

RIVERS OF LIVING WATER

John 7:1-52

Key Verse: 37-38

“On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.”³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

1. What occasion was mentioned and why did Jesus’ brothers think he should go to Judea (1-5)? What can we learn about Jesus in his response (6-9)? How did Jesus come to the festival and what were people saying about him (10-13)?
2. What did Jesus do halfway through the festival and how did people respond (14-15)? Where did Jesus’ teaching come from and how can anyone find out (16-18)? How did Jesus challenge them based on the Law of Moses (19-24)?
3. What did some of the people of Jerusalem wonder (25-27)? What did Jesus declare about his origin (28-29)? What were the mixed responses (30-32)? What did Jesus then say in response and how were his words misinterpreted (33-36)?
4. When, what and to whom did Jesus make a loud declaration, and with what promise (37-38)? What did Jesus mean (39)? How had God provided for Israel (see Ex 17:3-6; Nu 20:6-8)? How did this foreshadow the Messiah’s work (see Isa 12:3; 55:1; Rev 7:17)? Have you accepted Jesus’ invitation? If so, how have you experienced rivers of living water?
5. What were the various responses to Jesus’ words (40-44)? Why didn’t the guards arrest Jesus (45-46)? What was the Pharisees’ view of Jesus and the crowd (47-49)? What was Nicodemus’ objection and how did they silence him (50-52)?