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## The anatomy of unbelief

*John 7:45 ... "Why didn't you bring him in?"<sup>46</sup> "No one ever spoke the way this man does," the guards declared.*

*John 7:47 "You mean he has deceived you also?" the Pharisees retorted.*

(1) Accuse those with whom you disagree of being d\_\_\_\_\_.  
(v. 47)

*John 7:48 "Has any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him?"*

(2) Point out that the ruling class, the educated, the e\_\_\_\_\_, and intellectuals don't believe (v. 48).

*John 7:49 "No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law-- there is a curse on them."*

(3) D\_\_\_\_\_ those who believe. (v. 49)

(4) Accuse those who do believe of being I\_\_\_\_\_ and uneducated (v. 49).

(5) Accuse them of being controlled by e\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 49).

*John 7:52 They replied, "Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee."*

(6) Assume only you have all the f\_\_\_\_\_.

(7) Assume that your facts are all c\_\_\_\_\_ and none other need to be considered (v.52).

Pg 3: best; insufficient; Pain.

Pg 4: deceived; elite; Demonize; ignorant; evil; facts; correct.

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## Water of Life

Portraits of Jesus - John 7

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## Who is Jesus?

### Different responses to Jesus in John 7

#### Jesus' brothers:

- Unbelievers,
- Snarky, sarcastic, acting like little brothers (2-6)

#### General public:

- "Good man" (12)
- "Deceiver" (12)
- Amazed at His learning (15)
- Have the authorities concluded He is the Christ? (26)
- Many put their faith in Him – miraculous signs (31)
- Temple guards stunned at the manner of man and speaking of Jesus (45)

#### Religious leaders:

- Jewish leaders ready to kill Him (v 1, 19)
  - Hate, because He called people on their sin (7)
  - "Demon-possessed" (20)
  - Accused Him of breaking the Sabbath when He healed the paralytic (23)
  - Couldn't be the Messiah. We know where He's from (27)
  - Tried to seize Him, but failed (30)
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## Jesus, the Water of Life

John 7:37 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "**If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.**"<sup>38</sup> Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, **streams of living water will flow from within him.**"

John 7:39 By this he meant **the Spirit**, whom those who believed in him were later to receive....

Revelation 22:17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

### Question #1: For what are we thirsty?

Isaiah 58:11 The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

Psalms 143:1 O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy; in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.<sup>2</sup> Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you.

<sup>3</sup> The enemy pursues me, he crushes me to the ground; he makes me dwell in darkness like those long dead.

<sup>4</sup> So my spirit grows faint within me; my heart within me is dismayed.

<sup>5</sup> I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done.

<sup>6</sup> I spread out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

### Question #2: What can quench our human thirst?

Psalms 107:4 Some wandered in desert wastelands, finding no way to a city where they could settle.

<sup>5</sup> They were hungry and thirsty, and their lives ebbed away.

<sup>6</sup> Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

<sup>7</sup> He led them by a straight way to a city where they could settle.

<sup>8</sup> Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men,

<sup>9</sup> for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

### Question #3: Do we even know we are thirsty?

Isaiah 55:3 Give ear and come to me; **hear me, that your soul may live.** I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

### Question #4: What awakens a thirst for God?

a. Our "**b**" substitute waters cannot quench thirst.

b. All lesser "waters" have been tried and they are all seen as **I** to quench thirst.

Isaiah 55:2 Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

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John 4:17 "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband."<sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

Isaiah 55:1 "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.