

We will begin the 6th lecture on the book of John. /The title of chapter 7 is “The Living Water.” /I will give you the main points of the chapter. /First, Jesus goes up to the Feast of Booths. /Verses 1-13. /Second, Jesus teaches during the middle of the feast. /Verses 14-24.

/Third, the attitude of the people in Jerusalem. /Verses 15-31. /Fourth, Jesus teaches the officers. /Verses 32-36. /Fifth, the Pharisees’ attitude towards the teaching about eternal life. /Verses 37-49. /Sixth, Nicodemus’s defense. /Verses 50-53.

/Verses 1-2. Let us read. /After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand.

/Jesus preached the gospel as he went about in Galilee. /Jesus did not go about in Judea. /He didn’t go there because the Jews were trying to kill him. /Jesus had not yet gone to Judea.

/Later on, Jesus goes up to Jerusalem during the Feast of Booths. /Jesus was not afraid of death. /Jesus wanted to preach the gospel in whatever way he could. /The Feast of Booths is a weeklong feast of the Old Testament times that start \sqcup on July 15. /It would be around October according to today’s calendar.

/Verse 3. /So his brothers said to him, “Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing.

/Jesus’s brothers told Jesus to go to Judea. /At this time, Jesus’s brothers did not yet believe in Jesus. /Jesus performed several miracles in their presence.

/He fed five thousand people with five loaves and two fish. /He also healed the sick. /The Lord healed the man who was sick for 38 years. /Jesus’s brothers remembered these works, and they believed that Jesus could become famous.

/The brothers believed that the Lord would become famous in the world. /In other words, they believed Jesus would succeed. /They thought that maybe Jesus would later become king.

/However, Jesus’s brothers did not know much about Jesus. /Jesus did not come to be king of the world. /He came to carry out the work of salvation.

/The Lord came to deliver us from our sins. /With five loaves and two fish, he fed five thousand people. /Upon seeing this miracle, people wanted to serve Jesus as king. /Because this was a test to Jesus, Jesus went up the mountain and prayed.

/Jesus is not the king of the world. /The Lord came to save our spirits. /The Lord is the king of all believers. /Jesus said that the time has not yet come for him to go to Jerusalem. /He planned to go there when the time was right.

/Verses 8-9. /You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come.” After saying this, he remained in Galilee.

/Because the time had not yet come, Jesus did not go to Jerusalem. /Afterwards, Jesus did go up to Jerusalem. /He went up when the time had come.

/The Lord went to Jerusalem at the precise time that God had planned for him to go. /When he was in Jerusalem, Jesus acted in secret. /Why did he do this? /He did this because the Jews tried to disturb the preaching of the gospel. /Jesus did not want to be by the Jews when he was doing God’s work.

/Verses 11-12. /The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, “Where is he?” And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, “He is a good man,” others said, “No, he is leading the people astray.”

/The Jews tried to find Jesus. /They wanted to find Jesus not because they wanted to believe in him. /They wanted to test Jesus and cause him to fall.

/Of the Jews, some said that Jesus is a good man. /However, others thought badly of him, saying Jesus led the people astray.

/Verse 14. /About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching.

/Jesus taught at the temple during the middle of the Feast of Booths. /He boldly preached the gospel to many people.

/Verse 15. /The Jews therefore marveled, saying, “How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?”

/The Jews thought there was something strange about Jesus. /They said, “How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?” /The Jews are saying that Jesus did not study in this world.

/Jesus did not learn from anyone famous. / “Then how does Jesus know the Bible so well?” the Jews thought. /Jesus is the Son of God. /He is the one who recorded the Bible through the Holy Spirit. /Therefore, Jesus knows the Scriptures.

/Verse 16. /So Jesus answered them, “My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.

/Jesus’s teaching is not his, but it is from God the Father. /Jesus received the word of God and delivered it. /Jesus also came to this earth to carry out the will of God.

/Jesus did not come to carry out his will. /The Lord learned from God, received from God, and delivers the will of God. /We must know God's will and bear witness about it. /Those who carry out the will of God know that Jesus's teaching comes from God.

/Verse 18. /The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.

/The one who speaks on his authority seeks his own glory. /There are pastors today who seek their own glory. /However, Jesus sought only the glory of God. /He did not seek it for himself. /The Lord worked for God.

