

The **Good News** that John Wrote

***...that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of
God, and that believing you
may have life in his name.***

John 20.31

Life in the Spirit

Objectives of the Class

- To behold in our hearts the glory of Christ
- To participate more deeply in life in the Spirit
- To become more conformed to His image
- To pray for and encourage one another

Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Watch
The Gospel of John Video
John 7.37-53

Study

John 7.37-53

John 7.37-38

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, “If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.’”

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Ezekiel 47.1-2

Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east); and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me round on the outside to the outer gate, that faces toward the east; and the water was coming out on the south side.

Ezekiel 47.1-9

Wherever the river goes every living creature which swarms will live, and there will be very many fish; for this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes.

John 7.39

Jesus said this about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were going to receive. At that time the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not been raised to glory.

John 7.40-42

Some of the people in the crowd heard him say this and said, “This man is really the Prophet!” Others said, “He is the Messiah!” But others said, “The Messiah will not come from Galilee! The scripture says that the Messiah will be a descendant of King David and will be born in Bethlehem, the town where David lived.”

John 7.43-44

So there was a division in the crowd because of Jesus. Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.

John 7.45-46

When the guards went back, the chief priests and Pharisees asked them, “Why did you not bring him?” The guards answered, “Nobody has ever talked the way this man does!”

John 7.47-49

“Did he fool you, too?” the Pharisees asked them. “Have you ever known one of the authorities or one Pharisee to believe in him? This crowd does not know the Law of Moses, so they are under God’s curse!”

John 7.50-51

One of the Pharisees there was Nicodemus, the man who had gone to see Jesus before. He said to the others, “According to our Law we cannot condemn people before hearing them and finding out what they have done.”

John 7.52

“Well,” they answered, “are you also from Galilee? Study the Scriptures and you will learn that no prophet ever comes from Galilee.”

John 8.1

Then everyone went home, but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

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