



## Lesson 13: In Jerusalem For the Feast

Jesus' Brothers Advise Him To Go To Jerusalem  
John 7:2-9

### Jesus' Brothers

"Now the feast of the Jews, **the Feast of Booths**, was near. Therefore **His brothers said to Him, 'Leave here and go into Judea, so that Your disciples also may see Your works which You are doing. For no one does anything in secret when he himself seeks to be known publicly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.'** **For not even His brothers were believing in Him.**" (John 7:2-5)

"**The Feast of Booths**" – (Exodus 23:16; 34:22; [Leviticus 23:33-36,39-43](#); Deuteronomy 16:13-16; Zechariah 14:16-19)

- What was the purpose of this feast?

### Jesus' Brothers

References to Jesus' fleshly brothers:

- Matthew 13:55-56 – "... **His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? And His sisters, are they not all with us?**" (Matthew 12:46-50)
- "... **not even His brothers were believing in Him ...**" (John 7:5; cf. Mark 3:20-21) How so? (John 8:24, 58; cf. Luke 2:26, 38)
- Later they did "**believe in Him.**" (Acts 1:14; 1 Corinthians 9:5)
- What changed?

### Jesus' Brothers

Jesus' brothers' advice:

"**Leave here and go into Judea, so that Your disciples also may see Your works which You are doing. For no one does anything in secret when he himself seeks to be known publicly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.**" (John 7:3-4)

Jesus' brothers had a sense that His ministry possessed an element of secrecy. (John 7:4; cf. 7:13; 7:26; 18:20)

- "**Publicly**" – "outspokenness, i.e., frankness, bluntness"

It's what Jesus' opponents were unwilling to do. (John 7:13; cf. 10:24; 11:54)

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Jesus had not sought out large audiences among the spiritually elite in Jerusalem.

- Jesus' last time in Jerusalem? What happened in John 2:14-25 and John 5.

Even His brothers gave in to the idea of "one more sign." Same idea in John 6:30. (cf. Matthew 12:38ff)

"**Show Yourself to the world.**"

**Jesus would accomplish that in His time.**

### Jesus' Brothers

Jesus' response:

"**My time is not yet here, but your time is always opportune. The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it, that its deeds are evil. Go up to the feast yourselves; I do not go up to this feast because My time has not yet fully come.**" (John 7:6-8)

"**My time is not yet here ... fully come**" – (John 2:4; 7:30; 8:20; 12:23-27; 13:1; 17:1; Matthew 26:18)

- "**Time**" – from *kairos* meaning a proper occasion, the right time. (1 Timothy 2:6; 1 Peter 5:6)

"... **your time is always opportune.**" It didn't matter when the Lord's brothers would go.

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Jesus understood His relationship to the world. Jesus told His brothers:

- ***“The world cannot hate you ...”*** (John 15:19). Why?
  - ***“... It hates Me because I testify of it, that its deeds are evil.”*** (1 Kings 22:7-8; cf. I Kings 18:17; John 3:19; 15:25)
  - The application to His disciples. (John 15:18-20)
- “Having said these things to them, He stayed in Galilee.”*  
(John 7:9)