

**“Who is Jesus?”: Deliberate
John 7:1-13**

John 7:1 ¶ After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him.

John 7:2 Now the Jews’ Feast of Booths was at hand.

John 7:3 So his brothers said to him, “Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing.

John 7:4 For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world.”

John 7:5 For not even his brothers believed in him.

John 7:6 Jesus said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always here.

John 7:7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil.

John 7:8 You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come.”

John 7:9 After saying this, he remained in Galilee.

John 7:10 ¶ But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private.

John 7:11 The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, “Where is he?”

John 7:12 And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, “He is a good man,” others said, “No, he is leading the people astray.”

John 7:13 Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

The Account

A) From Galilee to Jerusalem (vv.1-9)

a. Plot

- i. “After this...” (showing sequence, not immediacy)
- ii. Remained in Galilee (Judea was deadly) – This concludes His Galilean ministry
- iii. Feast of Booths (**about 6 months later**)
 1. “Feast of Booths” - **Tabernacles, Feast of:** the third of the great annual festivals of the Jews (Lev. 23:33-43). It was celebrated immediately after the harvest, in the month Tisri, and the

celebration lasted for eight days (Lev. 23:33-43).

2. During that period the people left their homes and lived in booths formed of the branches of trees.
3. It was at the time of this feast that Solomon’s temple was dedicated (1 Kings 8:2).
4. This feast was designed (1) to be a memorial of the wilderness wanderings, when the people dwelt in booths (Lev. 23:43), and (2) to be a harvest thanksgiving (Neh. 8:9-18).
5. “The feast of Tabernacles, the harvest festival of the Jewish Church, was the **most popular and important festival after the Captivity**. At Jerusalem it was a gala day.

b. People

- i. Half-brothers of Christ
- ii. Other disciples (ref. perhaps those departing – chp.6)
- iii. Deals with family in similar, but not exact ways (Time is an issue)
- iv. The “Lost” World

c. Publicity

- i. Men’s means – makes sense
 1. Recent departure of many followers (John 6:66)
 2. Earthly kingdom-mindset
 3. Unbelief (“For” – denotes why they said what they said)
- ii. “Time”
 1. This is not a mystical reference
 2. “Kairos” – point in time, whether long or short (DIFFERENT from 2:4, “huros” – theological issue; “chronos” – length of time)
 3. “Not yet...” (v.8, v.10)

4. "Your time is always here..." – They're governed by no other passion or purpose. They are unbelievers and CANNOT know God
5. "After..."

- i. John 6:44 (no one)
- ii. Acts 1:14
- c. Belief
 - i. Disbelief determines lostness
 - ii. John 3:16-18
 - iii. Belief is given by God
- d. Eternal Satisfaction (John 7:37-39)

B) Public Opinion (vv.10-13)

- a. Deliberate timing
 - i. His Timing
 - ii. His Purpose
- b. Talk of the Town
- c. Earthly Views
 - i. We know that both are insufficient
- d. Fear

The Doctrine

A) Man

- a. Enemies of Christ
 - i. Eph. 2:1
 - ii. No one is saved by familial relationships (if not these guys...)
- b. Total Inability
 - i. John 6:65-66
 - ii. John 17:14
 - iii. 1 John 2:15-17
 - iv. 1 John 3:13
 - v. Core to our Proclamation (Jn.7:7)

B) Christology

- a. Incarnate (John 1:14 – "tabernacled among us")
- b. Omniscient (Knows all for all time)
- c. Eternal (Ruler of all time for all time)
- d. Offensive (John 6:61,66)
- e. Sovereign (John 10:17-18)

C) Soteriology

- a. Fear of the Lord
- b. Sovereign Grace

The Application: Jesus Christ is Deliberate

A) Man's Estimation

- a. Of Jesus (Guru, Teacher, Life coach, Prophet, Rabbi...marginalized so we can handle Him)
- b. Of Religion (means and methods of publicity...what about the reality?) – This is not an earthly kingdom He came to establish and should not be our ambition either!
- c. Cause? (Lostness or Carnality)
- d. TRUST CHRIST

B) Man's Muttering

- a. What do you say of Christ in secret?
- b. What do you fear in Public?

C) Man's Matrix (*an environment or material in which something develops*) – **Trust God's Timing (kairos) / Speak the Truth of Christ / Fear no man, Fear God and worship Him**

- a. Family (Trust / Speak / Fear) - Holidays
- b. Church (Trust / Speak / Fear) - Consumerism
- c. School (Trust / Speak / Fear) - Secularism
- d. Work (Trust / Speak / Fear) - Materialism