

For Those Who Thirst

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: John 7:25-52.

B. The people disagreed with Jesus' Messianic claims.

II. Jesus told the Jewish leaders that they did not know God.

A. Jesus intention was not to stir up the people.

B. Two reactions to Jesus preaching.

1. They reject Him choosing to go on as they were.

2. They believe in Him.

C. Jesus came to bring division. (Luke 12)

III. Jesus clearly perceived that it was not the time for His crucifixion—He was aware of the unseen protecting hand of God.

A. If we are walking in the strength of God we know that nothing can happen to us.

B. If something happens to us, we know that this is the timing of God.

IV. The process by which God will fulfill Jesus' departure.

V. Jesus confirms that He is the spiritual rock from which we drink. (I Corinthians 10)

A. If anyone has any thirst, it can be satisfied in Jesus.

B. Thirst cannot be left unsatisfied.

C. The sign of the Spirit is that you help someone else—in this, your own thirst is quenched.

VI. Results of Jesus' words.

A. Increased division between believers and unbelievers.

B. An impotence among Jesus' enemies to be effective against Him.

C. The bitter hatred of Jesus' enemies.

VII. The promise of Jesus is that your thirsts will be met.

Application questions:

1. How can it be said that Jesus came to bring division? What does this mean?

2. How can we respond when bad things happen to us in light of how Jesus responded? Explain.

3. What thirsts do you have in life? How can Jesus meet those needs?
