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We read in this passage that John wrote these words so [that you also may believe](#). And as we hear God's Word, may we who have believed for a long time be saying, ["Lord, I believe but help my unbelief"](#) because none of us believe in Jesus as strongly as we need to. And may any here who do not yet know Christ and believe in Him see in this story of His death, His glory and be attracted to Him. Even now as God's Word goes forth, may you come to Jesus, a living Savior, Who died for you. Let's worship Him now, beginning at verse 28 of John 19, we read:

*<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." <sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

*<sup>31</sup>Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. <sup>32</sup>So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup>He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup>For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." <sup>37</sup>And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."*

Lord, we believe, help our unbelief. Strengthen us in faith. Let us so admire and adore our Savior Who died for us that our affections for Him might draw forth a life of active obedience. Lord, thank You that though we fail so often, we who believe are clothed in the perfect righteousness of this Savior who did not fail at all, even unto His dying moment. Hallelujah, what a Savior. We praise You for Him. Amen.



We come now to the shortest of the seven sayings of our dying Savior. We find it in verse 28 of John 19. Just two short words in English, one word in Greek. “*I thirst*,” Jesus says. We cannot say this text is short but sweet because for Jesus this word was full of bitterness. But in the words of [Spurgeon](#): “Though it was bitter to Him in the speaking, this word will be sweet to us in the hearing. So sweet that all bitterness of our trials shall be forgotten as we remember this word.”

“*I thirst*.” Consider the irony of it all: That He who is the water of life, that He who quenches all thirst, should have to say “*I thirst*.” To hear a child say to her mother, “Mom, I’m thirsty” does not surprise us. To find a traveler in the arid desert say, “I’m thirsty” would not be unusual. To meet a sick man hot with fever and parched with thirst would not be uncommon. But to hear Him Who is God the Son, the Eternal Word, Who created all things and without Whom nothing was made that was made ([John 1:1-5](#)). To hear Him Who made the oceans, Him Who sends the [rains in their seasons](#), to hear Him from Whom all the underground springs and all the fountains of the world were fashioned ([Revelation 14:7](#)), to hear Him from Whom every river finds its source, Who pours out the streams that run down the hills ([Psalm 78:15-16](#)). To hear Him Who created Niagara Falls say, “*I thirst*” this is a remarkable thing!

[Erwin Lutzer](#) asks, “How can the Creator of rivers and oceans have parched lips? How can omnipotence thirst for a drink? How can the One Who spoke the raging sea into submission long for a few drops of refreshment. Yes, the Man Who is thirsty and Who has all power in heaven and on earth in His hands. He did miracles for others but now will not perform one Himself. Who refused to turn stones into bread while hungering in the desert, and now He refused to create water while thirsting on the cross. ([Cries from the Cross](#), page 106.)



Why did Jesus not create a stream of water within His parched mouth here on the cross? Why did He not command the heavens to open and to pour down copious rains upon His weary body so He could open His mouth and receive the refreshment of a drink? Why did Jesus thirst?

There are two reasons I think we should highlight: First, He thirsted because He was fulfilling prophecy and second because He was identifying with our humanity.

### **1. Jesus Thirsted Because He was Fulfilling Prophecy**

In verse 28, John highlights that there was a reason Jesus spoke these words -- it was to fulfill prophecy. He said, "*After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), 'I thirst.'*" Finished is the same word that we read in verse 30 when Jesus says, "*It is finished.*" So Jesus has reached His goal, He has accomplished His mission. There is but one last task, one final nail to be driven into the edifice of redemption. There is a prophecy that remains to be fulfilled. There are Scriptures that are being brought to completion or fulfilled in the death of Jesus and in the whole passage we read, John points out a few of these Scriptures that Jesus was fulfilling.

One of the words that Jesus might be fulfilling right now is from [Psalm 69:21](#) where it says, "*They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.*" Jesus very possibly had those words in His mind as He said "*I thirst*" but we know for certain that He had [Psalm 22](#) in His mind. As you turn there in the Scriptures, you'll see just how intricately the Holy Spirit has inspired the Scriptures for here we find a remarkable foreshadowing of the crucifixion of Jesus, written by King David some 1,000 years before the death of Christ. And David writes with such vivid clarity of details that surrounded the death of our Savior that it's as if

he's an eye-witness of the crucifixion himself. But it was written a thousand years before it happened.

