



## Lesson 13: In Jerusalem For the Feast

November 25, 2020  
"Jesus Teaches At The Feast"  
John 7:11-31

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**"Putting our hand to the plow ..."** is a proverbial expression of the committed decision to undertake any particular endeavor or task.

**"... and looking back ..."** is to regret the decision and commitment we've made. (Luke 17:32; Numbers 14:1-4; 1 Peter 4:3)

- Paul understood this point ... **"forgetting"** and **"pressing on!"** (Philippians 3:7-16; cf. Matthew 19:27)
- All those who are examples of faith understood this! (Hebrews 11:13-16)

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**"Looking back ..."** to what? (Luke 14:16-24)

- Our **possessions**. (*"I have bought a piece of land ..."*)
- Our **occupations**. (*"I have bought five yoke of oxen ..."*)
- Our **family**. (*"I have married a wife ..."*)

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The one who looks back having putting his hand to the plow isn't **"fit"** for the kingdom.

**"Fit"** means "well situated ... fit, meet, proper ... by implication, it means useful." (Zodhiates)

The one looking back isn't appropriate or fit in the Lord's kingdom because their commitment is compromised and is useless (Matthew 25:30; 2 Timothy 2:21)

What is the effect of **"looking back"** on our:

- Faith
- Courage
- Perseverance
- Zeal
- Love

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The Jews seek Jesus at the feast: (verse 11) **"Where is He?"**

**"There was much grumbling (murmuring, <sup>ASV</sup>; muttering, <sup>ESV</sup>; complaining, <sup>NKJV</sup>) ... concerning Him ..."** (verse 12)

- "a secret debate ... secret displeasure, not openly avowed." (<sup>Thayer</sup>) "Indignant complaining" (<sup>Vine</sup>)
- The debate was whether: (verse 12)
  - **"He is a good man..."** or **"on the contrary" ...**
  - **"He leads the people astray."**
- **"Who do you say that I am?"** (Matthew 16:15)

Verse 13 – **"No one was speaking openly of Him for fear of the Jews."** cf. John 9:22)

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**"But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and began to teach."** (John 7:14)

- It's what Jesus came to do! (Mark 1:38)
- **"The Jews then were astonished, saying, 'How has this man become learned, having never been educated?'"** (John 7:15; cf. Acts 4:13)
- Who did Jesus listen to?

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Jesus' response: **"My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him."** (John 7:16-18)

1. Jesus taught His Father's will. (John 8:26-28; 12:44-50)
2. If you want to do the Father's will, you will seek and find the truth. (Luke 9:23-24)
3. We can't be self-willed or rely on our own understanding. (Isaiah 55:6-9; 2 Peter 2:20)
4. Whose glory do we seek? (John 5:41-44; 12:43; Galatians 1:10; Matthew 5:16)

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Jesus added:

**"Did not Moses give you the Law, and yet none of you carries out the Law? Why do you seek to kill Me?"** (John 7:19)

- Jesus refers back to their hypocrisy concerning Moses: (John 5:45-47; Romans 2:1-4, 17-23)

**"Why do you seek to kill Me?"** – (John 5:18, cf. verse 16)

**"The crowd answered, 'You have a demon! Who seeks to kill You?'"** (John 7:20)

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**"Jesus answered them, 'I did one deed, and you all marvel.'" (John 7:21)**

- What **"deed"**? (John 5:2-17)

**"You all marvel"** – not because they saw the sign, but because Jesus did so on the Sabbath. (John 7:23)

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**"For this reason Moses has given you circumcision (not because it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and on the Sabbath you circumcise a man. If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that the Law of Moses will not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made an entire man well on the Sabbath?"** (John 7:22-23)

Jesus points out that the law of circumcision did violate the law of the Sabbath. (Mark 2:27; cf. Deuteronomy 6:24)

Jesus addressed their hypocrisy about the Sabbath. (Matthew 12:8-12)