



Title | Open to See
Series | NOW I SEE
Text | John 7:37-52
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Sermon Notes

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.'" **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. **40** When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet." **41** Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? **42** Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" **43** So there was a division among the people over him. **44** Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. **45** The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" **46** The officers answered, "No one ever spoke like this man!" **47** The Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived? **48** Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? **49** But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." **50** Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, **51** "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" **52** They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee." *ESV*

Big Idea:

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

- Sometimes our openness or willingness to see and hear certain things may be influenced by our expectations and/or our busyness and/or our preexisting desires or biases. To what extent have you experienced this in your life? To what extent do you think this may affect your relationship with Jesus?

Tuesday:

- Read John 7:37-52. Identify every type of response to Jesus you can find in the text. Why do you think there are so many different responses?

Wednesday:

- Read Numbers 20:8-11; Isaiah 12:3; Psalm 118:21-26; Zechariah 13:1; 14:8, 16-17. These scriptures were commonly associated with the observance of the Feast of Booths. What theme(s) do you see, and how do they relate to what Jesus says in John 7:37-38?

Thursday:

- Read John 7:37-38. What is Jesus inviting people to do? In particular, what is Jesus inviting people to see about him?

Friday:

- As you consider John 7:37-52, what stands out as something you can learn from this text? How can you apply this to your life?

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