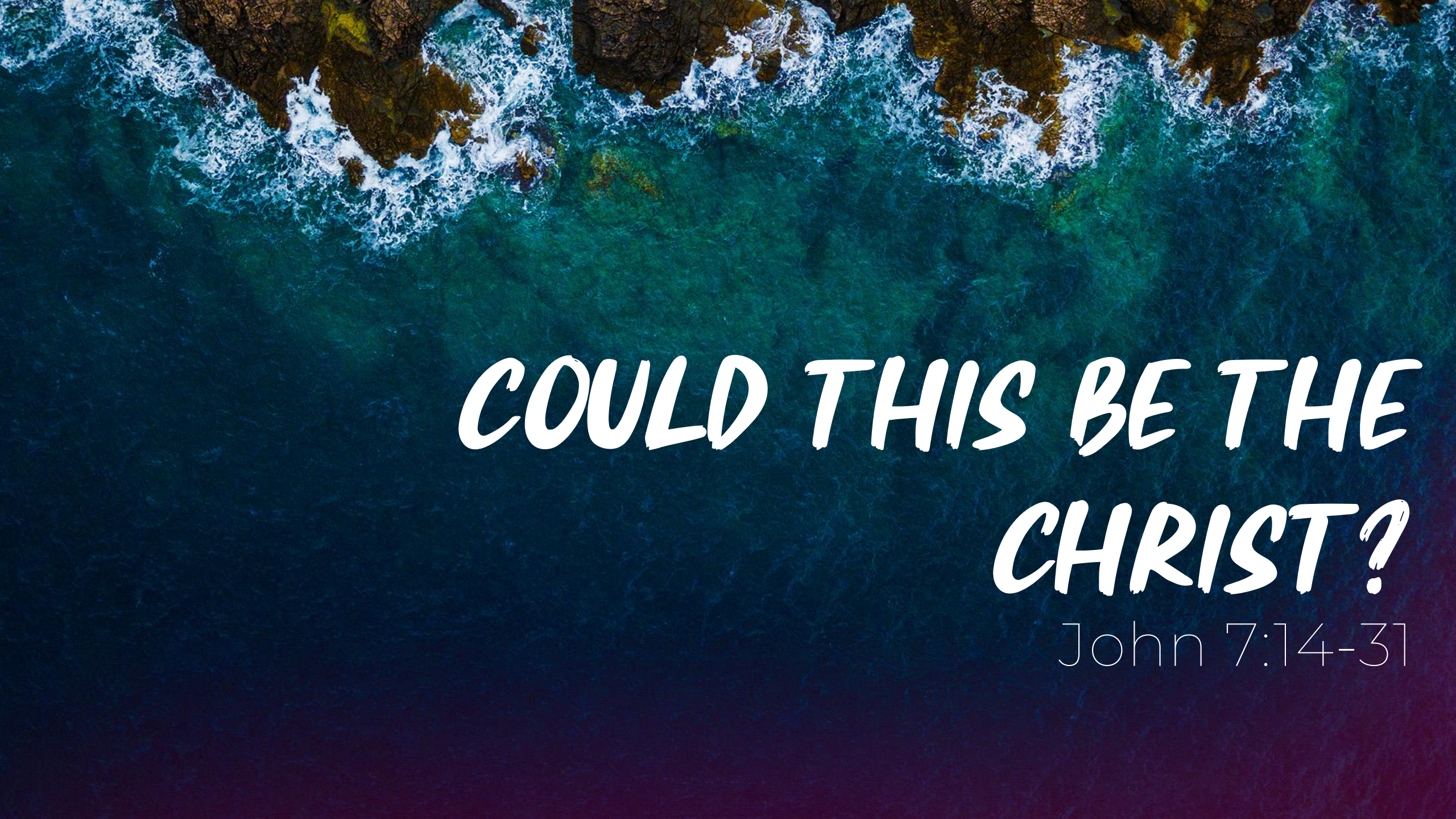


An aerial photograph of a rugged coastline. Dark, jagged rock formations dominate the upper half of the frame, with white foam from crashing waves visible at their base. The water transitions from a deep blue near the shore to a vibrant turquoise further out. The overall scene is dynamic and powerful.

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“But at this point in his ministry, he is confronting human pride and human love of praise, and he is doing it by modeling what it is to be truly and deeply human, not what it is to be divine. He was the God-man, and there are times in John’s Gospel where one is foremost, and times when the other is foremost.”

