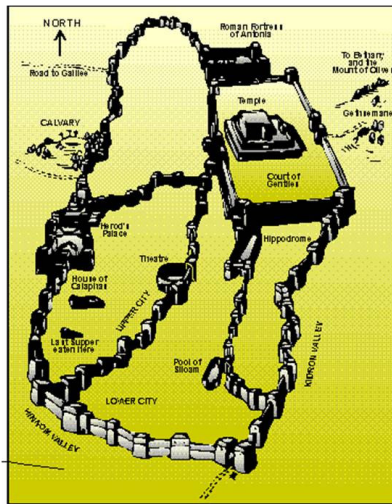


THE LIFE OF CHRIST IN THE GOSPELS
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Isaiah 55:11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

John 7:53 – 8:11 [not attested to in many older manuscripts]

- Pharisees were alarmed because people believed in Christ as the Messiah.
- The Pharisees sent armed guards to arrest the Lord; see **John 7:33**.
- The Temple Guard then returns to the religious leaders without the Lord.



John 7:45 The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, “Why did you not bring Him?” ⁴⁶ The officers answered, “Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks.”

- They were enamored with Him.
- They could not bring themselves to carry out the orders to arrest Him.

John 7:47-52

- The day ends and the Lord left the Temple and spent the night on the Mount of Olives.
- Remember this had occurred in the middle of the feast in the Feast of Booths.

Every morning during the feast:

- One priest would proceed from the temple to the Pool of Siloam to draw water.
- That pool was supplied by what people would call ‘living water’ – a spring further up the valley.
- Approximately two pints were collected; never ending water.
- While the priest was drawing the water another group prepared the sacrifices in the temple – a celebratory feast.

- When the priest returned with the water, the trumpets would sound [*three blasts*] signaling his return to the Temple.

There were hundreds of thousands of people worshipping during this time.

Three groups were present:

1. Group that went down to the Kidron Valley; headed by a priest.
2. Group that went to the Pool of Siloam; headed by second priest.
3. Group that remained in the Temple area preparing the sacrifices; headed by a third priest.

The priest returning with the water would enter through a gate named “The water gate.”

- This was the gate he would bring the water through for the ceremony.
- Then he would pass through the court of priests.
- He would link up with another priest who carried a vessel of wine for the drink offering; the two would walk up the steps to the sacrificial altar.
- There were two silver funnels that would drain into the base of the altar – one smaller for the water offering and a larger for the wine offering.
- After the priests poured the water and wine into each respective funnel the city observed a great worship service.

What was the first miracle of Jesus Christ? – He turned water into wine.

- The pouring out of the water symbolized God’s pouring out blessing upon His people.
- Blessing cannot come unless God is propitiated – that’s what the pouring out of wine represented - God’s satisfaction from the sacrifices.
- That is why God is free to bless you today in the Church Age - He was satisfied once and for all with the death His Son died. Christ drank the cup!
- Immediately after the water and wine were poured the multitude broke out in organized worship, led by the priests.
- The worship service consisted of **Psalm 113-118** except on the last day.

The Levites would sing the first line of each Psalm to the flute. Then everyone would repeat it.

Psalm 113

¹ **Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, Praise the name of the LORD.**

- Worshippers would **repeat** what was sung.
- Picture hundreds of thousands of worshippers doing this.

The rest of the lines were sung by the priests and after each line the worshippers would shout “Hallelu Yah” which means ‘Praise the Lord.’

² Blessed be the name of the LORD From this time forth and forever.

➤ Response: “Hallelu Yah”

³ From the rising of the sun to its setting The name of the LORD is to be praised.

➤ “Hallelu Yah”

⁴ The LORD is high above all nations; His glory is above the heavens.

➤ “Hallelu Yah”

⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, Who is enthroned on high,

➤ “Hallelu Yah”

⁶ Who humbles Himself to behold *The things that are* in heaven and in the earth?

➤ “Hallelu Yah”

⁷ He raises the poor from the dust And lifts the needy from the ash heap,

➤ “Hallelu Yah”

⁸ To make *them* sit with princes, With the princes of His people.

➤ “Hallelu Yah”

⁹ He makes the barren woman abide in the house As a joyful mother of children. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 114

¹ When Israel went forth from Egypt, The house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

➤ Repeat

² Judah became His sanctuary, Israel, His dominion.

➤ “Hallelu Yah”

³ The sea looked and fled; The Jordan turned back. ⁴ The mountains skipped like rams, The hills, like lambs.

➤ “Hallelu Yah”

⁵ What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? ⁶ O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

➤ “Hallelu Yah”

⁷ Tremble, O earth, before the Lord, Before the God of Jacob, ⁸ Who turned the rock into a pool of water, The flint into a fountain of water.

➤ “Hallelu Yah”

Psalms 118:22 ff.

²² The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief corner *stone*.

➤ “Hallelu Yah”

²³ This is the LORD’S doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.

➤ “Hallelu Yah”

²⁴ This is the day which the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

➤ “Hallelu Yah”

And all this time the Lord is standing in the Temple.

²⁵ O LORD, do save, we beseech You; O LORD, we beseech You, do send prosperity!

➤ “Hallelu Yah”

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

➤ “Hallelu Yah”

²⁷ The LORD is God, and He has given us light; Bind the festival sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

➤ “Hallelu Yah”

²⁸ You are my God, and I give thanks to You; *You are* my God, I extol You.

- “Hallelu Yah”
- ²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- “Hallelu Yah”
- They would all shake their Lulabs.

On the last day of the feast they would sing Psalms 82.

- The priest would make the trip to the Pool of Siloam to draw water.
- That pool was supplied by a fresh water spring - ‘living water.’
- There was a never ending supply of it.
- The trumpets would sound signaling his return.
- He would enter through “The water gate”; link up with another priest who had the wine offering and they would ascend to the altar.
- After the priests poured out the water and wine into their funnels the worship service consisted of **Psalm 82**.

Psalm 82:1

¹ God takes His stand in His own congregation; He judges in the midst of the rulers.

- Repeat the verse.

The Lord Jesus Christ has been standing in the Temple judging the rulers.

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- At the end of this – all the people bowed down in silence after shaking their Lulabs for the last time during the feast.

You could hear a pin drop in the city - there was complete silence before the final sacrifices.

- During that silence the Lord stood and cried out -

Jesus stood [from the temple] and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹ But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard Bible (NASB) unless otherwise noted.