

THE WAY TO TRUE LIFE PART 7 ARE YOU THIRSTY?

John 7

HUMAN STRATEGIES CAN'T SATISFY OUR THIRST THE POLITICAL SOLUTION

John 7:3-8

Jesus brothers urged him to go to Judea for the celebration. "Go where your followers can see your miracles!" They scoffed. "You can't become a public figure if you hide like this! If you can do such wonderful things prove it to the world!" For even his brothers didn't believe him. Jesus replied, "Now is not the right time for me to go. But you can go anytime, and it will make no difference. The world can't hate you, but it does hate me because I accuse it of sin and evil. You go on. I am not yet ready to go to this festival because my time has not yet come."

SPECULATION CAN'T SATISFY OUR THIRST THE PHILISOPHICAL SOLUTION

John 7:11-19

The Jewish leaders tried to find him at the festival and kept asking if anyone had seen him. There was a lot of discussion about him among the crowds. Some said, "He's a wonderful man", while others said, "He's nothing but a fraud, deceiving the people." But no one had the courage to speak favorably about him in public, for they were afraid of getting in trouble with the Jewish leaders. Then midway through the festival, Jesus went up to the Temple and began to teach. The Jewish leaders were surprised when they heard him. "How does he know so much when he hasn't studied everything we've studied"? They asked. So Jesus told them, "I'm not teaching my own ideas, but those of God who sent me. Anyone who wants to do the will of God will know whether my teaching is from God or is merely my own. Those who present their own ideas are looking for praise for themselves, but those who seek to honor the one who sent them are good and genuine. None of you obeys the law of Moses! In fact you are trying to kill me."

AGREEMENT WON'T SATISFY OUR THIRST THE POPULAR SOLUTION

John 7:25-31

Some of the people who lived there in Jerusalem said among themselves, "Isn't this the man they are trying to kill? But here he is, speaking in public, and they say nothing to him. Can it be that our leaders know that he is really the Messiah? But how could it be? For we know where this man comes from. When the Messiah comes, he will simply appear, no one will know where he comes from." While Jesus was teaching the temple, he called out, "Yes you know me, and you know where I come from. But I represent one you don't know, and he is true. I know him because I have come from him, and he sent me to you." Then the leaders tried to arrest him; but no one laid a hand on him, because his time had not yet come. Many among the crowds at the temple believed in him. "After all they said, "Would you expect the Messiah to do more miraculous signs than this man has done?"

CONTROL WON'T SATISFY OUR THIRST THE RELIGIOUS SOLUTION

John 7:33-34

"But Jesus told them, "I will be here a little longer. Then I will return to the one who sent me. You will search for me but not find me. And you won't be able to come where I am."

WHO OR WHAT CAN SATISFY OUR INNER THIRST? JESUS CHRIST

John 7:37-39

On the last day, the climax of the temple, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, "If you are thirsty, come to me! If you believe in me, come and drink! For the Scriptures declare that rivers of living water will flow out from within." (When he said living water, he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory.)