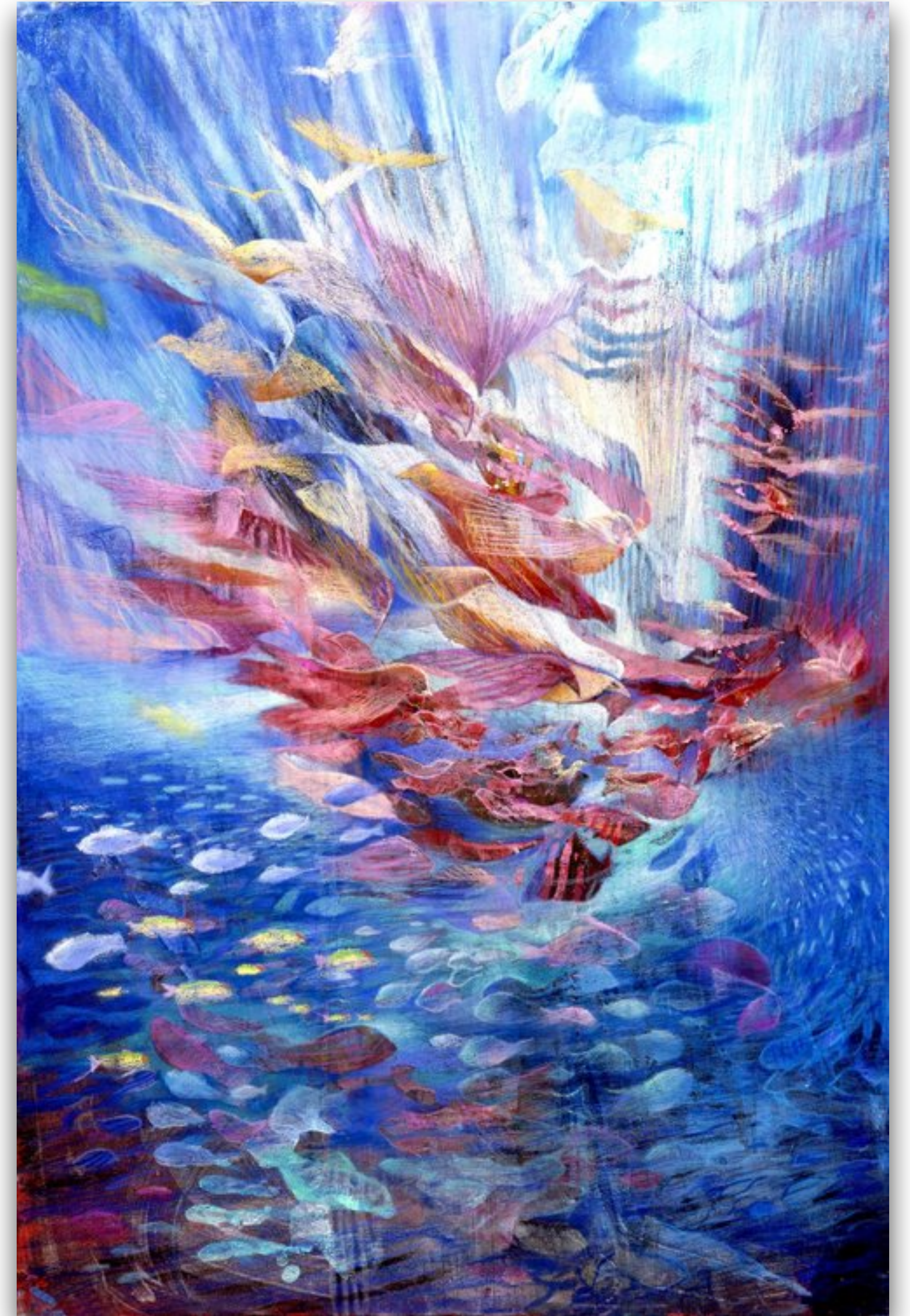


# Journey with Jesus

Praying through the Gospel of John

Week 8





- Find a place to sit quietly.
- Sit in a relaxed position and close your eyes.
- Breathe normally and become aware of Emmanuel, God with us.
- The Feast of Tabernacles was one of the three feasts where the people of God journeyed to the temple in Jerusalem. They remembered the time of living in temporary tents in the desert as they travelled towards a more permanent home, where they would live with God.
- In the gospel of John we read that ‘the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us’.
  - Spend some time praying with these words on Jesus.
  - Notice where the Spirit leads you in this time of prayer and talk with Jesus about it.
- You might like to listen to Angela Cairns sing You are my shelter.
- You might like to listen to Kari Jobe sing Revelation Song.
- You might like to listen to Hillsong sing King of Kings.





