

- B. His Closing Message in the Temple (John 7:37-53)
  - 1. Invitation to the water (John 7:37-39)
    - a. Prophecy concerning water (Isaiah 55:1-4)
    - b. Preaching concerning water (John 7:37; John 4:10, 13-14; John 6:35; Revelation 21:6)
    - c. Offer of living water (John 7:38)
      - (1) Note: *living water* is a phrase that can refer to a spring because the spring flows up from the earth on its own and does not have to be drawn as water is drawn from a well.
      - (2) From Jerusalem (Psalm 46:4-5; Ezekiel 47:1; Joel 3:18; Zechariah 14:8)
      - (3) From the heart (Psalm 1:3; Isaiah 58:11; John 4:10-11)
    - d. Source of the living water (John 7:39)
      - (1) The sending of the Father (Jeremiah 2:13; Jeremiah 17:13)
      - (2) The indwelling of the Spirit (John 14:16-17; Romans 8:9-13; 1Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 1:13-14)
    - e. Note: Our life in the Spirit
      - (1) Three men
        - (a) The thirsty man – lost (John 7:37)
        - (b) The quenched man – saved (John 7:37-38)
        - (c) The overflowing man (John 7:38; John 10:10)
      - (2) History of Spirit relationship
        - (a) With you (John 14:16-17)
        - (b) In you (Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
        - (c) Filling you (Ephesians 5:18-21)
      - (3) The work of the Spirit in us
        - (a) We live in the Spirit (Romans 8:5-13; Galatians 5:25).
        - (b) We walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16-24; Romans 8:1-4).
        - (c) We are led by the Spirit (Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:18).
  - 2. Division among the people (John 7:40-44; John 9:16; John 10:19)
    - a. Cause of the division (John 7:40-42)
      - (1) The question of identity (John 7:40-41a)
      - (2) The question of origin (John 7:41b-42)
    - b. Results of the division (John 7:43-44)
      - (1) Separation (John 7:43; Genesis 1:4, 14; Luke 12:51-53)
      - (2) Hatred (John 7:44a; John 15:18-20)
      - (3) Fear (John 7:44b)

3. Division among the rulers (John 7:45-53)
  - a. The officers (John 7:45-46)
    - (1) They did not bring Him (John 7:45).
    - (2) They testified of Him – “Never man spake like this man.” (see Matthew 7:29; Luke 4:22).
  - b. Note: How to preach like Jesus
    - (1) Preach the Word (Mark 2:2).
    - (2) Preach with authority (Matthew 7:28-29).
    - (3) Preach with boldness (Matthew 10:27; see Acts 4:31).
    - (4) Preach with urgency (Luke 4:43; see 1Corinthians 9:16).
    - (5) Preach with plainness (Mark 12:37; John 16:29).
    - (6) Preach with compassion (Matthew 4:23; Mark 6:34).
    - (7) Preach with God’s anointing (Luke 4:16-19; see 1 Samuel 10:26).
  - c. The Pharisees (John 7:47-49)
    - (1) Argument by ridicule (John 7:47)
    - (2) Argument by position (John 7:48)
    - (3) Argument by scholarship (John 7:49)
  - d. Nicodemus (John 7:50-53)
    - (1) A call for fairness (John 7:50-51); according to their law
    - (2) Opposed by ignorance (John 7:52-53)
      - (a) They dismissed Christ because He was from Galilee (John 7:52; cp. John 1:46).
      - (b) They dismissed the council and went home (John 7:53).