

Jesus at the Feast of Booths, Part 1 (John 7:1-13)

The Lord's brothers give Him some worldly advice on how to carry out His divine mission. Jesus answers their advice by informing them that He is acting in accord with the eternal purposes of the Heavenly Father.

Pre-Class Questions

1. What is the Feast of Tabernacles?
2. His brothers admit His miracles. Why do they not believe Him?
3. What does Jesus mean, "my time has not yet fully come?"
4. Why did Jesus go up to the feast in secret?
5. What is the significance of the varying opinions concerning Him?

Paraphrase

Summary

Prayer

Outline of Chapter Seven

- II. The Word Manifested to the Jews and their rejection of Him,
 - D. Public Ministry, Third Year
 - 2. Later Judean Ministry, 7:1-10:21, The Feast of Tabernacles
 - a. Jesus' unbelieving brothers advise Him, 7:1-9
 - b. The Multitudes in Jerusalem have varying ideas about Him, 7:10-13
 - c. The old Sabbath controversy renewed, 7:14-24
 - d. Mixed emotions concerning Jesus at the feast, 7:25-36
 - e. Discourse on the Living Water, 7:37-52

In-Class Questions

1. How much time transpires between chapters 6 and 7 of John's Gospel?
2. Why did Jesus not go to the Passover which was "at hand" in John 6?
3. Was it necessary for Jesus to go to every Feast? Why?
4. Describe as nearly as you can the festivities and rites of the Feast of Tabernacles.
5. How could the Lord's brothers admit that He worked miracles and still disbelieve in Him?
6. What is inferred about His brothers in that the world did not hate them?
7. How may we reconcile Jesus' statement "I go not up to the feast" and His subsequent appearance at the feast?
8. What route did Jesus take on His way up to the feast?
9. Why would He be relatively safe from discovery on this route?
10. How could Jesus drop His secrecy and teach publicly in the midst?

