

This is the Christ!

Lesson 7: John 7

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Purpose: John 20:30-31

Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may **believe** that **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God**; and that **believing** you may have **life** in His name.

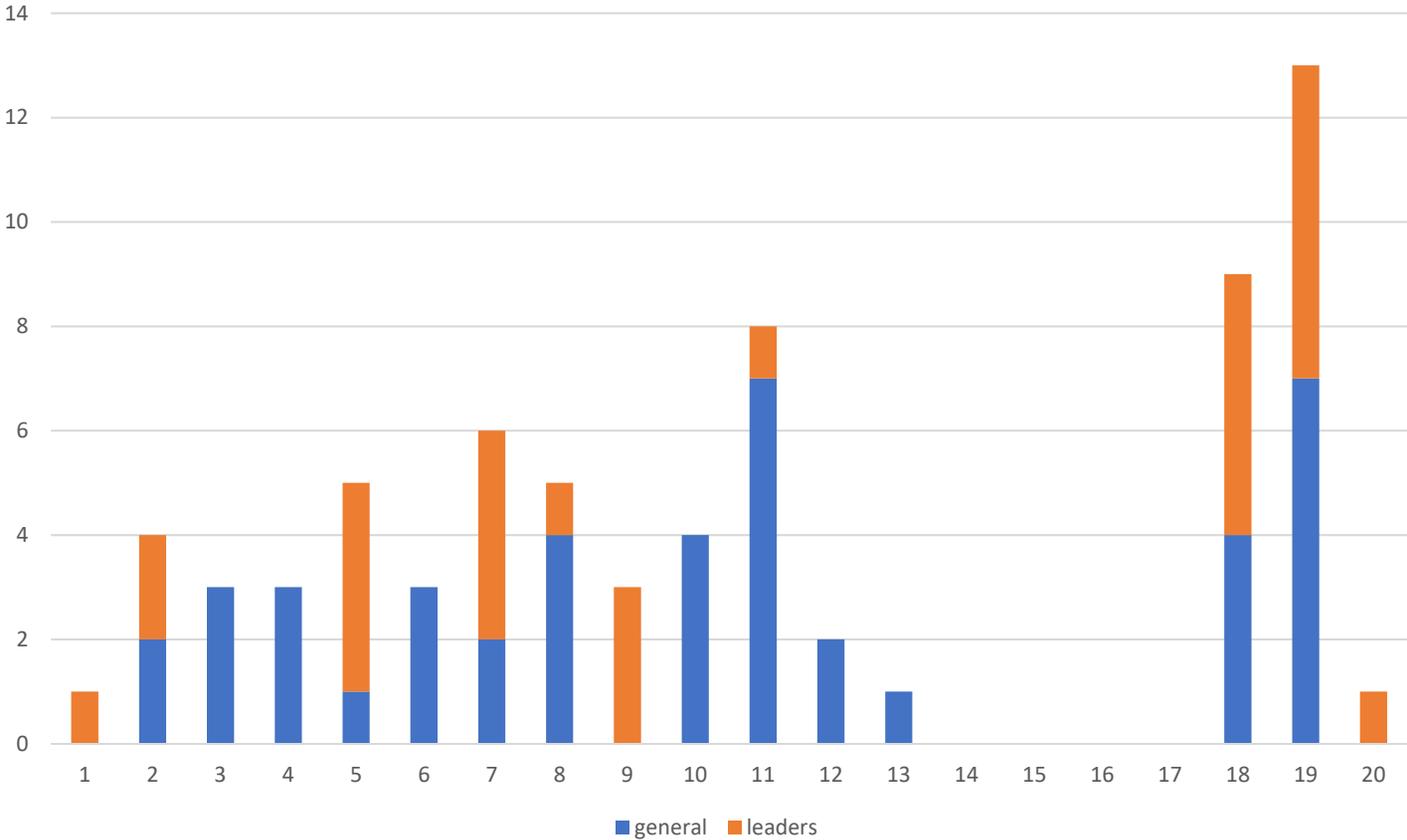
Review

- 1:1-18 Prologue
- 1:19-4:54 Start of ministry
- 5-17 Teaching
 - 5-12 Increase of unbelief
 - 13-17 Increase of faith
- 18-21 Response
 - 18-19 Culmination of unbelief
 - 20-21 Culmination of faith

The signs

- 2:1-12 Water into wine
- 4:46-54 Healing of nobleman's son
- 5:1-17 Healing at Bethesda
- 6:1-14 Feeding of the 5,000
- 6:15-21 Jesus walks on water
- 9:1-41 Healing of the man born blind
- 11:17-45 Resurrection of Lazarus
- 20:1-18 Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ
- 21:4-8 Miraculous catch of fish

The “Jews”



Outline

- 1-13 Before the feast
- 14-36 During the feast
 - 14-24 Defense of teaching and action
 - 25-31 Divine origin
 - 32-36 Departure
- 37-52[53] The last day of the feast
 - 37-39 Call to the thirsty
 - 40-53 Response of the people and leaders

Before the feast John 7:1-5

¹After these things Jesus was walking in Galilee, for He was unwilling to walk in Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill Him. ²Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was near. ³Therefore His brothers said to Him, “Leave here and go into Judea, so that Your disciples also may see Your works which You are doing. ⁴For no one does anything in secret when he himself seeks to be *known* publicly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.” ⁵For not even His brothers were believing in Him.

