

John Chapter 7

V 1-5: Leaders in Judea sought to kill Him. Light stays in Galilee instead. Stayed with common people. Walked and preached there. Feast of Tabernacles. They would have to go to Jerusalem. John notes that His relatives and friends did not believe in Him.

V 6-9: His time had not come. His time was completely accounted for. Teaching and preaching before He went to the Feast. Their time was already; they didn't really care; were not really sincere. Went to the Feast with no deep commitment. Jesus knew when He should go to the Feast.

Their lives were not in danger. Jesus' life was in danger. He pointed out their evil. Pointed out sin. He still encourages them to go. They go without Him; if we go without commitment, we go without Him.

V 10-13: Went up after the others. Secretly and quietly. People sought Him; they knew about miracles and teaching. There was controversy about Him. Murmuring. Jesus is always a source of division.

V14-15: Teaches in the Temple. Feast of Tabernacles, Sukkot, was time of teaching. Whole Law was read. Teaches in a public place. The Holy place. The Shepherd appears to care for the sheep. They marvel at His teaching.

V16: what He taught was not human in origin. He did not need human credentials. If you don't teach what is divine, it becomes about you.

V19: they revered Moses and boasted about the Law. But they did not keep it. They wanted to kill Him for not keeping the Law but they did not keep it either.

V20: they did not believe that their rulers would actually want to kill Him. He does not respond.

V 21-24 : He points out other "violations" of the Sabbath. Law was a gift; they had made it a strict drudgery. Did not actually come from Moses as He stated in Chapter 6 with the manna. He heals *completely*.

V25-27 : Some knew that the leaders wanted to kill Him but now He spoke boldly and they didn't do it. Do they think he is the Christ? We know He can't be. Didn't know His origin; but didn't realize His physical origin.

V28-30: He comes from the Father. They do not know the Father. He knows the Father because He comes from Him. They don't really know Him either. He *cries* this out. Speaks louder so that more can hear Him. The Promise of Messiah was *true* despite what they said and did.

They had knowledge, study, the Torah and the prophets but they didn't know.

Many then believed. They had also seen signs. But not a definite faith.

V32-34: Leaders upset. They want to take *Him* and not the crowd who was murmuring. Strike the shepherd. He is here for a short time; and so are we. He will not leave until His work is done. Day of grace will be over. They will not be able to go to Him because they have rejected Him.

They think in literal, physical way.

V 37-39: Feast of Tabernacles / Sukkot. *Cries out*. Come to Me and drink. Rivers of living water come out of our heart. Holy Spirit. Spirit had not been given yet. The Gospel is to be cried out. If you are thirsty, He says come to Me, not go to the Law and ceremonies. People in the Wilderness drank from a rock; we drink from the Rock. Ongoing flowing of Living Water. Spirit poured out without measure.

V 40-43: division about where the Christ comes from.

Officers sent by the Pharisees are amazed; no one ever spoke like this Man. Leaders accuse them of being deceived. *We* have not believed so the crowd is ignorant. *We* know the Law.

Nicodemus objects.

No prophet has arisen from Galilee.