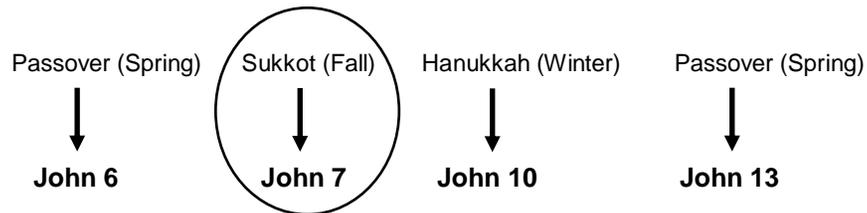


JESUS BY JOHN

Part 38: Water from the Rock

APPETIZER: Our Text in Context



THE FESTIVAL OF SUKKOT (TABERNACLES / BOOTHS) =

- Happens 5 days after Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) & lasts one week
- People live in tents or booths to commemorate God's provision when they were wandering in the wilderness
- Key symbol is water, which God provided from a rock
- Became the symbol of the final days of peace among nations (Zechariah 14:16)

DINE IN: Knowing God. No-ing Religion.

John 17:3

John 7:25-39

This is the message, and for this we contend: that we accept Christ and adhere to Him in such a manner that we neither speak of nor interact with God without having this Man in mind.
~ Martin Luther (16th Century)

“know” = *GINOSKO* (Greek); an intimate experiential knowledge; the knowing that comes from information *and* involvement.

Information alone is not knowing, it is _____.
Experience alone is not knowing, it is _____.

Two stories or images embedded in the symbolism of Sukkot...

FIRST: WATER FROM THE ROCK – Exodus 17:1-6; Numbers 20:1-11; Psalm 105:41; 78:13-16; Isaiah 44:3; 55:1; Zechariah 13:1

- ROCK = God's Temple / Jesus / Us
- STRIKING = Persecution
- WATER = Holy Spirit
- LIFE = Where before there was death
- CLEANSING = taking our sin away

SECOND: WATER FROM THE TEMPLE – EZEKIEL 47:1-12...

- Jesus said HIS BODY was the temple! (John 2)
- And WE are now the BODY of Christ, and the TEMPLE of his Spirit!

John 4:14; 19:33-34; Isaiah 58:9-11

“When you are filled with God's Spirit, people will instinctively come to you for help. In your school, in your office, in your hospital, you should so live Christ that others will approach you in their times of trouble, and then you can flow Christ to them.”
~ Donald Grey Barnhouse (Christian Theologian)

TAKE OUT: What is your biggest distraction?

My people have committed two sins:

They have forsaken me,
the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

~ Yahweh, through the prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 2:13)

Revelation 22:17

MULTIPLE CHOICE PRAYER...

Dear Jesus,

- A. I repent of my distraction. Help me turn away.
 - B. I acknowledge my role in inviting others to come to you. Help me have joyful boldness.
 - C. I'm thirsty, and I want your free gift. Help me follow you.
- Amen.

Home Church Questions

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. Review the sermon – any lingering questions or helpful revelations?

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

2. Read **John 7:25-39**.
 - a. What verse, phrase, word, or idea stands out to you the most? What might God be saying to you through this?
 - b. Have you ever known someone who had “rivers of living water” flowing out to them to others around them? Talk about what they were like.
 - c. Let’s dive in! Look up the following Bible passages, and talk about how each one contributes to our understanding of what Jesus was teaching in **John 7**. Make the connections. And, as you read and discuss, be mindful of how God’s Spirit is with you, right there right now, speaking to you through Scripture and through one another. What a joyful privilege this is!
 - i. **Exodus 17:1-6**
 - ii. **Psalms 78:13-16**
 - iii. **Ezekiel 47:1-12**
 - iv. **Isaiah 58:9-11**
 - v. **Revelation 21:22-22:5**

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

3. Re-read **John 7:37-38**, slowly, meditatively, more than once. Take some time in quiet meditation, then share what you sense the Holy Spirit might be teaching you this week. Also, be aware of something the Spirit might be giving you to share with someone else.
4. Pray for each other.