

Sermon Audio Input

Full Msg. Title: Jesus Invitation & Promise at the Feast of Booths
Short Ver. Title: John 45
Series Title: The Gospel of John
Text: John 7:37-53
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Message Outline

Jesus Invitation & Promise at the Feast of Booths

“...come to Me and drink...”

John 7:37-53

- I. Understanding What the First Century Worshipers were Thinking**
- II. Understanding Jesus’ Invitation & Promise to the Worshipers**

Please See

Pastor Kit Culver’s study notes for his John 044 message, “**The Feast of Booths - Jesus as the Fulfillment of the Feast**” from 7/24/16.

Examine the Scriptures (Be Berean!)

- Last Day of Feast as Seventh Day -- Haggai 2:1-9; 23.
- Drink Offerings -- Numbers 28-29. “...poured out sacrificial libations...” Culver, p. 181. Possible associations: 1) God’s provision of water from rock in wilderness wanderings (Exodus 17:1-17; Numbers 20:1-13; 2); Thanksgiving for Fall Harvest and Petition for Rain in Future; **3) Forward-looking to time God would pour out His Spirit (Is 44:1-5; Joel 2:28-29; Zech 14:8-18)**
- On Feast of Booths and Worshipers’ Historical Association -- 1 Kings 8:1-65, Nehemiah 8.
- Hallel Psalms Recited at Feast of Booths-- 113-118, esp. 118:25

Consider & Discuss (Be Transformed!)

- What was the Feast of Booths?
- How has John been using Jewish feasts in his gospel?
- How might John be using the Feast of Booths for His purposes here?
- What is the “thirsty” state of which Jesus inquires in verse 37?
- What is it to “come to” Jesus?
- What is it to “drink”?
- What is one’s “innermost being”?
- What are the “rivers of living water” which will flow out of the one who comes to Jesus and drinks?
- **Community Group Question: Do Jesus’ invitation and promise extend to people today? Are you thirsty in the sense Jesus meant? If so, describe your thirst? What does Jesus offer to quench your thirst? How do we drink what Jesus provides? What is the result of our drinking? If this is so, how should it impact how we live our Christian lives?**

Memory & Meditation Verse

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. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’**”

John 7:37-38

Community Life

- Tuesdays at noon for all (BYO Lunch); Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Both Community Groups meet at the church office.

Next Sunday

9/25/2016 -- John 7:53 - 8:11, *The Woman Caught in Adultery*