

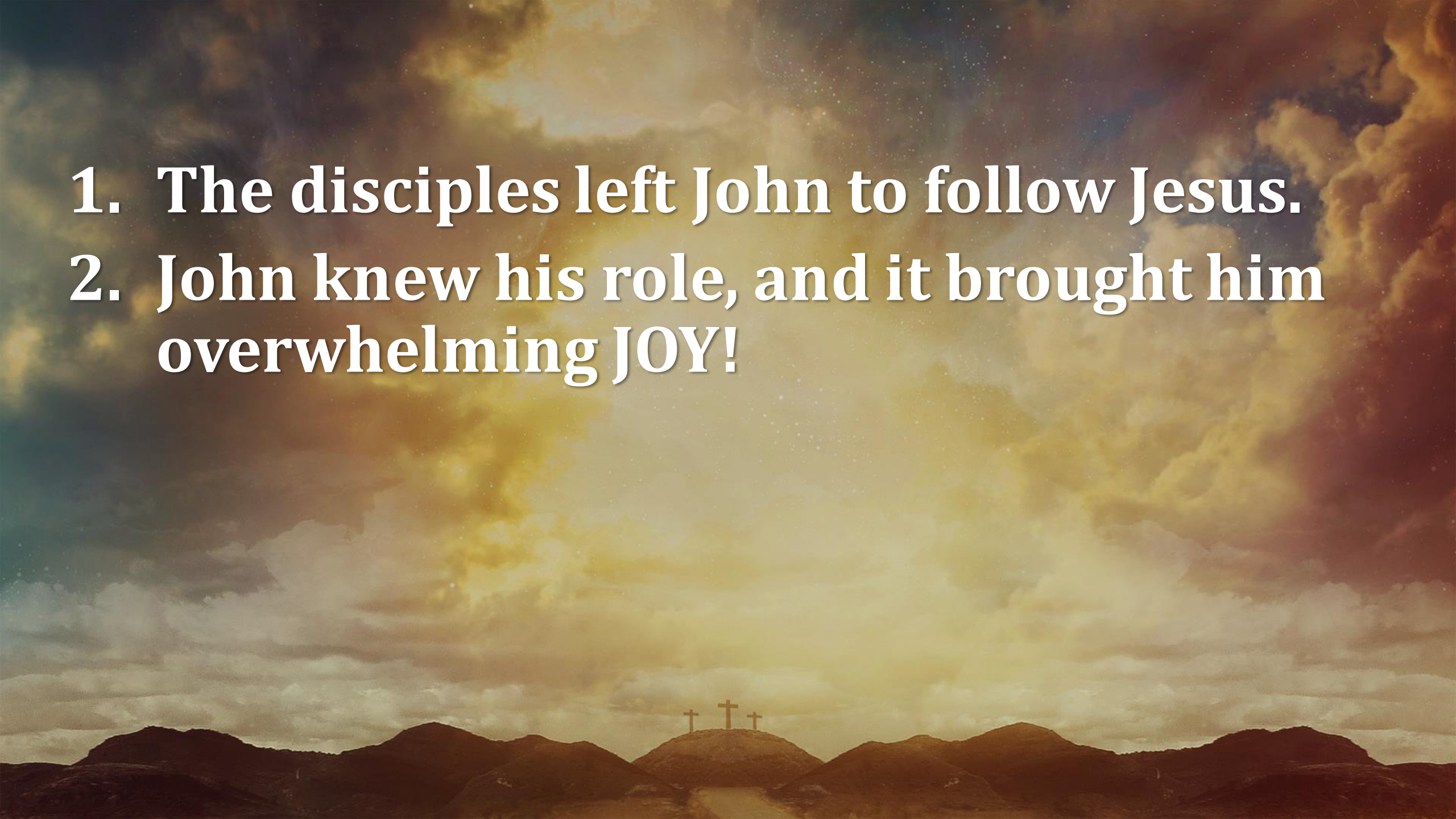
JESUS IS GREATER

John 3:22-36

5 Distinguishing Marks of Gospel Ministry:

- **Personal Discipleship** (*vs. 22*)
- **Baptism** (*vs. 23*)
- **Opposition** (*vs. 24*)
- **Evangelism** (*vs. 25*)
- **Humility** (*vs. 27ff*)

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The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore, this joy of mine is now complete.



