

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
Living Water
John 7:1-44
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Who is Jesus to you?

After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. 2 Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand.

John 7:1-2 ESV

NOT YET HIS TIME

Jesus' brothers are giving Him a hard time

The people would build a booth or shelter and live in it for the week of the festival. It is a festival giving thanks to God for sustaining them in the wilderness and providing a river of water to sustain them when there was no water in the desert.

The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, "Where is he?" 12 And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, "He is a good man," others said, "No, he is leading the people astray." 13 Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

John 7:11-13 ESV

JESUS AT THE FEAST

About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. 15 The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" 16 So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. 17 If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.

John 7:14-17 ESV

When it came to understanding and interpreting what was written Jesus had God the Father and the Holy Spirit as His teachers.

CAN THIS BE THE CHRIST?

Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, "When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?"

John 7:31 ESV

LIVING WATER

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. John 7:37-39 ESV

He uses thirst and water to illustrate your spiritual condition. If anyone is thirsty let him come to me and drink.

Are you thirsty and hungry?

Come and drink and eat and you do not have to pay for it. It has already been paid for.

Jesus is our rock. He gives us living water.

We have a thirst in our hearts.

Only Jesus brings us living water from His heart to our heart. Don't settle for substitutes.

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

Receive His living water and give His living water to the people in your life.