Notice in verse one, the cry of dereliction, *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"* Our Saviour was meditating on those words as He hung upon the cross and next week we're going to hear Him speak those words. Look at verse 18 of Psalm 22 where it says, *"they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."* We saw a couple weeks ago how that happened by the soldiers gambling for Jesus' clothes. In verse seven, we see how the crowds jeered at Him and mocked Him, *"they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;"* and then in verse eight, words that the Sanhedrin spoke to Jesus: *"He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"*

We read in the passage this morning and here in [Psalm 22:16](#), how *"they pierced my hands and feet"* and then He says in verse 17, *"I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me."* As Jesus meditates on God's Word, even on the cross, He is finding comfort in His affliction and God's promise gives Him light. He thinks of [verses 14 and 15](#): *"I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death."* As Jesus, in the midst of His most intense physical agony, focuses His mind and heart on the Word of God, He realizes this Scripture, too, must be fulfilled. In order to demonstrate the fulfillment of all of God's Holy Word, He, though His throat would have been pained to even utter these words, manages to say, *"I thirst"* in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

Now, the fact that Jesus was meditating on Scripture from the cross is very instructive to us. He is the [Psalm 1](#) man, the blessed man whose *"delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night."* Even in the darkest

night of His soul, God's Word is dwelling in Jesus richly. The fact that Jesus is finding comfort in the Word of God shows us that He has [\*treasured up God's Word in His heart\*](#) and it's in these most dreadful moments of tormenting pain that God's Word is sustaining Him and directing Him in obedience and He lives and dies to obey every Word that God has spoken.

And I say that's instructive for us as His followers because if Jesus was committed to fulfilling the Scriptures down to the very last moment of His life, does this not instruct us about our need to order our lives according to the Word of God? And to so feed upon the Word and dwell upon the Word that it will be a comfort to us in our affliction and will be a sanctifying force in our lives to keep us from turning against God in the moments of our agony and pain? When we are going through the dark night of suffering, may we learn to follow Jesus with God's Word in our hearts and on our mouths and on our lips.

## **2. Jesus Thirsted to Identify with Our Humanity**

He thirsts in order to fulfill prophecy, but Jesus also thirsts to identify with our humanity. Any mother of a newborn baby can tell you that one of the first signs of physical life is thirst. What are we looking for when our babies are born? We're looking for them to be thirsty, to eat. What a joy it is when, within just moments of the birth, the infant thirsts for her mother's milk. It is the sign of life for a human being to thirst but God does not get thirsty. We do not have a dehydrated God. The seas belong to Him. God is never thirsty. Angels are not thirsty. But humans do thirst. Dying people thirst. And the thirst of Jesus in His dying breath is another proof of His full humanity.

Now this is a point we can never overlook - we cannot afford to overlook the fact that if Jesus is going to be our Savior, He must be both fully God and fully man. In order to stand in our place before God and pay the price of our punishment for



sin, He needs to be God, for only God can atone for the infinite guilt of sin against God. But in order to represent man, to be able to stand in our place, He needs to be fully one of us. When we turn to the Book of Hebrews, we see that this trust of our Savior's full humanity is so essential. Look at [Hebrews 2:14-18](#). It talks in verse 12 and 13 of One who is "*not ashamed to call us brothers*" -- we find this is Jesus. Then in verse 14, it says:

*<sup>14</sup>Since therefore the children...*

That's the people for whom God gave His Son to redeem so they might become reconciled to God the Father and become His children.

*...share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things,*

Jesus partook of flesh and blood -- why? So He might die in our flesh and blood. The purpose of Him coming at Christmas was so that He might be lifted up on the cross on Good Friday and rise from the dead on Easter and ascend to the [right hand of the Father](#) to represent us there as our [Forerunner](#). To [go and prepare a place for us](#). And He took our flesh and blood so...

*...that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that he helps,*

God did not become an angel, He became a man.

*...but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.*



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*<sup>18</sup>For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”*

Our Savior’s full humanity is a truth that is precious to us. It tells us we have One in heaven Who is able to sympathize with us in all our weaknesses, in all our temptations, in all our needs ([Hebrews 4:15](#)). One Who [understands our sorrows](#), Who knows our pain and our suffering. He is fully man.

Most secular people don’t have trouble acknowledging the fact that Jesus was a man. There is way too much historical evidence to deny the fact that Jesus of Nazareth was a man who existed and walked this earth. If you doubt it look at your calendar: 2011 A.D. What does A.D. mean? [Anno Domini](#) – the year of our Lord. The calendar of human history hinges on the life of Jesus of Nazareth. Secular people are forced to acknowledge, if they have any historical credibility about them, that He existed. But they often deny the fact that Jesus is God.

