

## **THE GREATEST INVITATION**

### ***Jesus Call to Come to Him***

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Lesson 19 – John 7:37-53

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**Purpose:** John 20:30-31 Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

#### **Outline:**

I.	Incarnation of the Son Of God	1:1-18
II.	Presentation of the Son Of God	1:19-4:54
III.	Opposition of the Son Of God	5:1-12:50
IV.	Disciples of the Son Of God	13:1-17:26
V.	Execution of the Son Of God	18:1-19:37
VI.	Resurrection of the Son Of God	19:38-21:25

**Memory Verse:** John 7:37 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.

**Theme:** Jesus calls those who are spiritually thirsty to believe in Him to receive everlasting life. The response to His invitation creates division between those who believe in Him and those who reject Him. In our verses today, the crowd is divided, the officers are ineffective and the Pharisees are frustrated by the invitation of Jesus Christ.

#### **I. Jesus Invitation to the Thirsty 7:37-39**

1. Jesus calls those who are spiritually \_\_\_\_\_.

**Thirsty:** physically - the desperate need for water for parched mouths in the wilderness  
spiritually - the desperate need of spiritual life for sinners under God’s wrath

*Lenski: Spiritual thirst does not emanate from ourselves but, like coming and drinking, is the effect of the presence of Jesus, of His call and offer of living water (grace and salvation). He awakens the desire for spiritual satisfaction, even as he also satisfies this desire.*

2. Jesus calls sinners to \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.

**Come:** physically -- the act of going to the source for water  
spiritually -- the act of going to Jesus, as the only means of salvation.

3. Jesus calls sinners, who respond in repentance, to \_\_\_\_\_ of Him.

**Drink:** physically -- the act of partaking of water to maintain life  
spiritually -- the act of trusting in Christ for salvation and His sacrifice for our sin

4. Jesus saves sinners, who respond in repentance and faith and use their witness to bring \_\_\_\_\_ to others.

The water source \_\_\_\_\_

Thirsting, coming and drinking \_\_\_\_\_

Receiving the water \_\_\_\_\_

The water \_\_\_\_\_

Flowing rivers \_\_\_\_\_

## II. The Response to Jesus' Invitation

7:40-53

1. Some of the crowd responds by \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus and identify Him as Messiah
2. Some of the crowd responds by \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus identity and seek to silence Him
  - a. The Christ will not come from \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The Christ will be a descendant of \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. The Christ will be born in \_\_\_\_\_
3. The officers are \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus teaching and disobey their orders to arrest Him
4. The Pharisees \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus of being a deceiver who is not trusted by any of them.
5. Nicodemus defends the right of Jesus to receive a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The Pharisees expose their \_\_\_\_\_ by mocking Nicodemus and the crowd.

## III. Implications

1. How have you responded to the invitation of Jesus Christ?
2. Do streams of living water flow from you to quench the spiritual thirst of others?