Jesus meets the woman caught in adultery

Living water
or the dust?



Jn 7.1 After this, Jesus went around in Galilee. He did not want to go about in Judea because the Jewish leaders there were looking for a way to kill him.

2 But when the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was
near, 3 Jesus' brothers said to him, "Leave Galilee and go
to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works
you do. 4 No one who wants to become a public figure
acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show
yourself to the world." 5 For even his own brothers did
not believe in him.

6 Therefore Jesus told them, “My time is not yet here;
for you any time will do. 7 The world cannot hate you,
but it hates me because I testify that its works are
evil. 8 You go to the festival. I am not going up to this
festival, because my time has not yet fully come.”
9 After he had said this, he stayed in Galilee.
10 However, after his brothers had left for the festival,
he went also, not publicly, but in secret....

- **Succoth was one of three annual pilgrim feasts**
- **‘The Great Feast.’**
- **Harvest Celebration** An expression of gratitude to God for the final fruit and crop yields of the agricultural year.
- **Wilderness Remembrance:** By dwelling in temporary, foliage-covered booths (*sukkot*), observers recall how God sheltered and sustained the Israelites after they left Egypt.

Tabernacles or booths





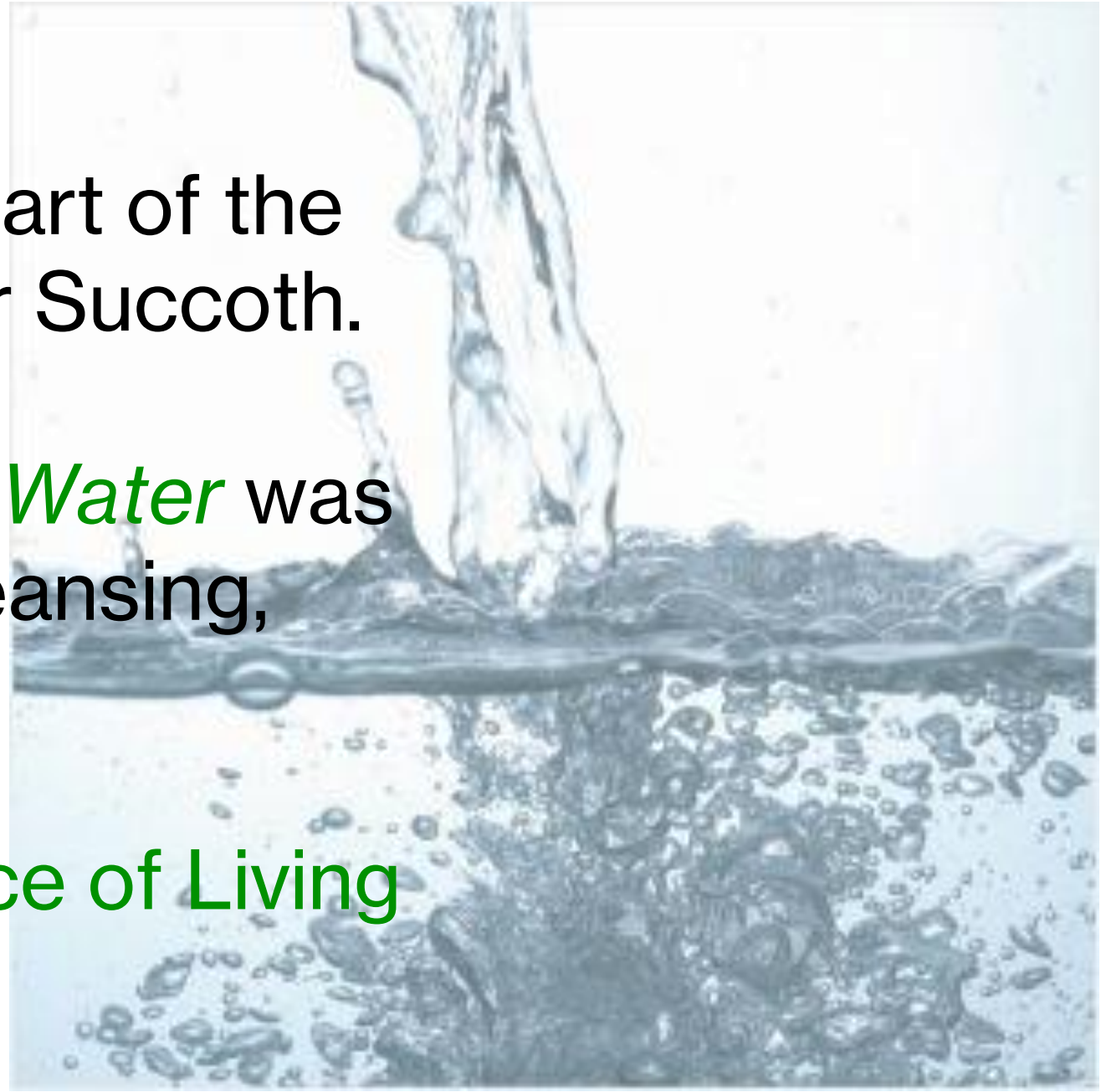
(Jn 7. 14) Not until halfway through the festival did Jesus
go up to the temple courts and begin to teach.[15] The
Jews there were amazed and asked, “How did this man
get such learning without having been taught?”