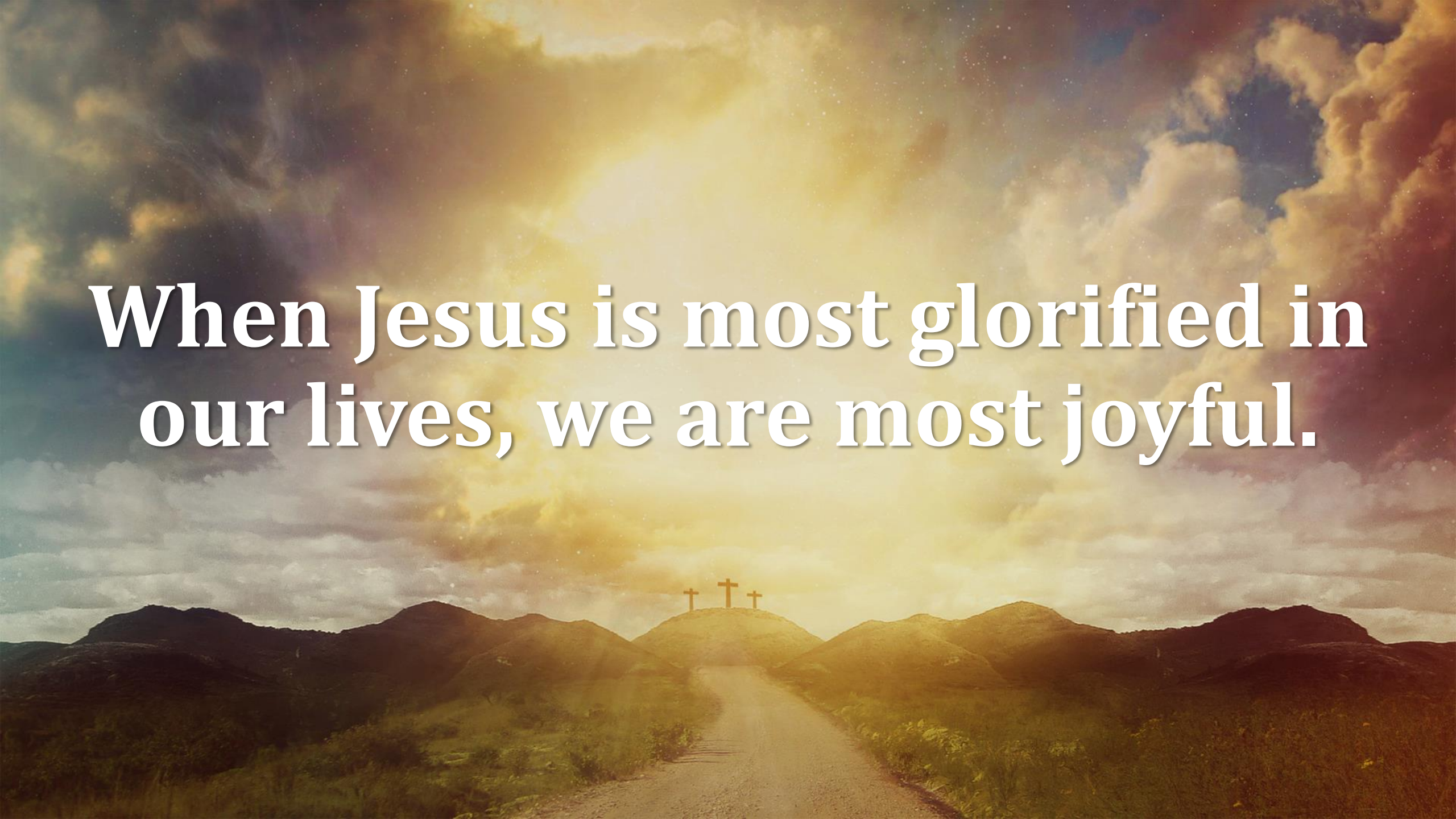
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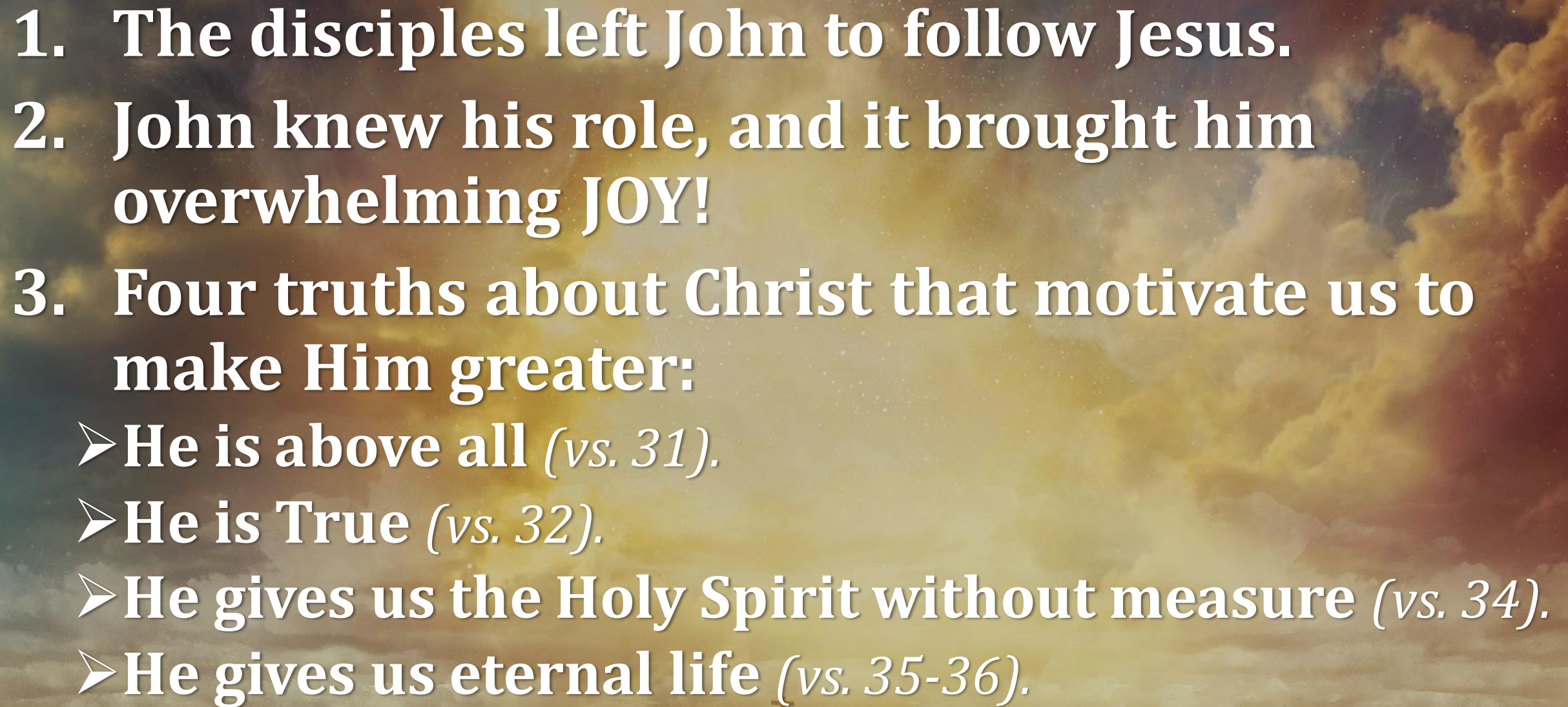
- In your parenting — *“I am not the Christ!”*
- In your workplace — *“I am not the Christ!”*
- With your finances — *“I am not the Christ!”*
- In politics — *“I am not the Christ!”*
- In conflict — *“I am not the Christ!”*
- In outreach to non-believers — *“I am not the Christ!”*

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- When you're stuck in sin — *"I am not the Christ!"*
- In hardship and crisis — *"I am not the Christ!"*
- In success and joy — *"I am not the Christ!"*
- Making Harvest successful — *"I am not the Christ!"*
- In all things! — *"I am not the Christ!"*

**When Jesus is most glorified in
our lives, we are most joyful.**



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 3. Four truths about Christ that motivate us to make Him greater:
 - He is above all (*vs. 31*).
 - He is True (*vs. 32*).
 - He gives us the Holy Spirit without measure (*vs. 34*).
 - He gives us eternal life (*vs. 35-36*).

Take Home Questions

- When did you ever experience jealousy over someone else's success? Why were you feeling jealous?
- Following Jesus involves dying to our flesh. What areas of your life would be the hardest to give up for the glory of God? Why?
- Why should we trust Jesus Christ above ourselves? How does God provide for our daily needs and care for our soul?