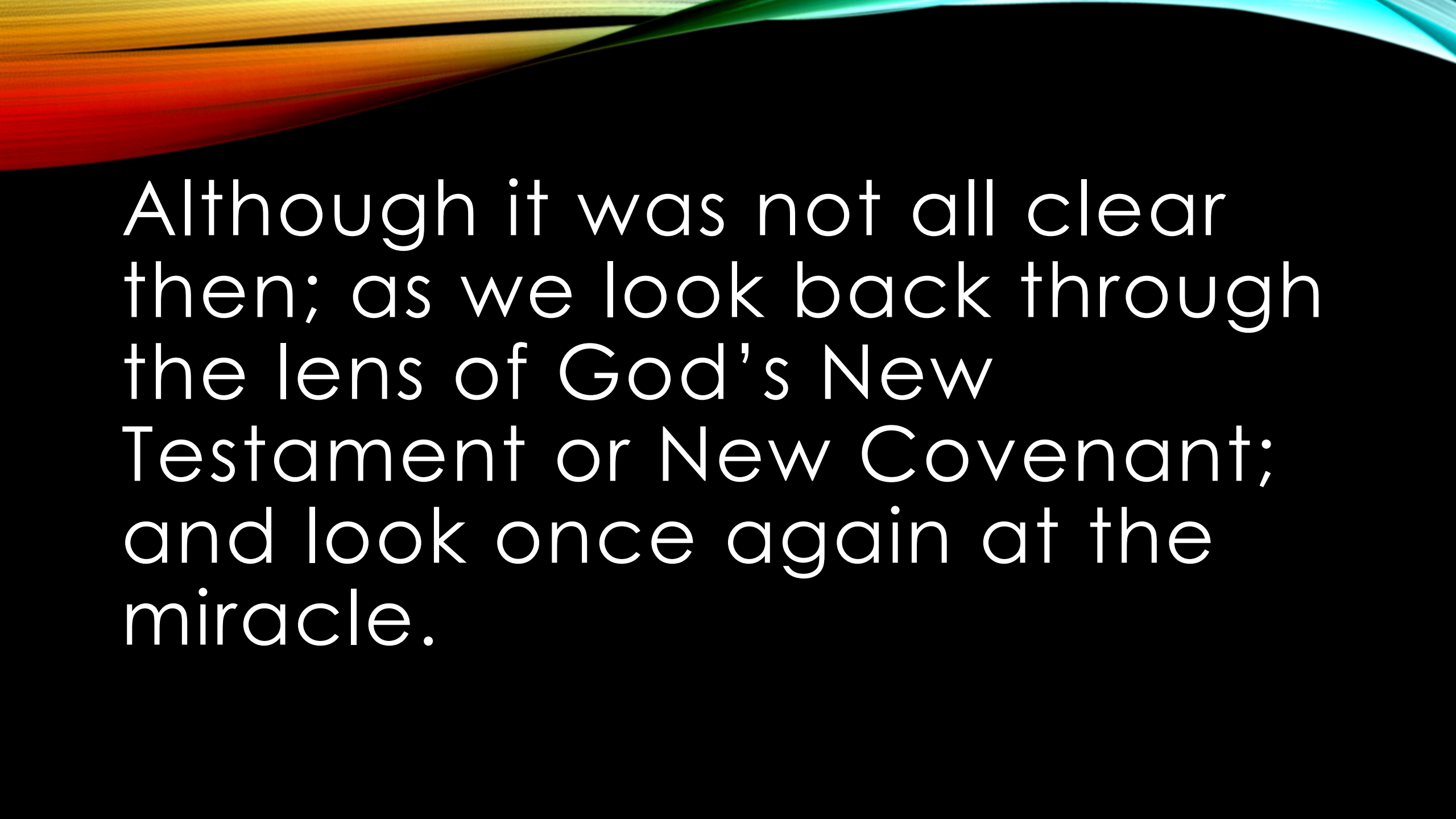




Like today, Jesus could fill our churches, orphanages and our missions, but he ask's us to do that. He knows that to be a part of the family, personal involvement and participation are needed.

God's plan has always been the same, it has never changed; we are asked to fill the jars, He then turns it into something good and useful. God makes the wine, He is always in the middle of everything. Jesus is in the middle or the midst of our heart.





Although it was not all clear then; as we look back through the lens of God's New Testament or New Covenant; and look once again at the miracle.

It may become clear that this was an act of symbolism. Jesus replaces the ceremonial water of a legal code with the wine of grace and mercy. This water or wine is infused with the power to cleanse hearts.



Jesus, our Savior
enters into the
most difficult
moments of our
lives, all the
moments of our
lives. He doesn't
ask much of us,
just our faith to fill
the jars.



May you know the
Love of Christ Jesus

The wisdom of the
Holy Spirit And the
forgiveness of God
the Father

In and through the
name of our Lord
Jesus