Christians struggle with an opposite problem. We embrace the fact that Jesus is God but because we esteem and adore Him as fully God, we sometimes diminish the reality of His full humanity. We find it hard to believe that He really was a man like us who grew tired and [hungry](#), who was [lonely](#) and experienced [grief](#), who was [“tempted and tried in all ways as we are yet without sin.”](#) And so we have this cry of our Savior on the cross, *“I thirst”* to stand for us as an emblem of His humanity to remind us that He has entered into all that it means to be human. We get thirsty every day, throughout the day -- when we exercise, when we’re in the heat, when we’re sick and dying. We thirst. To be human is to be thirsty.

That’s where I want to turn a corner now in this sermon: from the thirst of Jesus to the thirst of humanity. The thirst of Jesus on the cross shows us that He fulfills prophecy, that He identifies with our humanity. Now let’s move from the thirst of Jesus to the thirst of humanity.

### **3. We Thirst in Our Humanity**

All human beings are thirsty – if you're not thirsty, you've got a problem, right? If that baby doesn't drink after a day, you call in the specialists. If days go by, there's a real problem. Dehydration sets in. Everyone is thirsty, not just physically but spiritually. The question is how long will you be thirsty and how will you satisfy your thirst? Will you consider with me three kinds of thirst that human beings can experience? I believe all three kinds of this thirst were also experienced by our Savior on the cross.

#### **A. Physical Thirst**

First, there is a thirst that can only last a few days. Marine Joey Mora\* fell overboard from an aircraft carrier while patrolling the Iranian Sea. A search and rescue mission began but it was given up after 24 hours as they thought no one could survive without a life jacket in these conditions. His parents were notified that he was missing and presumed dead. But about 72 hours later, four Pakistani fishermen found Corporal Mora – he was treading water in his sleep, clinging to a make-shift flotation device he had made from his trousers. He was delirious when they pulled him into their fishing boat. They said his tongue was dry and cracked because you see, the body is 98% water and when it's lacking hydration, every pore in your body starts going on an alert search for liquid. Your whole body caves in on itself and starts looking for hydration. So his tongue was cracked; his throat was parched.

Later on he told NBC's Stone Phillips, that God kept him struggling to survive but he said, "The most excruciating aspect of my experience, the one that took over my body and the word that pounded in my brain was water. Water!" You see, Joey was surrounded by water but he couldn't drink it. Because what happens to a thirsty man when he drinks salt water? It just makes it even worse.



Physical thirst can only last for a few days. I did an online search and just asked how long can humans survive without water? I found an [article](#) that said this:

“Assuming you're in reasonable shape and in ideal conditions -- that is, not in the heat or cold and not exerting, a human can probably live for about 3 to 5 days without any water. Healthier humans can live another day or so longer. This isn't something you should test.”

You should absolutely never go without water for more than a day. I asked, “Have I ever gone without water for a day? For even most of a day?” I doubt that I have. I can't remember if I have. But by this point in Jesus' last day, it's possible that 18 hours have passed without anything to drink and this not in ideal conditions. Luke, the physician, tells us that in the Garden of Gethsemane, He was in such agony He sweat “*great drops of blood*”. Then we read of the other kinds of sufferings He had experienced: He had been [scourged](#) by soldiers, leaving His back a bloody mass, a [crown of thorns](#) had been pierced into His head, penetrating into His skull -- more blood lost. He [carried His cross](#) in the Middle East with the sun blazing down on Him on the [Via Dolorosa](#), the point where the physical strain is so great He collapsed. And then He's unclothed, lifted up, exposed to the blazing heat of the midday sun there in the Middle East.

Someone has said, “Every sunbeam became like a leach, sucking more life-sustaining moisture from His body.” Loss of liquid produces a great fever; His lips are parched, His eye balls burn in their sockets; His head aches with excruciating pain; His mouth becomes as dry as cotton; His tongue is swollen; His vocal cords inflamed. If we ever doubt Jesus by asking, “Do you understand the pain I'm going through?” it's just one of many instances in the Scriptures that show us anything we endure physically can not compare with what our Savior has gone through and He



certainly can sympathize with us to be an understanding and merciful and faithful High Priest.

There is a physical thirst that Jesus goes through, identifying with our humanity, a thirst that we can understand a bit of because we've been thirsty. But that physical thirst is just an illustration of a much greater, a much more intense, a much more pervasive thirst that every human experiences. Just as our bodies are 98% water and need to continually be hydrated in order to survive, so our souls are 100% created for God. Without Him, we shrivel up and die spiritually, and we long for spiritual life and hydration that can only come from God.

