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Jesus and the Feast of Booths

John 7:1-13

I. A Hard-heartedness in the Nature of Man (vv. 1-5)

A. The Jews who wanted to kill Jesus (v. 1)

B. The feasts that pointed to Jesus (v. 2)

- 1. The Feast of Bread [Passover in Mar/Apr] (Ex. 12:1-20; Lev. 23:4-8)
2. The Feast of [Harvest or Weeks in May/June] (Lev. 23:15-22; Deut. 16:9-12)
3. The Feast of [Tabernacles or Ingathering in Sept/Oct] (Lev. 23:33-44; Neh. 8:13-18)

All three feasts generically were to:

- (1) God's faithfulness in the past
(2) God's grace in the present
(3) the Messiah's coming in the future

Each feast specifically pointed to:

- (1) Passover - Christ's on the cross (Matt. 26:17-20)
(2) Pentecost - Christ's in giving the Holy Spirit (Jn. 14:26; Acts 2:1-4)
(3) Booths - Christ's to be set up in the future (Zech. 14:16-19)

C. The brothers who lacked belief in Jesus (vv. 3-5)

- 1. The of the perpetual virginity of Mary (v. 3a)
2. The of Jesus' brothers (v. 3b-4)
3. The of belief (v. 5)

II. A Sovereign Understanding and Timing of Christ (vv. 6-9)

- A. Jesus knew the right to come to the feast (v. 6, 8-9)
B. Jesus knew the main why many hate Christ (v. 7)

III. A Look at the Opinions and Responses to Christ (vv. 10-13)

- A. The wanted to kill Him (vv. 10-11)
B. The wanted to debate about Him (v. 12)
C. And yet no spoke openly of Him (v. 13)

TAKE HOME

- How does the Feast of Booths help you see ?
• What can you learn from seeing Jesus and His timetable?
• Are you afraid to speak of Jesus?

## STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. Read John 7:1-2. What are some things to keep in mind about the transition between John chapter 6 and chapter 7? Why doesn’t John chronicle all of these events? What is the purpose of John’s Gospel?

2. Have you ever taken the time to think through the feasts of the OT? What were the main three feasts to be observed each year? What was the point and purpose of the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the OT? (Ex. 12:1-20; Lev. 23:4-8)

3. What was the point of the Feast of Pentecost in the OT? (Lev. 23:15-22; Deut. 16:9-12) What was the point of the Feast of Booths in the OT? (Lev. 23:33-44; Neh. 8:13-18)

4. What did all three feasts point to collectively? Individually? (Matt. 26:17-20; Jn. 14:26; Acts 2:1-4; Zech. 14:16-19)

5. Read John 7:3-5. Why didn’t Jesus’ brothers believe in Him? What else do we learn about Jesus’ brothers?

6. Read John 7:6-9. What do we understand about Jesus’ divine understanding and timing from these verses? Why does this matter? How can this encourage you in your life today?

7. Read John 7:10-13. What were the various opinions and responses to Jesus? Why didn’t anyone speak openly of Jesus? How is this similar to today?

8. Look at the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will your life be different based on this passage of Scripture?

*“Denounce the fashionable sins of the day, and call on men to repent and walk consistently with God, and thousands at once will be offended.”*

- J.C. Ryle - *Expository Thoughts on John*