

## TEXTING after the MESSAGE

### BLUE BIBLE #893

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Which person of the Trinity do you know the least about?

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1. The Father
2. The Son
3. The Holy Spirit

## OUTLINE

### CONFLICT CONTINUES



John 5 – Heals lame man on Sabbath/Shabbat

John 6 - Jesus is in GALILEE

Challenged by His brothers to go

5 - They don't believe in Him

6 – MY TIME HAS NOT YET COME

15 – At the feast people are impressed with his teaching

19 – WHY DO YOU SEEK TO KILL ME?

32 – Pharisees seek to arrest Jesus

33 – Jesus says – YOU SEEK ME & YOU WILL NOT FIND ME. WHERE I AM YOU CANNOT COME.

**John 7:37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' "**  
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**John 7:2 Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand.**

## **PASSOVER – PENTECOST – TABERNACLES**

**Deuteronomy 16:16**

**FEAST OF BOOTHS  
FEAST OF TABERNACLES  
FEAST OF SUKKOT – Sue-COAT  
FEAST OF INGATHERING**

**This past Fall it was held on October 13 – 20 --- 8 days**

**SUKKOT** is the last of the three pilgrimage festivals

**PASSOVER – PENTECOST – SUKKOT**

Like Passover and Pentecost - Sukkot had several purposes:

**HISTORICAL - PRESENT - FUTURE**

Some say that TABERNACLES was the most popular feast because of the harvest celebration and most well attended

**HISTORICAL** - Sukkot commemorates the forty-year period during which the children of Israel were wandering in the desert, living in temporary shelters.

**Leviticus 23:42**

**SUKKAH** is the Hebrew term for the building that is constructed for this holiday

God, also, lived in a temporary booth – called the **TABERNACLE**



### **Building of BOOTHS**

Begin constructing end of the **YOM KIPPUR** holiday This ends 5 days before the beginning of Feast of Tabernacles

### **SUKKAH**

- At least 2 ½ walls covered with a material that will not blow away in the wind
- Any size, so long as it is large enough for you to fulfill the commandment of dwelling in it
- The roof of the sukkah must be made of material that grew from the ground and cut off
- Must be able to see the stars

You are to take a meal in SUKKAH  
Great to spend the night in it

Booths were built on roofs, in back yards, in public courtyards

**Jesus was on the Mount of Olives with his disciples staying in their own Sukkah**

## **PRESENT FOCUS**

**AGRICULTURALLY** - Sukkot is a harvest festival and is sometimes referred to **the FESTIVAL OF INGATHERING**

**Exodus 23:16**

### **Final harvest of the year**

Celebration of what produce that has come in  
Thankful for the rain that has come  
Hope for rain for the next season

Prior to the time of Christ, several other traditions had been added to the FEAST OF SUKKOT/TABERNACLES

Every day during the Feast of Tabernacles, priests marched in solemn procession from the Pool of Siloam to the temple to pour out water at the base of the altar.

**There is a 3<sup>rd</sup> purpose to the FEAST**

### **A FUTURE FOCUS**

Spiritual - The joyful restoration of Israel and the ingathering of the nations

Pointing to when the Messiah will come

A Spiritual Rain that will come from the Messiah  
The Holy Spirit

## HOW DOES JESUS FULFILL THIS FESTIVAL?

He is the fulfillment of all the feasts the Jews were told to celebrate  
They were foreshadowing, hints of what was to come in the MESSIAH/CHRIST

He fulfills Passover – PASSOVER LAMB  
Pentecost – Giving of the Spirit – first fruits

## HISTORICAL

**Scholars believe that Jesus was born on or during the Feast of Tabernacles.**

There are number of interesting and compelling arguments for this to be true.

John seems to be referencing this in 1:14

**John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

**DWELL** – tabernacle - to pitch a tent – to dwell in a tent

Jesus builds us a permanent home

**John 14:2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?**

## PRESENT – AGRICULTURAL FUTURE HOPE

We know the day of the FEAST – LAST DAY- CALLED THE GREAT DAY

We know the ritual Jesus is referring to – The pouring out of the water taken from the pool of Salome

### The Water-pouring celebration

Pilgrims to the feast watched this ritual, which Jews throughout the Roman world thus knew; it was even commemorated on souvenir jars they could take home with them.