➤ You might like to listen to:

➤ Day 1: Glorious things of thee are spoken then click here.

➤ Day 2: How great thou art then click here.

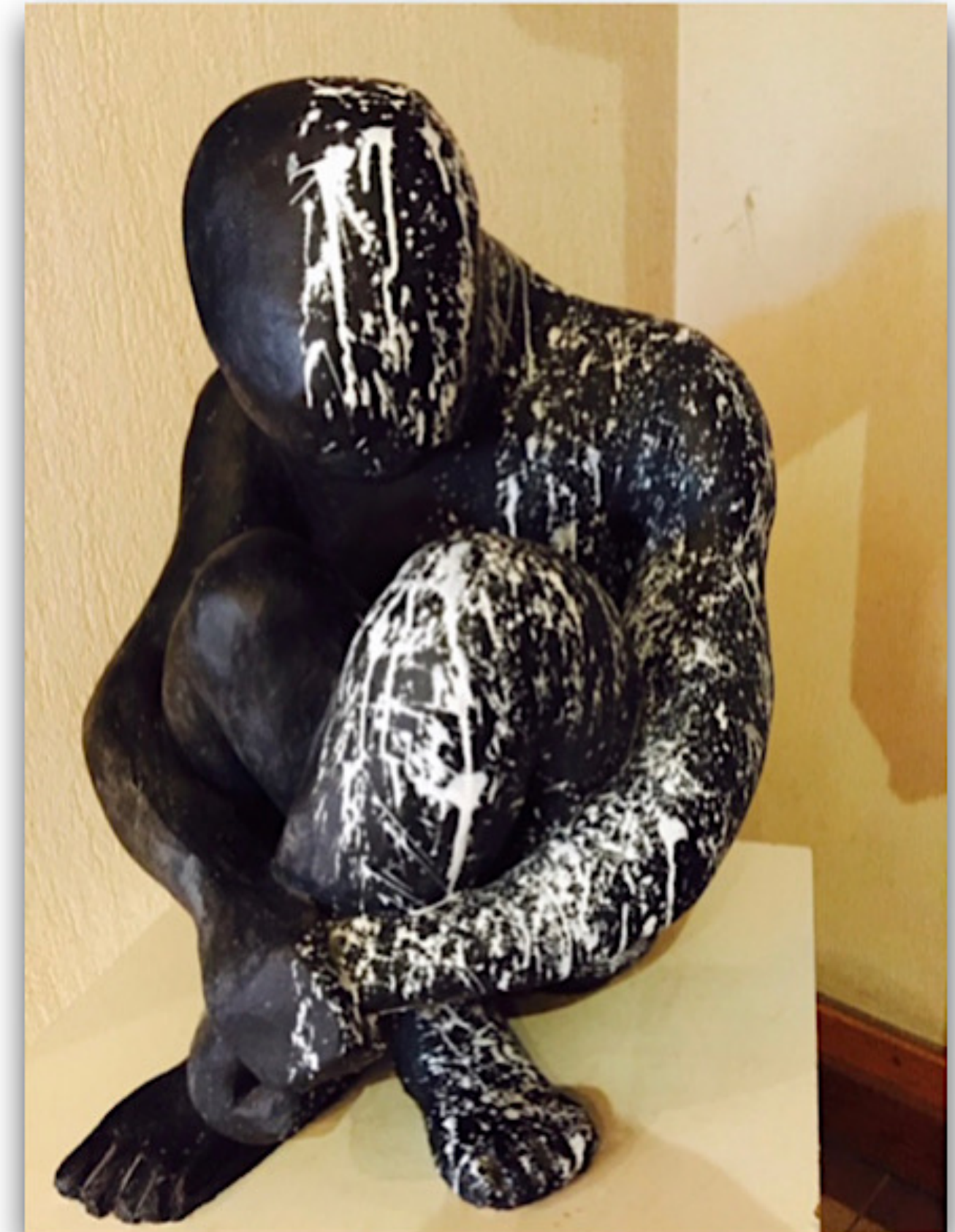
➤ Day 3: All to Jesus I surrender then click here.

