

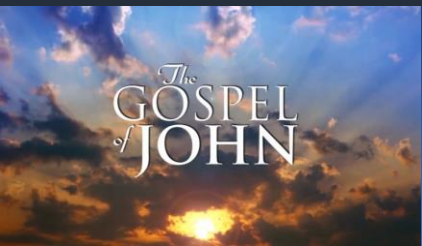
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- The Feast of Booths (Lev. 23:33-43)
 - Last of the fall festivals – end of agricultural year
 - Primary purpose: Celebrate God's care for Israel
 - Remembrance of wilderness journey
 - Celebration feast after gathering the crops
 - Looking forward 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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