/Jesus did as God told him to do. /Therefore there is not a hint of unrighteousness in Jesus. /He did not work for himself. /He only worked for the glory of God the Father. /Today's pastors must work only for the glory of God.

/Verse 19. /Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?"

/The Jews respected Moses, and they boasted in the law. /However, they did not properly keep the law. /The law teaches about Christ and introduces him. /Deuteronomy 18:15.

/Therefore, if they had proper knowledge about the law, they would have believed in Jesus. /These people only knew the shell of the law, so they could not know Jesus. /In verse 20, the Jews accuse Jesus of being possessed by a demon. /They heard Jesus's words, but they could not believe in him.

/Verse 21. /Jesus answered them, "I did one work, and you all marvel at it.

/Jesus did one work. /5:2 /On the Sabbath, he healed a man who was sick for 38 years. /The Jews did not understand the work of Jesus.

/Verse 22. /Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.

/Moses taught about circumcision in the law. /However, circumcision started from Abraham. /Genesis 17:10. /Through Abraham, God taught the people about circumcision.

/That is why circumcision is done eight days after a child is born. /If the eighth day was the Sabbath, circumcision was allowed. /The people did circumcisions on the Sabbath.

/Verse 23. /If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well?

/On the Sabbath, Jesus healed a man who was sick for 38 years. /He healed him completely. /Jesus did not defile the Sabbath. /He simply did a good deed on the Sabbath. /He did the work of saving a life.

/However, the Jews criticized Jesus for breaking the law. /In verse 24, Jesus tells the people to judge not by appearances, but with right judgment. /We mustn't judge by the appearance of the law. /We must judge according to the fundamental intention of the law.

/Verse 25. /Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, "Is not this the man whom they seek to kill?"

/The leaders of Judaism tried to kill Jesus. /The people of Jerusalem knew about this. /However, when Jesus spoke openly, the authorities did not say anything.

/The authorities stayed quiet for a while. /This is because they were seeking the opportunity to kill Jesus. /Later, the Jews capture Jesus and kill him.

/Verse 27. /But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from."

/The Jews had the wrong conception about the Christ. /They said, "When the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from." The Jews had this kind of knowledge. /This is incorrect knowledge.

/We all know where the Christ comes from. /The Bible tells us that the Christ will be born in Bethlehem. /Thus if someone is not properly learned, he becomes foolish.

/Therefore, we must properly know and properly believe. /These people said that they knew where Jesus was from. /At the time, Jesus was living in Capernaum. /However, he was born in Bethlehem. /The people did not know that he was born in Bethlehem.

/Verses 28-29. /So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I come from. But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me."

/Jesus bore witness in the temple. /He bore witness to the fact that he is the Son of God, that he is the Christ sent from God. /The Jews judged Jesus according to physical things. /They did not know that Jesus is the Christ.

/Verse 30. /So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.

/They wanted to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him. /This means that even though the people wanted to arrest Jesus and kill him, the time had not yet come. /We believers may be persecuted, but we do not die if the time has not yet come.

/The time had not yet come for Jesus to die. /Thus we must lay down our lives and bear witness about Jesus while we are alive. /We must lay down our lives and be faithful to him. /2 Corinthians 5:4.

/Verse 31. /Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, “When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?”

/Many of the Jews came to believe in Jesus. /They saw the signs and believed. /They also heard Jesus’s teachings and were brought to believe that Jesus is Christ.

/Verse 32. /The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him.

/The Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to arrest Jesus.

/Verses 33-34. /Jesus then said, “I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come.”

/Jesus said, “I am going to him who sent me.” /This means that Jesus will resurrect from the dead, ascend into heaven, and return to God. /The Jews did not understand what Jesus said.

/They believed Jesus would run away to the Greeks. /The Jews did not understand Jesus’s words. /They considered the holy truth only in the physical sense.

/Verse 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.

/This was the last day of the Feast of Booths. /The feast is remembered for one week. /The last day was the biggest of the days. /Therefore, they called the eighth day the “great day.”

/The last day was the day of giving thanks /and fully receiving the grace of seeking God for the past week. /In this way, God may give us grace on the last day, the great day.

/Because we seek God and cry out to him during the week, we receive great grace. /Jesus told all who are thirsty to come to Jesus. /Jesus will appease the thirst of anyone who comes to him.

