



Sunday Morning, January 15, 2023 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Vision Sunday

**Message Text:** John 7:37-53

### Introduction:

Jesus never intended the Christian life to be a schedule of empty religious ceremonies, a set of rituals and traditions, or an act we maintain. The Christian life is a relationship with Christ. If our hearts cannot be satisfied with Jesus, nothing else and no one else can. As water is to your thirsty body, so believing on Christ is to your spiritually thirsty soul. Do you remember the day you found Jesus to be the satisfaction of your soul? Jesus intends for us to live out our relationship with Him for the spiritual benefit of others around us. As we will see in our theme text, Jesus invites us to live inside out!

## 1. Thirsty \_\_\_\_\_ (37a)

*John 7:37a In the last day, that great day of the feast...*

GREAT DAY — the eighth day following a seven day feast.  
(*Leviticus 23:39*)

FEAST OF TABERNACLES (*Exodus 23:15-17*) — Feast of Booths; Feast of Ingathering. “During this festival Israel gathered luxuriant boughs and built booths in which to live for the span of the festival. These acts were meant to remind them of the time spent wandering in the desert.” (LBD) Prayers for God’s deliverance were prayed throughout the feast.

RITUAL OF THE FEAST — A ritual of bringing water from the pool of Siloam and pouring it at the base of the altar was part of the daily festival celebration. This ritual memorialized the miracle of water from the rock in

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the wilderness [Exodus 17:1-6] and became symbolic of hope for messianic deliverance (Isaiah 12:3). — Barry

QUOTE: The last day of the feast would be the seventh day, a very special day on which the priests would march seven times around the altar, chanting Psalm 118:25. —Weirsebe

*Psalm 118:25 Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.*

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Savior (37b)

*John 7:37b ... Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.*

NOTE: Jesus stood in contrast to the Rabbi's who would sit to teach. He declared his message as a herald delivering a message.

NOTE: Christ was not offering them another ritual, but a relationship with Himself.

QUOTE: At the feast, the Jews were reenacting a tradition that could never satisfy the heart. Jesus offered them living water and eternal satisfaction! —Wiersbe

*Exodus 17:6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.*

*John 4:13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

*Revelation 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.*

*Revelation 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.*

*Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Rivers (38-39)

*John 7:38-39 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

*Numbers 20:11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.*

*Psalms 78:15-16 He clave the rocks in the wilderness, And gave them drink as out of the great depths. 16 He brought streams also out of the rock, And caused waters to run down like rivers.*

DEFINITION—FLOW: move along; gush {only here in the NT}

DEFINITION—RIVERS: a type of abundance; a large natural water source

DEFINITION—BELLY: self; innards; the inner aspect of a person as a place of thoughts and feelings and conscience. {Only here in the NT}

QUOTE: The word belly here means the inmost heart of the believer, which pours forth spiritual refreshment. —Vincent

QUOTE: Just as water satisfies thirst and produces fruitfulness, so the Spirit of God satisfies the inner person and enables us to bear fruit. —Wiersbe

*1 Thessalonians 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.*

NOTE: Through the presence and power of the indwelling Holy Spirit we are then able to live out our relationship with Christ for the spiritual benefit of people around us.

*Matthew 10:8 ...freely ye have received, freely give.*

*John 4:42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.*

## Conclusion

*Exodus 17:5–6 And the Lord said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.*

*1 Corinthians 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.*

## Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for the salvation that you have given to me by faith. You have become the satisfaction my heart. Please teach me what it means to have rivers of living water flowing from my inner being. Teach me to live out my relationship with You through the presence and power of your Holy Spirit for the spiritual benefit of others around me. Amen.

