



SERMON NOTES

April 16, 2017

Scripture: John 7 (NAS)

“Celebrating the Resurrection”

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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