This is the Christ!

Lesson 7: John 7
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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.
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The signs

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The “Jews”
Outline

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Before the feast
John 7:1-5

1 After these things Jesus was walking in Galilee, for He was unwilling to walk in Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill Him. 2 Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was near. 3 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. 4 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.” 5 For 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

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

10 But 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

11 So the Jews were seeking Him at the feast and were saying, “Where is He?” 12 There 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.” 13 Yet no one was speaking openly of Him for fear of the Jews.

14 But 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

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

25 So some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, “Is this not the man whom they are seeking to kill? 26 Look, He is speaking publicly, and they are saying nothing to Him. The rulers do not really know that this is the Christ, do they? 27 However, 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

32 The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about Him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to seize Him. 33 Therefore Jesus said, “For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me. 34 You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come.” 35 The 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

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

37 Now 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. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’” 39 But 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

Some of the people therefore, when they heard these words, were saying, “This certainly is the Prophet.” Others were saying, “This is the Christ.” Still others were saying, “Surely the Christ is not going to come from Galilee, is He? Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” So a division occurred in the crowd because of Him. Some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him.
The last day of the feast
John 7:45-50

45 The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, “Why did you not bring Him?” 46 The officers answered, “Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks.” 47 The Pharisees then answered them, “You have not also been led astray, have you? 48 No one of the rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him, has he? 49 But this crowd which does not know the Law is accursed.” 50 Nicodemus (he who came to Him before, being one of them) said to them,
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