



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: John 7:37-39 (NAS)

“Come to the Water”

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- 37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.
- 38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"
- 39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

I. THREE SCRIPTURES GIVE EMPHASIS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WEEK

- A. In Genesis, The Creation In 6 Days; Resting On The 7th Day
- B. In Exodus, Introduction To Labor 6 Days; Rest On The 7th Day
- C. John 1 & 2 Record The First Week Of Jesus' Ministry
- D. John Gives Much Emphasis To The Last Week Of Jesus' Ministry
- E. This Passage Records The Beginning Of Another Important Week

II. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE 8th DAY

- A. The Eighth Day Falls On Sunday; The 1st Day Of The Week
- B. The Eighth Day Of The Feast Of The Passover: Jesus' Resurrection
- C. The Eighth Day Of The Feast Week God Poured Out His Spirit On The Church

III. A CALL TO THE THIRSTY

- A. Thirst Is A Powerful Desire
- B. Jesus Spoke Of The Thirst Of The Soul

C. He Gives A Call To Drink Without Cost *Isaiah 55:1*

D. Faith Is The Avenue To The Fountain

IV. THE PROMISE

- A. Living Waters *vs. 38*
- B. John Interprets That Promise In Verse 39
- C. Old Testament References *Isaiah 44:3; 58:11*

V. THE RIVERS OF GOD'S SPIRIT BRING

- A. The River Brings Purity And Cleansing
- B. Growth As The Spirit Brings The Word To Life *Psalms 1:1-3*
- C. Power *1 Corinthians 10:13; Psalm 29:1-2; 46:1; Isaiah 40:29*
- D. Peace *Philippians 4:7*
- E. Blessings Flow Out Of Us
 - 1. love
 - 2. kindness
 - 3. service