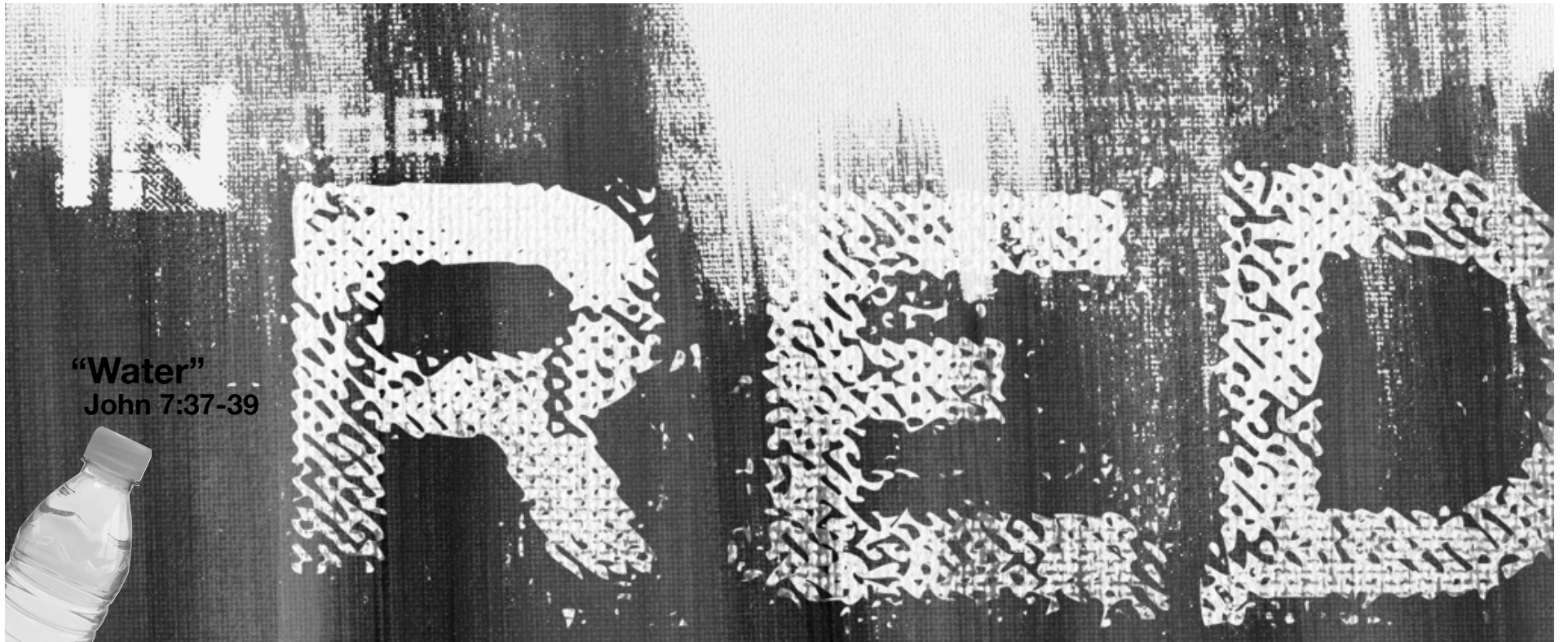


“Water”
John 7:37-39



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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.

Background:

1. The only permanent water source of the city in this period, was the monumental Pool of Siloam. It was fed by waters of the Gihon Spring diverted through Hezekiah's Tunnel, built in the 8th century BC.

2. The pool of Siloam is fed by a conduit that is cut for a distance of 1,780 feet through solid rock, and which starts at the so-called Virgin's Spring (En-rogel) or Gihon. The Virgin's Spring (Gihon) is the only spring of fresh water in the immediate neighborhood of Jerusalem, and in time of siege it was important that, while the enemy should be deprived of access to it, its waters should be made available for those who were within the city.

3. Festival of Tabernacles-priest led in a celebrative procession on last day called “the great Hosannah”. It was to remember God’s provision of water in the wilderness (Exodus 17:1-7; Numbers 20:8-11). Water was retrieved in a Golden pitcher, put into silver basin with holes. Then, it was brought it into the temple with sound of trumpet and other ceremonies, and, upon the ascent to the altar, poured it out before the Lord with all possible expressions of joy.

Jesus' Satisfaction Sequence:

- Thirsting “If anyone thirsts...”
- Coming “Let him come to me...”
- Drinking “and drink...”
- Believing “Whoever believes in me...”
- Overflowing “out of his heart will flow rivers of living water...”