- Opposition is mounting
- Brothers of Jesus
 - James
 - Joseph
 - Simon
 - Judas
- A prophet without honor

Before the feast John 7:6-10

⁶So Jesus said to them, “My time is not yet here, but your time is always opportune. ⁷The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it, that its deeds are evil. ⁸Go up to the feast yourselves; I do not go up to this feast because My time has not yet fully come.” ⁹Having said these things to them, He stayed in Galilee.

¹⁰But when His brothers had gone up to the feast, then He Himself also went up, not publicly, but as if, in secret.

- Jesus waited for God’s timing
- Jesus witnesses against the world’s evil deeds
- It wasn’t the right time for Him to go to the feast
- The secret life seeks God’s approval

Before the feast John 7:11-14

¹¹So the Jews were seeking Him at the feast and were saying, "Where is He?" ¹²There was much grumbling among the crowds concerning Him; some were saying, "He is a good man"; others were saying, "No, on the contrary, He leads the people astray." ¹³Yet no one was speaking openly of Him for fear of the Jews.

¹⁴But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and *began to* teach.

- People looked for Jesus
- Jesus caused division
- Opinions of Jesus
 - Good man
 - Deceiver

During the feast John 7:15-18

¹⁵The Jews then were astonished, saying, "How has this man become learned, having never been educated?" ¹⁶So Jesus answered them and said, "My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me. ¹⁷If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself. ¹⁸He 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.

- God's wisdom doesn't come from human teaching
- Jesus' teaching was from God

During the feast John 7:19-23

¹⁹“Did not Moses give you the Law, and yet none of you carries out the Law? Why do you seek to kill Me?” ²⁰The crowd answered, “You have a demon! Who seeks to kill You?” ²¹Jesus answered them, “I did one deed, and you all marvel. ²²For 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. ²³If 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?”

- They didn't keep the law they accused Jesus of breaking
- Which law had priority?
 - The Sabbath
 - Circumcision
- Circumcision couldn't heal

During the feast John 7:24-27

²⁴Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”

²⁵So some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, “Is this not the man whom they are seeking to kill? ²⁶Look, He is speaking publicly, and they are saying nothing to Him. The rulers do not really know that this is the Christ, do they? ²⁷However, we know where this man is from; but whenever the Christ may come, no one knows where He is from.”

- Judgment needs to be righteous
- The people of Jerusalem knew more than the crowds
- Would the Christ just appear?

During the feast John 7:28-31

²⁸Then Jesus cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, “You both know Me and know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. ²⁹I know Him, because I am from Him, and He sent Me.”
³⁰So they were seeking to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. ³¹But many of the crowd believed in Him; and they were saying, “When the Christ comes, He will not perform more signs than those which this man has, will He?”

- They thought they knew Jesus
- They did not know who sent Him
- “True” is a theme in John

During the feast John 7:32-35

³²The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about Him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to seize Him. ³³Therefore Jesus said, “For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me. ³⁴You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come.” ³⁵The Jews then said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we will not find Him? He is not intending to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks, is He?”

- The leaders act
- Jesus attests to the resurrection
- Greeks aren't mentioned in the other Gospels

The last day of the feast

John 7:36-39

³⁶What is this statement that He said, 'You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come'?"

³⁷Now on the last *day*, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

- The feast lasted 8 days
- Again Jesus uses thirst/drink imagery
- Is this an Old Testament quote?
- The Spirit was dependent on Christ's glorification

The last day of the feast

John 7:40-44

⁴⁰Some of the people therefore, when they heard these words, were saying, "This certainly is the Prophet." ⁴¹Others were saying, "This is the Christ." Still others were saying, "Surely the Christ is not going to come from Galilee, is He?" ⁴²Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" ⁴³So a division occurred in the crowd because of Him. ⁴⁴Some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

- Responses to Christ
 - The Prophet
 - The Christ
 - The Christ isn't from Galilee
 - They wanted to seize Him

The last day of the feast

John 7:45-50

⁴⁵The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, “Why did you not bring Him?” ⁴⁶The officers answered, “Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks.”

⁴⁷The Pharisees then answered them, “You have not also been led astray, have you? ⁴⁸No one of the rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him, has he? ⁴⁹But this crowd which does not know the Law is accursed.”

⁵⁰Nicodemus (he who came to Him before, being one of them) said to them,

- The officers return
- Christ is unparalleled
- They don't seek God's evaluation of Jesus

The last day of the feast

John 7:51-53

⁵¹“Our Law does not judge a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?”

⁵²They answered him, “You are not also from Galilee, are you? Search, and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee.” ⁵³[Everyone went to his home.

- Judgment requires
 - Hearing
 - Knowledge of deeds
- Jonah and Nahum came from Galilee
- 7:53-8:11 is only in later manuscripts

Summary

- Jesus always waited for God's timing
- Jesus only taught what God had Him say, and for God's glory
- Judgment needs to be righteous
- Jesus did not come of Himself
- Believe in Jesus and living water will flow out of you