

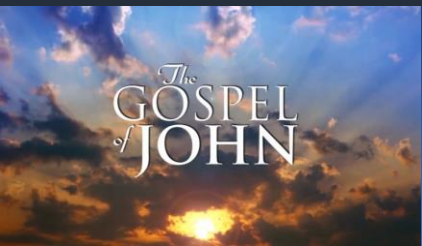
# John 7

## The Feast of Booths

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## The Context

- The Feast of Booths (Lev. 23:33-43)
  - Last of the fall festivals – end of agricultural year
  - Primary purpose: Celebrate God's care for Israel
    - Remembrance of wilderness journey
    - Celebration feast after gathering the crops
  - Looking forward to Messiah
  - Other ceremonial things added later
    - Carrying water from pool of Siloam to pour into the basin near the altar in the Temple



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## Jesus' Brothers (7:3-10)

- “Show yourself to the world”
  - Perfect opportunity given the nature of the Feast
  - All Jewish males required to be in Jerusalem
- The world hates me because I testify that its deeds are evil
  - I John 3:13 “Do not be surprised if the world hates you”
  - II Tim. 3:12 “Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.”
- Did Jesus lie to his brothers?
  - “You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come.” (NKJV)
  - Older manuscripts include “yet.”

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## Jesus' Teachings (7:14-39)

- Evidence of true belief
  - Willing to do God's will
  - Knows that Jesus words are from God
  - Does not seek his own glory, but God's
- "Judge with righteous judgment"
  - Obeying God (circumcision) vs. Obeying God (healing)
  - Not on the basis of appearance
  - Not on the basis of human standards
- "You both know Me and where I am from"
- "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink."
  - Last day of the Feast, pouring of water on the altar

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## Jesus' Teachings (7:14-39)

- Verse 37-39 – “Come to Me and drink”
  - He who believes in me – from his innermost being will flow rivers of living water
  - Those who believed were to receive the Spirit
    - Cf. Acts 2:38 – What could this be?
    - Consider the following
      - God will pour forth His spirit (2:17-21)
      - Jesus received promise of the Spirit (2:33-36)
      - Promise of HS = Kingdom (Prophecies in OT)
      - The gift of Holy Spirit (access to the kingdom) being offered in Acts 2:38 (10:45; Gal 3:14)

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- Caught in adultery, no question of her guilt
- Entire situation problematic and hypocritical
  - Adulterer and Adulteress - Lev 20:10; Deut. 22:22
  - Trying to trap Jesus
- “Let him who is without sin cast the first stone”
  - Not teaching perfection before correction (Matt. 18)
  - Witness casts first stone (Deut. 17:17)
  - They didn't care about her soul or about justice
- “Neither do I condemn. Go and sin no more”
  - Jesus didn't excuse the sin
  - Also did not condemn her (John 3)

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- “You will seek me , and will die in your sins”
- “Unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sin”
- “You will know the truth and the truth shall make you free”
- God is not your Father (42-47)
  - You do not love Jesus (42)
  - You do not understand the will of God (43)
  - You do not do what the Father desires (44)
  - You do not believe the truth (45-46)
  - You do not listen to His words (47)

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