## **B. Spiritual Thirst**

This is the second kind of thirst -- the thirst that is common to all humanity and it is a thirst that can last a lifetime. There is a thirst that can only endure for a few days and then there is a thirst that can endure a lifetime. The Puritan, [Henry Scougal](#), spoke of this thirst. He said, "The soul of man has in it a raging and inextinguishable thirst that nothing in this world can satisfy." [[The Life of God in the Soul of Man](#)] It rages. It's a thirst that rages in the souls of your neighbors. It's a thirst that we hear in the haunting lyrics of contemporary music.

I'm going to read a song by a lady named Peggy Lee because she describes this thirst. She's thirsty and knows it but doesn't know how to satisfy her thirst. As you hear Peggy Lee describe her life and the thirst that has followed her all throughout her life, I want you to picture in your mind someone you know at work, someone you know in this community, someone you know in your family who is asking the same question [Peggy Lee](#) asks repeatedly. She says,

I remember when I was a very little girl, our house caught on fire.  
I'll never forget the look on my father's face as he gathered me up  
in his arms and raced through the burning building out to the pavement.  
I stood there shivering in my pajamas and watched the whole world go up in flames.



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And when it was all over I said to myself, "Is that all there is to a fire?"

Is that all there is, is that all there is?  
If that's all there is my friends, then let's keep dancing.  
Let's break out the booze and have a ball  
If that's all there is

And when I was 12 years old, my father took me to the circus,  
the greatest show on earth.  
There were clowns and elephants and dancing bears  
And a beautiful lady in pink tights flew high above our heads.  
And as I sat there watching the marvelous spectacle  
I had the feeling that something was missing.  
I don't know what, but when it was over,  
I said to myself, "Is that all there is to a circus?"

Is that all there is, is that all there is  
If that's all there is my friends, then let's keep dancing  
Let's break out the booze and have a ball  
If that's all there is

Then I fell in love, with the most wonderful boy in the world.  
We would take long walks by the river or just sit for hours  
gazing into each other's eyes.  
We were so very much in love.  
Then one day, he went away. And I thought I'd die -- but I didn't.  
And when I didn't I said to myself, "Is that all there is to love?"

Is that all there is, is that all there is  
If that's all there is my friends, then let's keep dancing

I know what you must be saying to yourselves.  
If that's the way she feels about it why doesn't she just end it all?  
Oh, no. Not me. I'm in no hurry for that final disappointment.  
For I know just as well as I'm standing here talking to you,  
when that final moment comes and I'm breathing my last breath,  
I'll be saying to myself,

Is that all there is, is that all there is  
If that's all there is my friends, then let's keep dancing  
Let's break out the booze and have a ball  
If that's all there is

I hope you know there are people in your life who are thinking that.  
There is someone here right now thinking that. Is this all there is? Is this all there  
is? And as I hear those words, I get the impression that Peggy Lee is not convinced  
that's all there is. She's thirsty. She doesn't have a clue where to quench her thirst.



She's crying for someone to show her that's not all there is. And there's this raging fire and thirst in the heart of every human being that can last a lifetime. The question is, where will we go to satisfy that thirst? To the booze, to the ball, to sex, to substances that can give a temporary high? To power, success, comfort, ease, vacations? Where are people of the Fox Valley satisfying their thirst?

[Jeremiah 2:12-13](#) says that an appalling thing has happened. *“Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked, be utterly desolate, declares the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.”*

That is the perennial quest of humanity. There's this thirst, this inextinguishable, raging thirst and we go all over the place trying to satisfy it but we find in the end that all it is is *broken cisterns*. Poisoned streams. Salt water. Not satisfying.

Jesus came to a first century Peggy Lee in [John chapter 4](#). He had traveled to Samaria. It was the sixth hour; it would have been hot. And Jesus in His humanity was *weary from His journey*. He was sitting beside a well. Jesus was thirsty and He said to this Samaritan woman, *“Give me a drink.”* I had not noticed before that it never says in John 4 whether or not Jesus got a drink. He was thirsty. Did anyone ever satisfy His thirst? Before we can see if Jesus gets His thirst satisfied, this woman reveals that she is thirsty. She's wondering, like Peggy Lee, “I've had quite a few husbands here; the man I'm living with is not my husband.” And maybe she's asking in her mind, “Is this all there is?” And Jesus says to her in [John 4:13-14](#), these beautiful words: *“Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”*



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*The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.’”*

There are people right now in this room who are pretty fed up with life. You are parched, you’ve been looking for some refreshing stream and every stream you go to looks so inviting at first but then you drink and it’s like drinking poison. It leaves you unsatisfied and you’re wondering, "Is this all there is?" Are you thirsty? Jesus says to you, what He said in [John 7:37-38](#): *“If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”*

