

“I Am . . .”

The Gospel of John

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Living Water”*

“John 7: 25-39”

I. THE WATER OF PUBLIC OPINION

“So some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, ‘Is this not the man whom they are seeking to kill?’ Look, He is speaking publicly, and they are saying nothing to Him. The rulers do not really know that this is the Christ do they?”

II. THE WATER OF RELIGIOUS TRADITION

“However we know where this man is from; but whenever the Christ may come, no one knows where He is from. Then Jesus cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, ‘You both know Me and know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. I know Him, because I am from Him, and He sent me. So they were seeking to seize Him; and no man laid his hand of Him, because His hour had not yet come.’”

III. THE WATER OF SUPERFICIAL FAITH

“But many of the crowd believed in Him; and they were saying, ‘When the Christ comes, He will not perform more signs that those which this man has, will He?’”

IV. THE WATER OF HUMAN REASON

“The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about Him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to seize Him. Therefore Jesus said, ‘For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me. You will seek me, and will not find Me; and where I am you cannot come.’ The Jews said to one another, ‘Where does this man intend to go that we will not find Him? He is not intending to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks is He? What is this statement that he said, ‘You will seek me and will not find me; and where I am you cannot come?’”

V. THE LIVING WATER OF JESUS

“Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, ‘If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, from his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’ But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”