[16] Jesus answered, “My teaching is not my own. It comes
from the one who sent me. [17] Anyone who chooses to do
the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes
from God or whether I speak on my own. [18] Whoever
speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but
he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man
of truth; there is nothing false about him. [19] Has not Moses
given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law. Why
are you trying to kill me?”

Water was an integral part of the Feast of Tabernacles or Succoth.

Flowing water or *Living Water* was considered to be for cleansing, deliverance and healing

God himself is the source of Living water

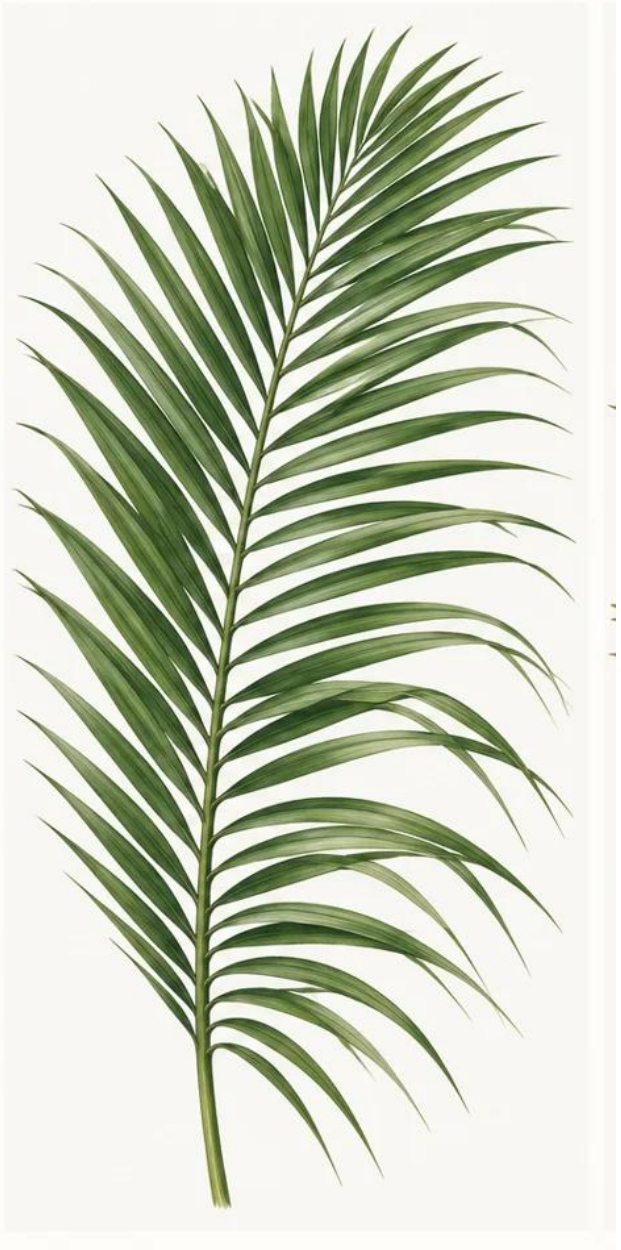


The Living Water Ceremony









37 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus
stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is
thirsty come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in
me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will
flow from within them.” 39 By this he meant the
Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to
receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given,
since Jesus had not yet been glorified.
40 On hearing his words, some of the people said,
“Surely this man is the Prophet.”...

45 Finally the temple guards went back to the chief priests and
the Pharisees, who asked them, “Why didn’t you bring him in?”
46 “No one ever spoke the way this man does,” the guards
replied. 47 “You mean he has deceived you also?” the Pharisees
retorted. 48 “Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed
in him? 49 No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law—
there is a curse on them.”
50 Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one
of their own number, asked, 51 “Does our law condemn a man
without first hearing him to find out what he has been doing?”
52 They replied, “Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you
will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee.”.....

At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts,
where all the people gathered around him, and he
sat down to teach them. 3 The teachers of the law
and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in
adultery. They made her stand before the
group 4 and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman
was caught in the act of adultery. 5 In the Law
Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now
what do you say?” 6 They were using this question
as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing
him.

(John 8.1-11)

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground
with his finger. 7 When they kept on questioning him, he
straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who
is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” 8 Again he
stooped down and wrote on the ground.

9 At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time,
the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the
woman still standing there. 10 Jesus straightened up and
asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one
condemned you?”

11 “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn
you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground





‘Lord, you are the hope of Israel; all who forsake you will be put to shame. Those who turn away from you will be written in the dust because they have forsaken the Lord, the spring of living water.’

(Jer 17. 13)

“So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.”
(Rom 8. 1)





For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ

(2 Cor 5:21)