

Series "Jesus: God And Savior"
"Living Water"
John 7:37-53
Part-26

John 7:37 – We have already looked at the subject of Jesus speaking of **"Living Water"**; **Thirst**, John 4:1-26; John 6:35.

Jesus Posed The Question Of His Identity In The Form Of An Invitation To Believe In Him! John 7:43

Thought Of Our Passage: "Let Us Come To Christ For Our Thirst Now And Drink And Keep On Drinking From His Fullness."

1. Verses 37-39 – The Great Invitation

2. Verses 40-44 – The Great Division

3. Verses 45-53 – The Great Refusal

1. Verses 37-39 – The Great Invitation:

John 7:37

"Now on the last day," – John 7 covers the Feast of Tabernacles. Some believed (Superficially). John 7:33-34 – The religious are blind to their danger of missing salvation!

"the last day, the great day of the feast," – seventh day or eighth day; if it was, it was the last feast of the year – Leviticus 23:36

Tabernacles – Celebrates God's goodness to Israel in the wilderness.

Isaiah 12:3 – people sang Psalms 113-118; Water symbolized confession of thirst, and a prayer for autumn rains. The anticipation of the Messiah's kingdom, symbolized the water from the rock – Exodus 17.

"If anyone is thirsty," – This Is A Universal Invitation.

"If anyone is thirsty" – "shall be thirsting"; The person that recognizes their spiritual thirst – Matthew 5:6.

"let him come to Me" – Coming to Jesus, the only source, Acts 4:12.

We go to all the wrong places trying to quench our thirst; Jeremiah 2:13.

Not all that acknowledge their need and come to Jesus have their thirst quenched – Rich young ruler – Mark 10:17, 21-22; Acknowledged, came to Jesus, but would not drink.

“and drink.” – Is to believe in Jesus as the only source of forgiveness, who purchased salvation with His blood. Drink Water – to believe and experience New Life/Salvation.

1 Corinthians 10:4

The Last Invitation In Scripture: Revelation 22:17

John 7:38

“He who believes in Me,” – “Believer”; Thirsty, Come, and drink (Believe).

“as the Scripture said,” – What Scripture is Jesus referring to? All the OT passages, like Proverbs 11:25; Isaiah 58:11; Zachariah 13:1.

“From his innermost being will flow rivers” – Not river, but rivers, plural.

“living” – “flowing”; “water” – believe and experience New Life/Salvation, Thirst, come, drink then outflow!

John 7:39 – “But this He spoke of the Spirit,” – “John’s footnote”; “whom those who believed in Him were to receive;”

John 14:17

“for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified” – Ascension to heavenly glory, Acts 1:9-11. The Day of Pentecost, Acts 2:1-4, when we are born again, we receive the Holy Spirit. John 16:7-14

2. Verses 40-44 – The Great Division:

John 7:40

“when they heard these words,” – “The invitation” – Verses 37-39.

There were 3 reactions to the message of Jesus:

1. Verses 40-41 – Those That Heeded The Message: “were saying, ‘This certainly is the Prophet.’”

Jesus Is A Prophet: “This certainly is the Prophet.” – Some interpreted the prophet as the forerunner spoken about by

Moses. Deuteronomy 18:15-18 – Others, correctly as the Messiah, Acts 3:22-23. Jesus was sent from God!

John 7:41

Jesus Is The Messiah: "Others were saying, 'This is the Christ.'"

2. Verses 41-43 – Those Who Hindered The Message: "Surely the Christ is not going to come from Galilee, is He?"

John 7:42

"Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David," – True statement – 2 Samuel 7:12-16.

"and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" – True statement – individuals that are thinking Scripture – Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:3-6.

John 7:43 – division – Greek "schism"; "a clear split, to tear"; But no clear view.

Matthew 12:30

3. Verse 44 – Those Who Hated The Message: John 7:44; John 7:30.

3. Verses 45-53 – The Great Refusal:

John 7:45

The officers were Levites who were religiously trained, whose assignment was to be the temple police.

The Men Arrested By Jesus: John 7:46 – "Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks." – These men were arrested by His message!

Gracious and God-honoring words, Matthew 7:28-29.

John 7:47

"You have not also been led astray, have you?" – "Has Jesus cast a spell on you?"

John 7:48-49

“But this crowd” – “only this rabble”; “which does not know the Law is accursed.” – The crowd following Jesus is ignorant, simpleminded and accursed! Probably citing Deuteronomy 27:26.

Matthew 11:25

John 7:50 – In John 3; John 19:39-42.

John 7:51 – Exodus 23:1; Deuteronomy 1:16-17; 19:15-21.

Works, Proof of Deity; John 5:32 – Words of Jesus.

“The two go together, for the miracles point to His message, and the messages interpret the spiritual meaning of the miracles.”

John 7:52

“You are not also from Galilee, are you?” – Nicodemus was suffering from local pride.

Jonah came from Galilee, Matthew 12:38-41; Isaiah 9:1-2; Matthew 4:12-16, Also Nahum, Hosea.

John 7:53 – What a sad conclusion to this account.

John 8:1 – Jesus accomplished the Father’s will and plan.

Application: How Do We Drink The Spiritual Water Jesus Offers?

1. We Must Realize Our Spiritual Thirst And Emptiness. We Can Never Commend Ourselves To Jesus. We Must Confess That We Are Sinners And That Jesus Alone Is The Giver Of The Fullness Of The Holy Spirit.
2. By Faith We Must Believe That Jesus Is The Way, The Truth And The Life. We Must Ask Him To Fill Us Daily. Through The Spirit Of Jesus Christ Within Us, We Will Be Filled To The Uttermost.
3. When We Are Filled With Jesus, The Spirit Of God Becomes Rivers Of Refreshment Through Us For A Spiritually Thirsty World.