

## Rivers of Living Water

*John 7:1-53*

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Jesus knew the Jewish leaders were seeking to \_\_\_\_\_ Him, and yet He wisely and carefully continued speaking the \_\_\_\_\_ they needed to hear. Twice in this chapter the Savior \_\_\_\_\_ out. The first was a cry of \_\_\_\_\_, and the second was a cry of \_\_\_\_\_ and compassion. During the second cry, Jesus used a \_\_\_\_\_ word picture.

### A. Setting the Stage

- Following the discourse on the true \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven and eating His flesh and drinking His \_\_\_\_\_
  - He had taught in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - He demanded a commitment unto \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Feast of Tabernacles
  - One of three \_\_\_\_\_ festivals required for the Jews to celebrate
  - It occurred in the fall after the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ going to Jerusalem.
  - His half-brothers did not yet \_\_\_\_\_.
  - He went in a manner not to \_\_\_\_\_ crowds to Himself.
  - He wanted the \_\_\_\_\_ to attract people.

### B. Declaring the Truth

- Midway through the feast
  - He taught in the temple.
  - He stated his doctrine was directly from God.
- He emphasized genuine faith, not ritualistic actions.
  - Follow the spirit of the law, not the letter of the law.
  - God's will, not man's, is to be followed.
    - Man's will is free.
    - Man's will is perverted by sin.
    - Man must yield his will to God's.

- \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth
  - Some wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ him out.
  - The Pharisees and chief priests sent officers to \_\_\_\_\_ him.

### C. The Cry in the \_\_\_\_\_ Day of the Feast

- Rabbinical \_\_\_\_\_ and interpretation
  - Each day of the first seven days of the feast, a procession of priests carried some of the empty golden vessels of the sanctuary on their shoulders through the streets, singing parts of the Great Hallel (Psalms 113-118). They then filled those vessels with water (either at the pool of Siloam or the running brook of Kidron) and marched back to the temple and poured the water out in the presence of the assembled worshippers.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ of two things
    - God had miraculously supplied \_\_\_\_\_ in the wilderness.
    - The promises of God for \_\_\_\_\_ provisions
  - There was \_\_\_\_\_ procession of priests on the eighth day.
    - There was no longer a need for supernatural \_\_\_\_\_ of water.
    - The hoped-for promise of a new dispensation of \_\_\_\_\_ and rededication had not dawned.
- Invitation to the \_\_\_\_\_
  - "Come unto \_\_\_\_\_."
  - "\_\_\_\_\_"
- The promise to those who choose to \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ
  - They will experience \_\_\_\_\_ of living water
    - \_\_\_\_\_ just a stream, or even one river
    - Suggest \_\_\_\_\_ plentifulness
  - \_\_\_\_\_ speaks of the Holy Spirit
    - In the Old Testament, His ministry was \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Now in believers He will abide and be \_\_\_\_\_.