

## LET ALL THE THIRSTY COME

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Finding Jesus, Finding Life (Gospel of John, part 23)

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### MAIN IDEA: Who is Jesus (to you)? Are you thirsty?

#### Feast of Tabernacles

<sup>28</sup> “...I am not here on my own authority, but he who sent me is true. You do not know him, <sup>29</sup> but I know him because I am from him and he sent me.”

<sup>33</sup> Jesus said, “I am with you for only a short time, and then I am going to the one who sent me. <sup>34</sup> You will look for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come.”

<sup>37</sup> 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. <sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” <sup>39</sup> By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. (cf. John 4:14)

**“If anyone is thirsty...”**

**“Let them come to me and drink...”**

**“My water is alive within you...”**

**“It’s my Spirit, who will be in you...”**

<sup>40</sup> On hearing his words, some of the people said, “Surely this man is the Prophet.” <sup>41</sup> Others said, “He is the Messiah.”

<sup>43</sup> Thus the people were divided because of Jesus.

## Who is Jesus?

**Who do you say I am?** (Matthew 16:15)

### Living Water

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**“Anyone who is THIRSTY...”**

**“Come to ME AND DRINK...”**

“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.” **Jeremiah 2:13**

**Jesus will fill us with a PERSON: The Holy Spirit.**

**The Spirit will come to dwell in us AFTER Jesus dealt with our sins on the cross.**

**Are you a Christian and still thirsty?**

“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in you.” **St. Augustine**