/Verse 38. /Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

/Anyone who believes in Jesus floats on rivers of living water. /We live thirsty lives. /We are thirsty for money, /love, /authority, /studies, /and the world’s pleasures.

/The things of the world cannot appease our thirst. /Isaiah 55:1 /Jesus taught the Samaritan woman about the living water. /John 4:14 /We need to go to Jesus and drink of the water of life.

/It means we believe in Jesus. /We need to be inspired by the Holy Spirit to continue receiving the words of the Bible. /We must be filled with the Holy Spirit. /Our hearts must be filled with the grace of God.

/Verse 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.

/The verse is saying that those who believe will be given the water of life through the Holy Spirit. /The living water is new life that is given to us through the word, which comes from the Holy Spirit. /In this way, the word of new life happens in us.

/The verse says, “Because Jesus was not yet glorified.” /This means that Jesus will be glorified through his resurrection and ascension. /The verse also reads, “For as yet the Spirit had not been given.”

/It means that the Holy Spirit, the Helper, had not yet come. /Acts 2:1 /John 16:7 /Jesus is filled with the Holy Spirit. /The disciples believed in Jesus because of the Holy Spirit. /However, the Holy Spirit had not yet come into our hearts.

/This means that the Holy Spirit, the Helper, had not yet come to the people. /The Holy Spirit of the Old Testament is the same Holy Spirit of the New Testament. /They are the same.

/However, the Holy Spirit, the Helper, came during the Pentecost. /He is the same Holy Spirit that appears in the Old Testament. /However, he has a different role. /The Holy Spirit, the Helper, came to “help.” The Holy Spirit came as Helper during the Pentecost.

/This Helper means “Protector” or “Defender.” /After the Holy Spirit, the Helper, came, he began to work all throughout the New Testament times as the Helper. /You and I believe in Jesus.

/Because of which Holy Spirit do we believe in Jesus? /In the early church after the Pentecost, every believer was born again through the Holy Spirit, the Helper. /Because of the Holy Spirit, the Helper, you and I believe in Jesus.

/Verse 40. /When they heard these words, some of the people said, “This really is the Prophet.”

/Some people believed Jesus was the Prophet.

/Verses 41-42. /Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?”

/The Jews did not think that the Christ would come from Galilee. /It is written in the Bible that the Christ will come from Bethlehem. /Micah 5:2. /The Jews thought Jesus had come from Galilee.

/They did not know that Jesus was in fact born in Bethlehem. /That is why they rejected Jesus. /These people did not correctly know what the Bible said. /They did not know about Jesus. /Also, prophets did come from Galilee.

/Verse 43. /So there was a division among the people over him.

/Those who said that Jesus’s words were right disputed with those who were against Jesus. /There were some who wanted to arrest him. /Some supported Jesus because they believed he was right.

/Verse 45. /The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, “Why did you not bring him?”

/The officers returned without arresting Jesus. /After meeting Jesus in person, they figured he was not an ordinary person. /The officers met with Jesus personally. /They saw Jesus’s holiness and his authority.

/They heard the Lord speak the truth, and they were moved. /The officers could not arrest Jesus. /In this way, people who personally meet Jesus learn and understand the truth.

/However, the Pharisees were religiously prejudiced. / “Jesus is from Galilee.” / “He is a carpenter.” / “He is poor.” / “His parents are these people.” / “His brothers are those people.”

/The Pharisees judged Jesus based on his physical characteristics. /They did not believe that Jesus is the Christ. /Also, they claimed that Jesus does not know the law.

/Verse 50. /Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them,

/Now Nicodemus defends Jesus. /In chapter 3, Nicodemus learned from Jesus about being born again. /In verse 51, Nicodemus tells them not to judge Jesus until they have heard his words.

/Nicodemus said that the law first hears a man, learns what he does, and then judges a person. /The Pharisees didn’t even listen to Jesus speak. /They did not learn about what Jesus did. /They just judged Jesus as a sinner. /This is not right.

/Verse 52. /They replied, “Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee.”

/The Pharisees said that prophets cannot arise from Galilee. /They speak, but they do not know the Bible. /The prophet Jonah was from Galilee. /2 Kings 14:25. /The Pharisees judged Jesus without even knowing the Bible.

/This concludes our 6th lecture on the book of John. /Thank you.