PRIEST WENT TO GET WATER



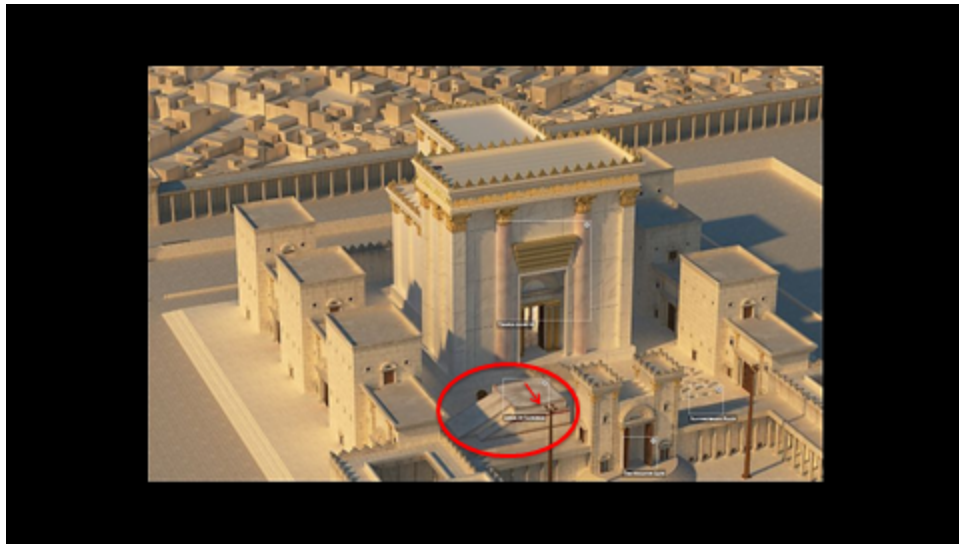
The priests chanted the words of 12:3

**Isaiah 12:3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**



**Psalms 113 – 118**

**Shook Willow, myrtle and palm branches  
Left hand – citrus fruit**



**As God provided water once for us in the desert from the rock**

**God has provided water for us in our harvest**

**God will provide water that will flow from the Temple  
Ezekiel 47**

**God will provide Spiritual Rain –**

**The Spirit in the Messianic Age – When the MESSIAH COMES  
Joel 2:28**

**Here Jesus steps forward in the midst of this celebration and proclaims**

**37 . . . "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' "**

**WHAT JESUS IS SAYING – He is the fulfillment of all that the Feast of Tabernacles anticipated**

**THIS DOES NOT CARRY THE WEIGHT FOR US GENTILE TYPES WHO DO NOT CELEBRATE THIS HOLIDAY**

**THIS IS LIKE SOMEONE STANDING UP AT THE XMAS EVE SERVICE AND SAYING – THAT'S ME YOU ARE CELEBRATING**

**OR AT AN EASTER SERVICE – THAT'S MY GRAVE**

## **JESUS IS SAYING**

I am the answer to your prayers. I am the Messiah. I can save you now so that you will never thirst for salvation again."

- I was the rock that gave our ancestors water in the desert
- I am the one who provides rains now for our crops – I am God
- I am the one who will provide the river that flows from the temple
- I am will provide the SPIRITUAL RAIN that will come from God in the age of the MESSIAH

## **I WILL SAVE YOU**

## **I WILL GATHER THE NATIONS**

## **I WILL QUENCH THE THIRST OF THE SPIRITUALLY THIRSTY**

## **THE POWER OF HIS WORDS WERE UNDERSTOOD**

**JESUS SHOULD HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR INTERRUPTING THE FESTIVAL**

**This will be fulfilled through the work of the  
HOLY SPIRIT**

**39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.**

Exodus 17:1-6

Ezekiel 47:1-11

Isaiah 55:1

**Heart** = BELLY

**LITERALLY – SPIRIT NOT YET GIVEN**

That does not mean the Spirit was not yet available

**Most of Judaism did not believe that the Spirit was prophetically active in their own time but expected the full outpouring of the Spirit in the messianic age or the world to come.**

**MEANING – SPIRIT NOT yet given to indwell those who are followers of Jesus**

Jesus and God the Father are the source of the promised HOLY SPIRIT

Chapters 14 – 16

- Through the pages of the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit appears frequently
- It was the Holy Spirit who anointed the prophets, anointed the priests, and anointed the king.
- It was the Holy Spirit who changed the hearts of unbelievers in the Old Testament and made them the people of God
- There was no regeneration, no salvation, apart from the operation and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

- The Spirit was present in the Old Testament, but the anointing of the Spirit for power was limited to a few individuals, such as Moses, Samson, or Elijah.