➤ Day 4: Gratitude then click here.

➤ Day 5: Heart of God then click here.

➤ Day 6: Messiah then click here.

➤ Day 7: All who are thirsty then click here.





# Day 1: John 7:1-5

After this, Jesus went around in Galilee. He did not want to go about in Judea because the Jewish leaders there were looking for a way to kill him. But when the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near, Jesus' brothers said to him, "Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do. No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world." For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

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# Day 2: John 7:6-9

Therefore Jesus told them, “My time is not yet here; for you any time will do. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that its works are evil. You go to the festival. I am not going up to this festival, because my time has not yet fully come.” After he had said this, he stayed in Galilee.

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# Day 3: John 7:10-13

However, after his brothers had left for the festival, he went also, not publicly, but in secret. Now at the festival the Jewish leaders were watching for Jesus and asking, “Where is he?” Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, “He is a good man.” Others replied, “No, he deceives the people.” But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the leaders.

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# Day 4: John 7:14-19

Not until halfway through the festival did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach. The Jews there were amazed and asked, “How did this man get such learning without having been taught?” Jesus answered, “My teaching is not my own. It comes from the one who sent me. Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him. Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?”

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# Day 5: John 7:20-24

“You are demon-possessed,” the crowd answered. “Who is trying to kill you?” Jesus said to them, “I did one miracle, and you are all amazed. Yet, because Moses gave you circumcision (though actually it did not come from Moses, but from the patriarchs), you circumcise a boy on the Sabbath. Now if a boy can be circumcised on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with me for healing a man’s whole body on the Sabbath? Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly.”

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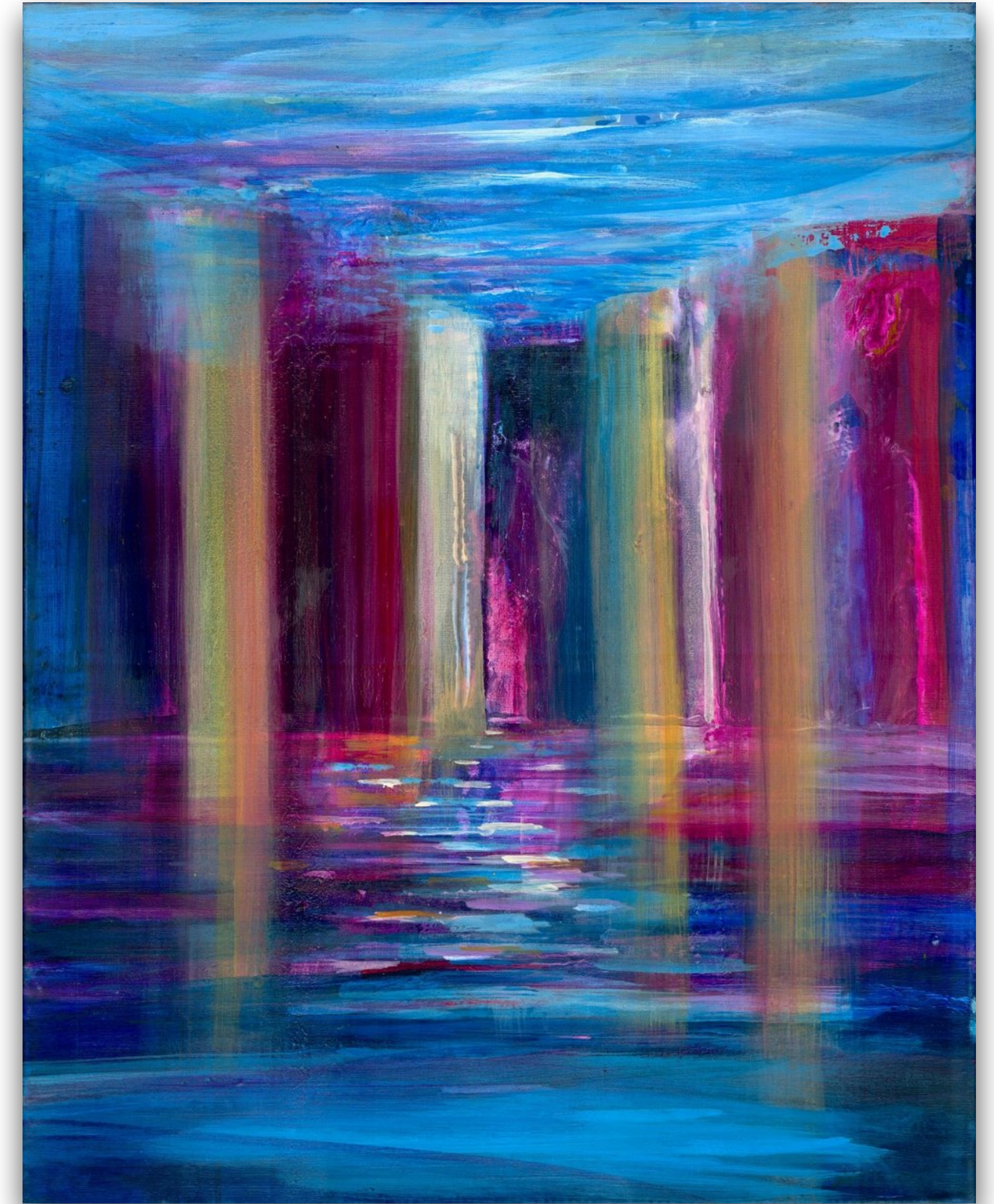