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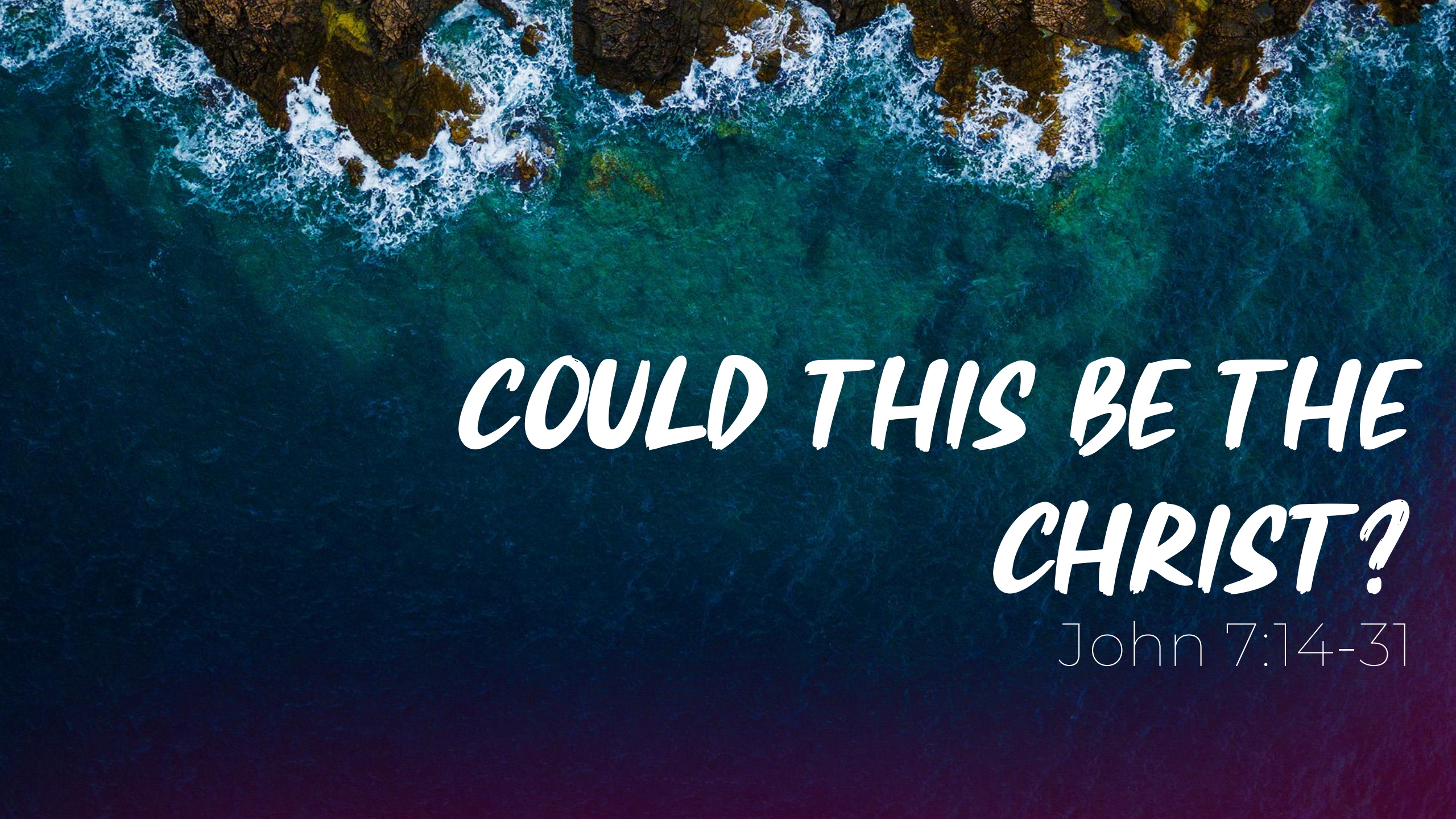
“This cannot mean that they think the biblical revelation provides no hint of the Messiah’s ultimate origins...rather the Jerusalemites hold the view that the Messiah would be born of flesh and blood yet would be wholly unknown until he appeared to effect Israel’s redemption...with such expectations, there could be none of this ‘perhaps he is, perhaps he isn’t’ speculation.”

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