The chief ministry of the Holy Spirit

**TO TAKE THE WORK OF JESUS AND TRANSFORM US INTO THE CHARACTER AND LIKENESS OF HIM**

**APPLICATION**

**HOW DO WE RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

**BY ADMITTING WE ARE THIRSTY**

**IF ANYONE THIRSTS . . .**

Not just the religious  
But the irreligious  
Not just the morally good  
But those who know they are not  
Not just the Follower of Jesus  
But the one who is checking Jesus out

**HOLY SPIRIT IS FOR THOSE WHO ARE SPIRITUALLY THIRSTY**

**THIRSTING FOR JESUS INDICATES WE RECOGNIZE WE HAVE A NEED WE CANNOT FILL**

**Some of us this is a barrier - PRIDE**

We are not willing to admit we have a thirst that is not being satisfied with other things

We seek all kinds of things that we can provide for ourselves that we think will satisfy us

- Achieving at work at almost any cost
- Pursuit of a high level of personal comfort for ourselves
- The need for recognition for what we have accomplished
- To gain a certain stage of life – marriage, kids
- Sexual conquest

Some of these things are not bad in and of themselves

But it is like drinking **SALT WATER** – it only makes us thirstier

## **TOM BRADY – 60 MINUTES**

Why do I have three Super Bowl rings and still think there's something greater out there for me? I mean, maybe a lot of people would say, 'Hey man, this is what is.' I reached my goal, my dream, my life. I think, 'God, it's got to be more than this.' I mean this isn't, this can't be what it's all cracked up to be ... I love playing football and I love being quarterback for this team. But at the same time, I think there are a lot of other parts about me that I'm trying to find."

Much of our brokenness and the garbage we are working through is because we are seeking the wrong things to quench our thirst

### **WHEN I thirst for Jesus**

Drive – energy – pursuit of Jesus

Speaks of the priority we make Jesus in our lives

**Psalm 63:1, "O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water."**

**Psalm 42:1 As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.**

**I will find my SPIRITUAL THIRST QUENCHED in Him**

**John 4:14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."**

**HE HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE THROUGH HIS DEATH FOR US**

**John 19:28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."**

**For Jesus' thirst-they gave him sour wine.**

**For our thirst Jesus gives himself!**

**That is the work of the HOLY SPIRIT to give each of us Jesus**

**Jesus is at the right hand of God  
He was limited to time and space on this earth  
But, now His work continues through the HOLY SPIRIT**

**The quenching we find in a relationship with Jesus is not just a one and one,  
but an ongoing work**

**HOW DO WE GET THIS HOLY SPIRIT that will QUENCH OUR THIRST?**

**BY SPIRITUALLY DRINKING OF JESUS**

**BY BELIEVING**

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## **2 TYPES OF BELIEF**

### **INTELLECTUAL – ENTRUSTING**

#### **NPR**

**1958, AMERICA'S FIRST COMMERCIAL JET BOEING 707.**

A month after that first flight, a traveler on a piston-engine, **PROPELLER-DRIVEN DC-6**

#### **BOEING ENGINEER.**

**The extensive testing Boeing had done on the jet engine before bringing it into commercial service. He recounted Boeing's experience with engines, from the B-17 to the B-52.**

Had the engineer flown on the new 707 jet airliner the engineer replied

## **I THINK I'LL WAIT UNTIL IT'S BEEN IN SERVICE AWHILE.**

### **WHAT IS HINDERING OUR ENTRUSTING?**

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### **WE MUST COME TO A PLACE WHERE WE HAVE AN EDUCATED OPINION ABOUT WHO JESUS IS**

**IS your view of Jesus growing/changing as we study through John?**

SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

#### **Is He THE CHRIST?**

- Messiah – the redeemer/rescuer
- FORGIVER & LEADER

#### **Is He just a liar?**

- Someone who is seeking to draw people away and create a movement that will only enhance his standing.
- Line his financial pockets
- Give him a platform to be noticed

#### **Is He a lunatic?**

- Someone who is making claims that they sincerely think are true of themselves, but are not

**ILL** – Todd

### **THE FOLKS IN THIS STORY HAVE A BARRIER IN THEIR BELIEVING**

Where is he from?

The Christ is supposed to be from BETHLEHEM

**42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?"**

But, what they don't know is – HE WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM and fulfills the prophecy

**Micah 5:2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.**

**Sometimes we make decisions about Jesus without having all the details.**

Don't short change your pursuit  
Ask your questions

**What are your legitimate questions about Jesus?**

Was Jesus a real person?  
Is Jesus the only way to know God?  
So much pain in the world – how can that be if God is a loving God?  
Why did Jesus have to die?

**What are you doing to get them answered?**

- Alpha – group interaction
- One on one conversations
- Reading books
- Listening to Podcasts



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