



CLEARING UP THE CONFUSION
ONE OF A KIND LIVING WATER

JOHN 7:37-52

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1. Look _____ (vv. 37-39)

37 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. 40 When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet." 41 Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" 43 So there was a division among the people over him. 44 Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. 45 The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" 46 The officers answered, "No one ever spoke like this man!" 47 The Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived? 48 Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? 49 But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." 50 Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, 51 "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" 52 They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee."

2. Expect _____ (vv. 40-44)

3. Stand _____ (vv. 45-52)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Psalm 63:1-4.** Why do you think that this biblical picture of thirst is such a powerful image that Jesus frequently used? How have you seen this imagery become a reality in your own life?
- 2. Read Jeremiah 2:12-13.** What are some of the “broken cisterns” that people look to instead of Christ in order to find fulfillment? How are you tempted by some of these things?
- 3. Read Galatians 5:22-23.** Choose a few of these attributes that you would like to see more of in your own life. How is looking to Christ an essential element of growing in those specific character qualities? How will you do that this week?
- 4. Read Luke 12:51-53.** Do you think there are any ways that unbiblical or unrealistic expectations may have a negative effect on your evangelism? How should that reality of a divided response to Jesus affect our mindset as we prepare to share our faith?
- 5. Read Matthew 10:26-33.** What are some specific things about this passage that encourage you to stand firm in a world that is opposed to Jesus Christ?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Mohler, Albert. *The Gathering Storm*. Thomas Nelson, 2020.

McDowell, Josh and Sean McDowell. *More Than a Carpenter*. Tyndale Momentum, 2009.

Piper, John. *Desiring God*. Multnomah, 2011.

Tozer, A.W. *The Knowledge of the Holy*. HarperOne, 2009.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that we would constantly look to Christ instead of anything else for satisfaction.
 Pray that our lives would be a greater reflection of the fruit of the Spirit.
 Pray for opportunities to share the gospel and that we would see people respond with genuine faith.
 Pray for a long-term home for CBCTV.
 Pray for church leaders around the country to stand firm on the truths of the gospel and to have wisdom in the midst of 2020.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	N.T.	Gospels
9/14/2020	Song of Solomon 1-4	Psalm 106:10-48	Luke 19:28-40	Hebrews 1:1-14
9/15/2020	Song of Solomon 5-8	Psalm 107:1-9	Luke 19:41-48	Hebrews 2:1-9
9/16/2020	Isaiah 1-4	Psalm 107:10-22	Luke 20:1-18	Hebrews 2:10-18
9/17/2020	Isaiah 5-8	Psalm 107:23-32	Luke 20:19-26	Hebrews 3:1-6
9/18/2020	Isaiah 9-12	Psalm 107:33-43	Luke 20:27-47	Hebrews 3:7-19
9/19/2020	Isaiah 13-15	Psalm 108:1-6	Luke 21:1-9	Hebrews 4:1-16