# Day 6: John 7:25-30

At that point some of the people of Jerusalem began to ask, “Isn’t this the man they are trying to kill? Here he is, speaking publicly, and they are not saying a word to him. Have the authorities really concluded that he is the Messiah? But we know where this man is from; when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from.” Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, “Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on my own authority, but he who sent me is true. You do not know him, but I know him because I am from him and he sent me.” At this they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. Still, many in the crowd believed in him. They said, “When the Messiah comes, will he perform more signs than this man?”

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# Day 7: John 7:32-39

The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering such things about him. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees sent temple guards to arrest him. Jesus said, “I am with you for only a short time, and then I am going to the one who sent me. You will look for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come.” The Jews said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we cannot find him? Will he go where our people live scattered among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? What did he mean when he said, ‘You will look for me, but you will not find me,’ and ‘Where I am, you cannot come’?” On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

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➤ The Psalms of Ascent are associated with the the people of God travelling to Jerusalem for the festivals of Passover, Tabernacles and Pentecost. You might like to listen to Esther Mui sing these Psalms.

➤ Day 1: Psalm 120

➤ Day 2: Psalm 121

➤ Day 3: Psalm 122

➤ Day 4: Psalm 123

➤ Day 5: Psalm 124

➤ Day 6: Psalm 125

➤ Day 7: Psalm 126

You might also like to listen to Lucy Bunce sing You are the light





# Creative prayer

We are in the presence of God 24/7 - and we can intentionally talk with God and listen to God at all times and places. We can also often find it helpful, like Moses, to regularly put some time aside to spend quality time with God.

- You might like to consider **where** you spend this quality time with God.
- Might it be in the garden, or on a walk, or on a special chair or in a particular room or part of your home?
- Like Moses, you might like to intentionally step into this 'tent' of meeting as you prepare to spend this quality time with God.
- Like Moses, you might also like to intentionally step out of this 'tent' of meeting as you prepare to enter the rest of the day with God by your side.



As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the Lord spoke with Moses. Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to their tent. The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Exodus 33:9-11



# I am the light of the world

I see your world in light that shines behind me,  
Lit by a sun whose rays I cannot see,  
The smallest gleam of light still seems to find me  
Or find the child who's hiding deep inside me.  
I see your light reflected in the water,  
Or kindled suddenly in someone's eyes,  
It shimmers through the living leaves of summer,  
Or spills from silver veins in leaden skies,  
It gathers in the candles at our vespers  
It concentrates in tiny drops of dew  
At times it sings for joy, at times it whispers,  
But all the time it calls me back to you.  
I follow you upstream through this dark night  
My saviour, source, and spring, my life and light.

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Click on the title of this sonnet to listen to the author read these words.



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