SERMON OUTLINE FOR JUNE 8, 2014

"Thirsty?"

John 7:37-39

INTRODUCTION: What percentage of <u>you</u> is water?

I. WATER: A POWERFUL BIBLICAL THEME

- A. Consider just a few significant "water events"
 - 1. Creation (Genesis 1)
 - 2. The Flood (Genesis 7)
 - 3. The Exodus (Exodus 14)
 - 4. John's vision of heaven (Revelation 22)
 - 5. Plus . . . so many more!
- B. Jesus' ministry begins and ends with water
 - 1. His baptism in the Jordan River (Matthew 3)
 - 2. His calling of the first disciples at the Sea of Galilee (Matthew 4)
 - 3. His first miracle: water into wine (John 2)
 - 4. His calming of the wind and waves while with disciples in a boat (Mark 4)
 - 5. His cry of "I thirst" while dying on the cross (John 19)
 - 6. Plus . . . so many more!

II. PENTECOST WATER: THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- A. Water flowed at the festival of Pentecost in Jerusalem (John 7:37-39)
- B. At just the right moment during the festival, Jesus gives an invitation to drink deeply of the water of the Spirit (vv. 37-39)
- C. The water of the Spirit continues to flow today
- D. The Holy Spirit is our life giving pipeline to God's floodgate
 - 1. Note: Ezekiel 37 and the Spirit Who gave life to "dry bones"
 - 2. Note: Acts 2 and the First Pentecost in the early Church when the Spirit was poured out
- E. Will you turn your parched, dry lips to God's life giving stream? (John 7:38)

CONCLUSION: Here's to the sound of continuously running water . . . Cheers!

