

Lessons from a Feast

John 7:1-39

I. The Beginning of the Feast (vs. 1-13)

A. Brotherly advice (vs. 1-9)

“Jewish feast of Tabernacles”

Leviticus 23:39-44;

- 1) Past -remembering the wilderness wanderings
- 2) Present - celebrating the fall harvest – festival of ingathering
- 3) Future – expectation of coming Messiah, Kingdom

B. A secret arrival (vs. 10-13)

Jewish Leaders watching
crowds whispering

II. The Middle of the Feast (vs. 14-36)

A. Defense (vs. 14-24)

1. Defending His message (vs. 14-18) – What are your credentials?
2. Defending His actions – why are you trying to kill me?

B. Misunderstandings (vs. 25-36)

1. About the authorities (vs. 25-26)

2. About the Messiah (vs. 27-31) -

Jesus didn't seem to fit the criteria for
Messiah

3. About Jesus' future (vs. 32-35)

Instead of focusing on His origin, Jesus
focuses on His departure

III. The End of the Feast (vs. 37-39)

“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink”

Isaiah 55:1

Water Libation (pouring) Ceremony

Isaiah 12:2-3 - Pool of Siloam became known as the
well of salvation

Isaiah 44:3 – the living waters of Siloam became
associated with an outpouring of the
Holy Spirit

Psalms 118:25 – “Lord, Save us”

Zechariah 14:8 – living water will flow out of
Jerusalem

Zechariah 14:16 – all nations will celebrate the feast

“Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water”

**“Put your loving trust in Me, enthrone Me in your
heart, and life and abundance will flow
out.”**

What are you really thirsty for?