

# John 8 - Don't Forsake the Fountain of Living Water

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## The last and greatest day of the festival

Joh 7:2 ESV Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand.

### **Feast of Booths or Tabernacles - lasted 8 days**

- On each day they drew water from the pool of Siloam. They would go up the steps and to the altar and pour the water out as a reminder of the rock that gave water in the wilderness
  - 1 Cor 10 - the rock that followed them was Christ

### **While Reciting Isa 12**

- Isa 12:2-4 ESV "Behold, **God is my salvation**; I will **trust**, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and **he has become my salvation.**" 3 **With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.** 4 And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, **call upon his name**, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

### **A WELL of water = salvation**

(remember the woman at the well)

- John 4:14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

### **RIVERS of living water = baptism in the Holy Spirit**

(On the last and greatest day - they marched 7 times around the altar, then silence...)

- Joh 7:37-39 ESV **On the last day of the feast, the great day**, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If **anyone** thirsts, let him **come to me** and drink. 38 Whoever **believes** in me, **as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'**" 39 Now this he said about the **Spirit**, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the **Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.**

### **The water ceremony pointed to Him, He is the fulfillment IN PERSON OF EVERYTHING THEY HAD HOPED AND LONGED FOR but they missed Him - He is the only one that will satisfy**

- Jer 2:13 ESV for my people have committed two evils: they have **forsaken me, the fountain of living waters**, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, **broken cisterns that can hold no water.**

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## They have forsaken the LORD, the spring of living water

Joh 8:1-59 ESV **but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.** 2 Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. 3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst 4 they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. 5 Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" 6 This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him.

- They weren't really interested in justice - where was the man (if she were caught in the act)
- They wanted to test Jesus, to bring some charge against him
- If Jesus **condemned** her - they would defy him as Messiah because up to now he had been merciful to the sinner...
- If He **excused** her, they would condemn him for going against the law of Moses

## The writing in the dust

**Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground.** 7 And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." 8 And **once more he bent down and wrote on the ground.** 9 But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. 10 Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? **Has no one condemned you?**" 11 She said, "**No one, Lord.**" And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from **now on sin no more.**""]]

### **These are the men who refused to drink of the living water Jesus offered**

- Jeremiah 17:9-13 NIV The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? (10) "I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve." (11) Like a partridge that hatches eggs it did not lay are those who gain riches by unjust means. When their lives are half gone, their riches will desert them, and in the end they will prove to be fools. (12) A glorious throne, exalted from the beginning, is the place of our sanctuary. (13) LORD, you are the hope of Israel; all who forsake you will be put to shame. **Those who turn away from you will be written in the dust because they have forsaken the LORD, the spring of living water.**

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- Jesus confounded them, He showed **mercy** to the woman, AND He **kept the law of Moses**, because there was a requirement for at least 2 accusers before someone could be stoned

## What does it mean to follow Jesus

12 (a) Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "**I am the light of the world.**

- During the Feast of Booths - as part of the ceremony they set up four huge menorah in the temple court (75 ft tall) - it was said that every courtyard in the city was lighted by it...Just as Jesus was the fulfillment of the WATER ceremony, He was also the fulfillment of the LIGHTING ceremony

## FIRST TO WALK IN THE LIGHT AND NOT WALK IN DARKNESS

12 (b)**Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.**"

- (like he told the woman, "**Go and sin no more**")

## SECOND TO RECEIVE HIM AS LORD "I AM"

- Vs 23 He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. **You are of this world; I am not of this world.** 24 I told you that you would die in your sins, for **unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins.**"

- Vs 28 So Jesus said to them, "**When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he**, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me.

- Vs 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." 57 So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **before Abraham was, I am.**" 59 So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

### THIRD TO DO WHAT PLEASURES THE FATHER

- Vs 29 And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for **I always do the things that are pleasing to him.**" 30 As he was saying these things, many believed in him.
- 44 You are of your father the devil, and **your will is to do your father's desires.**

### FOURTH TO KEEP HIS WORD

- 31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "**If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**" (VS 36 **So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.**
- 37 I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me **because my word finds no place in you.**
- 43 **Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word**
- 47 **Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."**
- 51 **Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."**

### FIFTH - TO LOVE JESUS

- 42 Jesus said to them, "**If God were your Father, you would love me,** for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me.