



## The Gospel of John Chapter 7

## Groups We Meet in Chapter 7

- *The Jews*—religious leaders who were hostile to Jesus—includes the 70 (Sanhedrin) plus the chief priests (7:1, 15, 35).
- *The multitudes*—those who came to Jerusalem from all over the Holy Land and many other countries for the Feast plus citizens of Jerusalem unaware of the plot against Jesus (7:12, 20, 31, 32, 40, 43).

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- *Some of the people of Jerusalem*—some citizens of Jerusalem who had knowledge of the religious leaders' plot to kill Jesus

## Three Feasts

- Passover—1st month—March/April
- Pentecost—3rd month—May/June
- Booths—7th month—September/October (also known as the Feast of Tabernacles)

## Modern Day Booth



## Three Proofs Jesus' Teaching Is True (7:16-18)

1. Jesus' teaching was not His own but from God who sent Him.
2. Those who are willing to obey God's teaching can discern whether the teaching is from God.
3. The mark of a false prophet is to seek glory for himself. Jesus was seeking to give glory only to the righteous and true One who sent Him.

## Righteous Judgment Should Not Be

- based on appearance (John 7:24).
- hypocritical (Matt 7:1, Romans 2:1-2).
- prejudiced or partial with hidden motives (James 2:4).
- characterized by a highly critical spirit (James 4:10-11).

## Jesus' Answer to the People of Jerusalem—3 Simple Statements (7:25-30)

1. You know Me in terms of my physical earthly presence.
2. But I really came from God, and you do not know that because you don't know Him.
3. I know God because He sent Me to earth.
  - Jesus is making a clear claim that He is the Messiah.

## Various Reactions to Jesus' Words (7:40-52)

1. This certainly is the prophet.
2. This is the Christ.
3. He can't be the Christ.
4. Never did we hear a man speak the way this man speaks—Temple Officers
5. Jesus is a deceiver. No prophet ever came from Galilee—The Jews (Jewish Religious Leaders).

## Lessons from Chapter 7

- Take heart when you are hurt by unbelieving loved ones. Take it to Jesus. He knows how you feel.
- Be obedient. As you live up to the light God has given you, He will give you more light to live by (more discernment).
- There are many reactions to Christ but only one right one. The only name under heaven by which men must be saved is Jesus (Acts 4:12).

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  - What did Jesus predict would happen to Him? (Mark 8:31). And what did Jesus promise? (John 14:1-2). If Jesus is not the resurrected, living Son of God preparing a place for believers, He is not a good prophet but a false prophet.

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- Jesus was a good man.
  - Who did Jesus claim to be? (John 8:58; John 10:30). If Jesus is not God as He claimed to be, He is not a good man but a liar.

## Conclusion:

- The identity of Jesus is not up for interpretation. There can be only one correct reaction to who Jesus says He is: He is the Christ, the Son of God.
- Come to Him and live.