Jesus is saying, "I can satisfy your spiritual thirst. No one else can. It is inextinguishable in this world but I am the Thirst Satisfier. The Thirst Quencher." And amazing thing happens, too, when you get your thirst satisfied from Jesus. When you’re satisfied with Him, you long for more of Him and so you call out to Him as the Psalmist says in [42:1-2](#): *“As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.”* Or in [Psalm 63](#): *“O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh thirsts for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.”*

And Jesus says this is a blessed thirst. *“[Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.](#)”* Why? *“[They will be satisfied.](#)”* It was this blessed thirst that drove Jesus to the cross, this thirst for righteousness, this thirst to obey all the Father’s will, to fulfill all the Scriptures, to procure for guilty sinners a *“[righteousness from God through faith for all who believe.](#)”* It was this thirst that led Jesus to be obedient to the point of death.

We will be thirsty for a lifetime. The question is, "Who will you go to to satisfy your thirst?" That’s an important question because where you go sets a trajectory for eternity. If you drink from the broken cisterns all your life, there’s a prospect of

eternal thirst. If you go to Jesus, this Living Water, there's a promise of eternal satisfaction. That leads us to the third thirst.

### **3. Eternal Thirst**

A thirst that can last eternally. Physical thirst can only last a few days. Spiritual thirst lasts a lifetime but it can be satisfied in Jesus. There is a thirst that can last eternally and we read about this thirst in [Luke 16](#). Would you just turn to one more Scripture? I want you to see the story of the rich man and Lazarus. He was a poor man covered with sores and he fed from the rich man's table, the crumbs that fell, and even the dogs would come and lick his sores. And he died and then the rich man also died. They had a reversal of fortunes. Now Lazarus, the poor man, is at Abraham's side - he's in glory. And the rich man is now in Hades which will be thrown into the lake of fire. I want you to see how Hell is depicted in [verse 24 of Luke 16](#): "*And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.'*"

Have you ever thought of hell as a thirst of endless anguish, eternal thirst? Have you ever thought of hell as a place where your desires are heightened but your ability to satisfy those desires is diminished? Have you ever thought of hell as a place where you long just to have a drop of water to cool your tongue? Or perhaps you remember the living water you could have enjoyed on earth but you had forsaken and now you find yourself in this lake of fire. They say when someone becomes completely dehydrated, their mouth becomes like fire. Hell is depicted to us as unquenchable flame, as eternal thirst.

I want us to realize that Jesus endured that thirst, too, for all who would believe. When He said, "*I thirst*" yes, it was a physical thirst but there's a greater, spiritual thirst just yearning to obey the will of the Father, yearning to procure



righteousness for those who would believe. But even deeper, it was the thirst of the agony of hell that all who would ever repent and believe in Him would deserve to experience. Jesus says, "*I thirst.*" He's tasting of that agony for us. There is a jar of sour wine there beside the cross and they took the hyssop branch and probably out of sympathy for Jesus, they put it up to His lips and that sour wine touched His lips, providing little satisfaction.

But there was another cup that Jesus drank down to its very last drops. The Bible calls it the cup of wrath, the cup of iniquity, with all the guilt and vile filth, the despicable evil of our sins and God's just wrath against our sins is poured into that cup. It was that dreadful cup our Lord Jesus contemplated in the Garden when He said, "*Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.*" Jesus was drinking on the cross. He wasn't drinking water; He was drinking wrath for you and for me. He took the cup of death so that we could have the cup of life. He took the cup of cursings so we could raise the cup of blessings. So we could say in the words of the Psalmist: "*I lift up the cup of salvation and I call on the name of the Lord.*"

That's what Jesus experienced on that cross and because He, on the cross, thirsted for us who believe in Him, we who repent from our sins and turn to Jesus, can be spared an eternity of thirst and welcomed into an eternity of satisfaction. We read of the redeemed and their destination in [Revelation 7:16-17](#) these beautiful words, saying of those who trust in Jesus:

*"They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.  
For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*



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Jesus was thirsty for you so you don't have to be thirsty forever, separated from Him. If you'll bow before your thirsty Savior at His cross and say, "Oh, Lord, I come to you to drink." [[The Heart of the Cross by Phillip Graham Ryken](#)] Jesus responds, "I will satisfy your thirst."

Is it any wonder that the very last invitation to human beings in the Scriptures is Revelation 22:17 - a word of invitation to this adorable, ravishing, grace-filled, compassionate Savior? It says, "*The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.*"

Freely. Freely for us. Infinitely costly for Him.

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