

## **Come, Drink, Live**

John 7:25–39

### **Escalating And Offensive**

#### **Verses 28,29**

*Then Jesus, while teaching in the temple courts, cried out, “You both know me and know where I come from! And I have not come on my own initiative, but the one who sent me is true. **You do not know him**, but I know him, because I have come from him and he sent me.”*

### **Rejecting Jesus, Is Rejecting God**

#### **John 5:23**

*“The one who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.”*

#### **John 5:42,43**

*“I know you, that you do not have the love of God within you. 5:43 I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me.”*

#### **John 6:45**

*“Everyone who hears and learns from the Father comes to me.”*

#### **John 8:19**

*“You do not know either me or my Father. If you knew me you would know my Father too.”*

#### **John 8:42**

*“If God were your Father, you would love me”*

### **Self-controlled And Authoritative**

#### **Verse 32**

*“The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things about Jesus, so the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to arrest him.”*

#### **Verses 33,34**

*Then Jesus said, “I will be with you for only a little while longer, and then I am going to the one who sent me. You will look for me but will not find me, and where I am you cannot come.”*

#### **What Does He Mean?**

### **Verse 36**

*“What did he mean by saying, ‘You will look for me but will not find me, and where I am you cannot come’?”*

### **Jesus Speaks No One**

#### **Verses 45,46**

*“Then the officers returned to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why didn’t you bring him back with you?” The officers replied, “No one ever spoke like this man!””*

#### **Verses 37–39**

*On the last day of the feast, the greatest day, Jesus stood up and shouted out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. Just as the scripture says, ‘**From within Him will flow rivers of living water.**’” (Now He said this about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were going to receive, for the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

### **The Questions Jesus Answers**

#### **John 7:17,18**

*If anyone wants to do God’s will, he will know about my teaching, whether it is from God or whether I speak from my own authority. The person who speaks on his own authority desires to receive honor for himself; the one who desires the honor of the one who sent him is a man of integrity, and there is no unrighteousness in him.*

### **An Open-Ended Invitation**

#### **Verse 37,38**

*“On the last day of the feast, the greatest day, Jesus stood up and shouted out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink.”*

#### **Matthew 23:37**

*“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who are sent to you! How often I have longed to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you would have none of it!”*

### **What Does This Have To Do With Me?**

#### **1. There Are Things Implied In Thirsting**

### **Verse 37,38**

*"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink"*

- A. **The gift of the water is free.**
- B. **Our innermost self has something like a physical thirst.**
- C. **What Jesus offers is satisfying.**

### **2. Surveying Coming to Jesus to Drink**

#### **Verses 37,38**

*"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me, and 7:38 let the one who believes in me drink. Just as the scripture says, 'From within him will flow rivers of living water.'"*

- A. **Jesus is what we drink.**
- B. **We were made for coming to Jesus, not physically, but spiritually, drinking, swallowing the water that He is.**
- C. **Coming and drinking are what it means to believe in Jesus.**

### **3. A River That Flows From Within**

#### **Verse 38**

*"let the one who believes in me drink. Just as the scripture says, "From within him will flow rivers of living water.""*

### **4. The Spirit Of God**

#### **Verse 39**

(Now he said this about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were going to receive, for the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.)

### **5. The Scripture And The Plans Of God**

#### **Verse 38**

*"let the one who believes in me drink. Just as the **scripture** says, 'From within him will flow rivers of living water.'"*

**Isaiah 58:11**

*“The Lord will continually lead you; he will feed you even in parched regions. He will give you renewed strength, and you will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring that continually produces water.”*