

Jesus Teaches at the Feast of Tabernacles

Part 2 - John 7:37-53

On the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles, the people celebrated God's miraculous provision of _____ during the wilderness wanderings and later in the Promised Land. Jesus will stand and cry out an invitation to come to Him for eternal, life-giving _____. J.Dwight Pentecost wrote, "But what God had done for Israel physically, Christ had come to do for that people spiritually." p. 281

The Significance of Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles: (Part 1)

1. Jesus _____ to Jerusalem and taught in the temple after being gone for 18 months.

2. Jesus _____ much confusion, debate, and hostility.

3. Jesus _____ that He was the Son of God.

4. Jesus _____ that He had come with God's message.

5. Jesus _____ them concerning Sabbath work.

6. Jesus _____ that He would soon leave and the Religious Leaders could not follow.

I. Jesus' Great Invitation

"In the _____ day, that _____ day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried (Lit. - _____), saying, If any man _____, let him _____ unto me, and _____. ³⁸He that _____ on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly (Lit. - _____) 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.)" John 7:37-39

"the last day, that great day of the feast" –

“If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink” –

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“thirst” –

“let him come unto me” –

“and drink” –

“Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water” –

II. Divisions of the People

“Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the _____.
⁴¹Others said, This is the _____. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? ⁴²Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? ⁴³So there was a _____ among the people because of him. ⁴⁴And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.” John 7:40-44

“This is the Christ” –

“this is the Prophet” –

“Shall Christ come out Galilee?” –

“would have taken him” –

III. Return of the Temple Guards

“Then came the officers to the chief priests (Lit. - _____) and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him? ⁴⁶The officers answered, Never man _____ like this man. ⁴⁷Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also _____? ⁴⁸Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him? ⁴⁹But this people (Lit. - _____) who knoweth not the law are cursed.” John 7:45-49

“Why have ye not brought him?” → “Never man spake like this man.” –

Insults Fly:

IV. Nicodemus – a Voice of Reason

“Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,) ⁵¹Doth our law judge any man, before it _____ him, and _____ what he doeth? ⁵²They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of _____? Search, and look: for out of _____ ariseth no prophet. ⁵³And every man went unto his own house.” John 7:50-53

“Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?” –

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“And every man went unto his own house.” –

Believers' Application:

Jesus cried to the crowd that the believer in Him would have rivers of living water flow from their innermost being. John the Apostle makes sure the readers understand that this living water was the Holy Spirit! Let's answer some questions concerning the Holy Spirit.

- Who is the Holy Spirit?

- When did the Holy Spirit come to believers in Jesus?

- When does the Holy Spirit come to believers today?

- What are some of the benefits and characteristics of this Holy Spirit flow that comes from the depths of the believer's heart and soul?
 1. The Holy Spirit leads us to believe _____.
 2. The Holy Spirit leads us to believe in _____.
 3. The Holy Spirit leads us to _____.
 4. The Holy Spirit leads us in our _____ with God.
 5. The Holy Spirit leads us in our _____ with man.

2. Nicodemus is an amazing New Testament character. We are allowed to watch his progress of faith from a nighttime seeker to a public provider. Let's consider some applications we can gain from this man's spiritual journey.

- A. Nicodemus sought out the truth of Jesus with a _____ heart.

- B. Nicodemus realized that being _____ was not enough – One must be _____.

- C. Nicodemus _____ for Christ, even when it wasn't popular.

- D. Nicodemus' faith led to bold _____.

Where are you in your faith journey? Are you seeking truth? Have you been born again? If you are a believer, are you willing to boldly stand for truth? Let's answer these questions honestly and move forward as faithful followers of Jesus!