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Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions & Opening Prayer - Dena
- Scripture Reading John 7:1-18; 37-44 ESV - Ed
- Worship Music - *O Come to the Altar (Elevation Worship)*
- John Week 12 Video
- Discussion: *Thirsty* - Dena
- Prayer Requests - Dena
- Closing Prayer - Dena



THE GOSPEL OF
JOHN

THIRSTY

John 7 (ESV)

1 After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him.

2 Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. 3 So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. 4 For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." 5 For not even his brothers believed in him. 6 Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here.

John 7 (ESV)

7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. 8 You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come.” 9 After saying this, he remained in Galilee. 10 But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private. 11 The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, “Where is he?” 12 And there was much muttering about him among the people.

John 7 (ESV)

While some said, “He is a good man,” others said, “No, he is leading the people astray.” 13 Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him. 14 About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. 15 The Jews therefore marveled, saying, “How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?” 16 So Jesus answered them, “My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.”

John 7 (ESV)

17 “If anyone’s will is to do God’s will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. 18 The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.”

John 7 (ESV)

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.”

John 7 (ESV)

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.

The Point

You will find what you are looking for.

If you are looking for reasons to not believe, there are many:

social, theological, historical, religious, traditional

If you are looking for true life, you will find it in Jesus alone.



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**How Does This Bible Passage
Relate to My Situation Today?**



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- Jesus' patience in waiting for the right moment teaches us to be patient with God's timing, even amid uncertainty & challenges
- Like Jesus, we can rely on God's wisdom rather than human expectations when caring for our loved ones
- Jesus' declaration, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me," encourages us to seek refreshment in Him during times of emotional depletion

How Does This Bible Passage Relate to My Situation Today?

- We can draw strength from knowing Jesus promises living water to those who come to Him, giving spiritual refreshment even in weary times
- Just as Jesus faced opposition and misunderstanding, we may encounter criticism or lack of understanding, yet find peace in God's approval
- Jesus' teaching brings clarity in a world of confusion; we can seek this clarity in our daily challenges, leaning on His wisdom

How Does This Bible Passage Relate to My Situation Today?

- Jesus' example shows that true life is found in Him alone, encouraging us to find our hope & purpose in His presence
- The division among people regarding Jesus reminds us that our role is to love & serve, trusting God to work in the hearts of others

Discussion Questions

- How does Jesus' patience in waiting for God's timing encourage you in your role as a caregiver?
- In what ways have you experienced moments where you needed to trust God's wisdom over the opinions of others?
- When Jesus speaks of offering "living water," what does that mean to you as a source of strength in caregiving?
- What does it mean to you that true life can only be found in Jesus, especially in the context of caring for your loved?

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