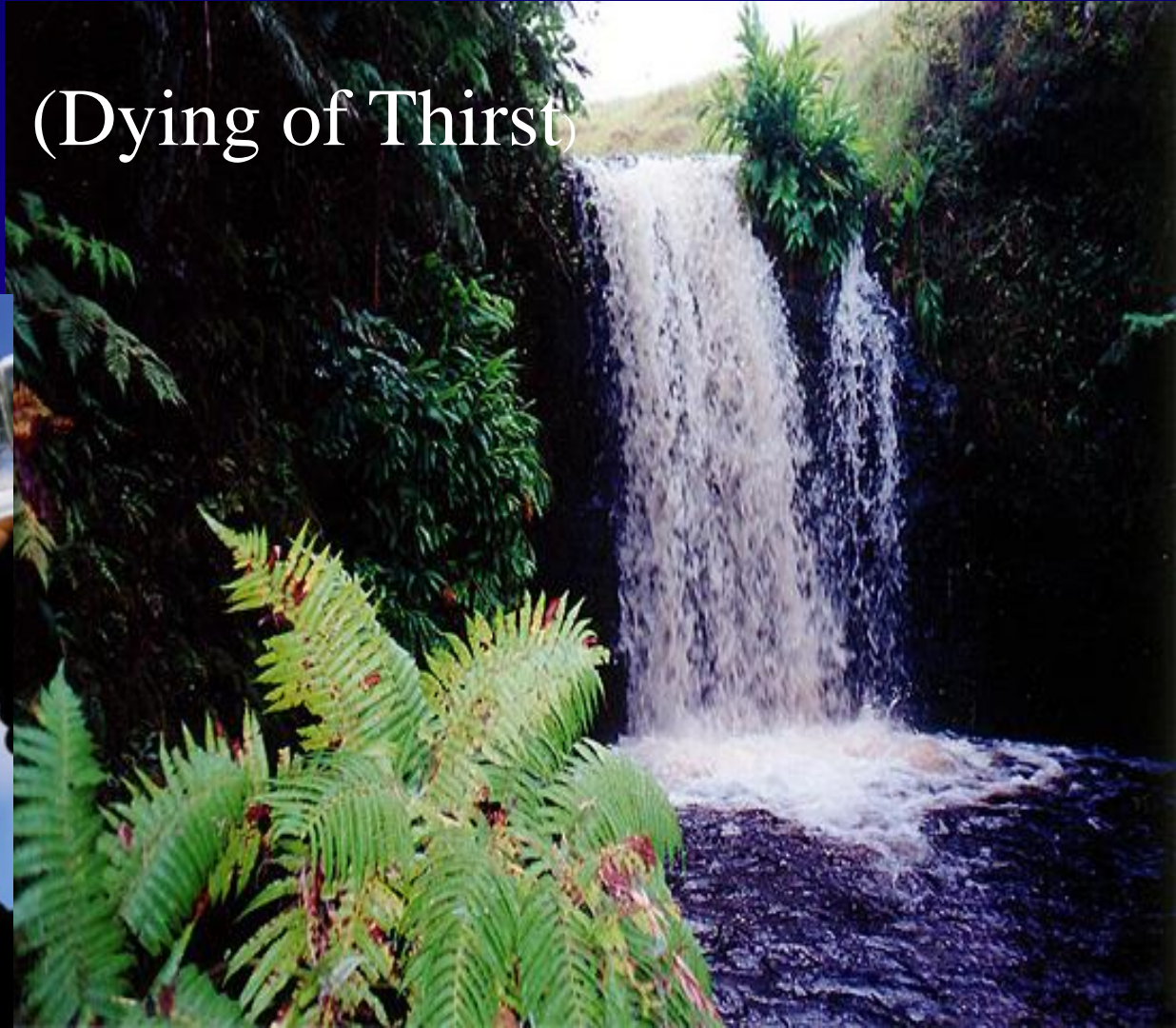


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John 7:25-53

Jeremiah 2:13 - "For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns-- broken cisterns that can hold no water."

Three Groups of People at the Feast of Tabernacles

I. Thirsty People Are Confused

The Local Citizens (vv. 25-31)

Have heard of the leaders' plot to find and kill
Jesus

Think Jesus can't be Messiah; they know where
he is from.

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The Local Citizens (vv. 25-31)

Believed no one would know

where Messiah is from

Not biblical

Babylonian Talmud

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The Local Citizens (vv. 25-31)

More recently Trypho second century CE "But Christ--if He has indeed been born, and exists anywhere--is unknown, and does not even know Himself, and has no power until Elijah come to anoint Him, and make Him manifest to all."

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The Leading Critics (vv. 32-36)

Pharisees and the officers they sent to arrest
Jesus

They think He is going to the Diaspora.

The Bible encourages us to make choices now.

2 Corinthians 6:2

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The Lingering Crowd (vv. 40-53)

People from all over the world

They were Confused about who Jesus is
(prophet, messiah, good man, deceiver,
Galilean, good speaker)

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Veracity of New Testament documents.

Historicity of Christ

Overwhelming evidence

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Two Books by Josh McDowell

Evidence That Demands a Verdict

More Than a Carpenter

Said no prophet would come out of Galilee
(Jonah)

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The Lingering Crowd (vv. 40-53)

Their confusion reveals their messianic thirst.

Stages of Dehydration

Udipsea - common thirst

hyperdipsea - intense bouts of extreme thirst

Polydipsea – sustained thirst - drink anything

Thirsty People Are Called (vv. 37-39)

Steps to take to take the plunge

Thirst

Come - make the move

Drink - receiving Christ personally, placing faith in
Him

To Enjoy the Results

Become Contented

Satisfaction comes from having water and
drinking it

Only the first step

Become a Conduit

Three kinds of faith

faulty - unbelievers (even demons believe in God James 2:19)

firm - trust wholly in Christ (justification)

flowing - Holy Spirit has empowered, to pass on refreshment to others