

Pastor Jim Jackson, 10/19/25
Days With Jesus, Day 21—The Dehydrated Heart
John 7:37-39

Jesus sends the INVITATION for salvation

On the last day of the feast, a priest would fill a pitcher from the pool of Siloam. He would then lead a procession to the Temple to pour out water on the altar, thanking God for His blessings and prayers for the Messiah's future reign (Lev. 23:39-43). Ironically, while they're watching the water pour, Jesus, as their Messiah, invites people to come to him for spiritual provision. *An invitation means people are outside and need to be invited.* Humans are created in God's image and have a morally responsible, immortal spirit that is built to know and relate to God. But instead of seeing God clearly, our sinful nature has blinded our eyes to truth making our hearts unable to find what we truly desire—peace with God and ourselves. Jesus implies that humans know they need *something* they just don't know what or who. *God's invitation is open to all who will hear!*

Jesus gives the LOCATION for salvation

Jesus tells people to “come to him” and drink. He makes an exclusive claim to give the one thing humans cannot find and the void they cannot fill—forgiveness from God and peace in their hearts. Jesus doesn't say all roads lead to heaven, or all ladders reach the same place, or all religions basically teach the same thing, or whatever you believe sincerely is fine. *The one true God provides the one true salvation through His one true Son* (John 3:16-18, 36; 5:24; 14:6; Acts 4:12; Rom. 10:9, 10)! Like his meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus promises an eternal well will be opened in any person's heart who believes in him (John 4:14). He will give their soul what it was designed for—a fulfilling relationship with God. *Bring your dehydrated soul to the Source!*

Jesus gives the INHABITATION of salvation

Once people believe in Christ, they are not saved to be orphaned but brought into the Family of God, which is the ‘church,’ both locally and globally (Acts 20:28; Eph. 2:20-22; Heb. 10:24, 25). The difference between Christianity and all other belief systems is that you don't enter by knowing information, but by getting transformation through the Holy Spirit. God then inhabits your heart to help you love and obey the teachings of your Savior (John 14:16-17). *Follow the Teacher before following the teaching!*