



Sunday, June 14, 2009: The Living Water

Scripture: John 7

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Sermon Notes:

1. In this passage we find a vivid display of the tension between light and darkness in the plot to kill Jesus.
2. John 7:7: “world” refers not to the cosmos, but to a way of thinking or living that does not surrender to the Lord Jesus.
3. John 7:3-8: Jesus' family suggested using the feast as a stage to promote His ministry, but it was not Jesus' time.
4. Without the grace of God, people don't want to be part of the truth.
5. Time apart from the glory of God becomes meaningless. God gives purpose, adding meaning and value to time.
6. The Jewish authorities reject Jesus because of their attitude against God.
7. Jesus is more than a moral critic; the world is being judged by its reaction to His presence.
8. Jesus' teaching is from God, not His own authority.
9. If anyone wants to do God's will in his heart, he will begin to understand who Jesus is and what God's requirements are.
10. There's no bar of judgment to which God can be summoned. He calls us to total commitment to obedient love and faith.
11. Legalists replace the true intent of the Law with appearances of conformity to the letter.
12. Our own legal system has degraded to Pharisaism: It's based on technicalities, precedent, and plea-bargaining, not principles of justice and truth.
13. The ordinary wisdom of the world can't recognize Jesus; He needs to be unveiled.
14. Because of the moral divide it's impossible for us to embrace God without the interposition of the Holy Spirit.
15. John 7:37-39: Jesus claims to be the most basic need of our lives. Jesus says, come to Me and drink.
16. Every believer should be filled with the Spirit, becoming a conduit of His grace to nourish the world.
17. God's re-creation started with the resurrection and continues to flow out and transform the world.

Application Questions:

1. Why does the world prefer darkness? See John 3:19.
2. Why did the Jewish authorities reject Jesus?
3. What separates me from Christ most: ignorance, lack of evidence, or my moral attitude toward God?
4. Why are most unbelievers okay with the idea of “god” while being hostile to Christ?
5. How is Matthew 7:1-2 often used with Pharisaical intent? How could you show a legalist the true intent of this passage?
6. Can a Christian separate knowledge of God from moral commitment?
7. When our society is at war with God, is it possible for us to be at peace with one another?
8. How can I serve as a channel of God's grace this week?
9. How am I being called by the Spirit to participate in the vision of the kingdom transforming and renewing creation through Jesus and the cross?