

John 7

Jesus goes to the Feast of Tabernacles.

- 1 Jesus avoids confrontation at this time with those plotting His death.
- 2 Feast of Tabernacles or Tents. Remembering Israel's time in the journey from Egypt to the Promised Land.
- 3-5 Our Lord's unbelieving brothers challenge Him to go to the feast and press His claims publicly. His brothers believed when He rose from the dead.
- 6 The right time has not come.
- 7 He explains that the world of sinners is not neutral but already hate Him because of what He stands for. He reveals their evil deeds.
- 8-9 You go! He stayed!
- 10 Later He goes privately not publicly.
- 11-13 The Jewish leaders were looking for Him. There was a general buzz among the people with different opinions, and a fear of those leaders.
- 14 Jesus begins to quietly teach the people.
- 15 They are astonished at His knowledge.
- 16 He explains. The teaching is from God His Father.
- 17 A great principle . Spiritual truth only becomes plain to those willing to obey it.
- 18 A false teacher seeks his own glory. A true prophet seeks the glory of the One who sent him.
- 19 They professed to follow Moses teaching which included "Thou shalt not kill" and they were plotting to kill Him.
- 20 They accuse Him of demon possession and denied the charge. A common tactic when embarrassed by the truth.
- 21 What had provoked them – the miracle healing on the Sabbath Day.
- 22-24 They had practiced the Old Testament laws on the Sabbath. They were concerned with the letter of the law, He had compassion upon a man in need. Don't judge by mere appearance judge fairly.

- 25** The people realise , this is the man they want to kill.
- 26** Here He is teaching, have they changed their minds?
- 27** “But He cannot be the Christ, we know He comes from Nazareth. Whereas The Christ will just suddenly appear”
- 28-29** “You think you know Me, but I am here sent by The Father!”
- 30** Surrounded by foes they could not touch Him, His hour had not yet come for Him to die.
- 31** Many of those present were convinced that He was The Christ.
- 32** Jewish leaders troubled by this sent guards to arrest Him.
- 33-34** Jesus foreshadows His departure from the world by death and resurrection.
- 35-36** The people are mystified.
- 37** On the previous feast days the priest would pour water out commemorating God’s supplying water in the desert. The Saviour is saying “I am the real spiritual water”. “If anyone is thirsty” ie has a sense of need of forgiveness and eternal life. Come to Me, Drink-Trust Me.
- 38** Believers become those through whom the living water flows to others.
- 39** The Holy Spirit was to be His gift to His church when He ascended to the throne.
- 40-42** Further speculation. They thought He came from Galilee. Though He was in fact from David’s family born in Bethlehem.
- 43** People are divided by the Lord Jesus, either for Him or against Him.
- 44** His time had not yet come.
- 45** The leaders question the guards they had sent to seize Him.
- 46** They were deeply affected by His authority and graciousness.
- 47-49** The leaders despise the common people.
- 50-51** Nicodemus protests.
- 52** They reveal their ignorance.

