

## John 7

### Story - focus on words of Jesus (principles)

Jesus in Galilee (home), avoiding Judea because Jews want to kill Him

His unbelieving brothers (literal) encourage Him to go to Feast of Tabernacles, show works  
(Jn 7:6-7) Then Jesus said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil.”

**Time:** independence, waiting in faith

**Testimony:** hate by association, not going along (Mt 11:17-18)

He goes up later secretly - Jews looking for Him, debate about Him

He teaches in Temple mid feast - stay for feast, area through Hannukah (Jn 10:22)

Jews marvel at His teaching, knowing He hasn't studied (hick from Galilee)

(Jn 7:16-18) Jesus answered them and said, “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.”

**Doctrine:** submission prerequisite for doctrinal integrity

**Humility:** self and glory (justification)

Jesus: you don't keep the law (Simchat Torah), why seek to kill Me? (they deny)

you circumcise on Sabbath but are angry I heal on Sabbath

(Jn 7:24) “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”

**Judgements:** heart vs rules (technicalities don't sway God)

Jews amazed at His boldness, they debate whether He is Messiah (where from)

(Jn 7:28-29) Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, “You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me.”

**Authority:** He is Messiah sent from God - all authority from Heaven (Rom 13:1-2)

Jews try to take Him but can't, many believe (declarations remove gray area)

Pharisees/Chief Priests send officers to take Him

(Jn 7:33-34) Then Jesus said to them, “I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me. You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come.”

final word to religious leaders - you won't find Messiah, will miss heaven (Jn 13:36)

final word to Jews - water from stream below temple mount poured out (Ezek 47, Rev 22)

sang Isa 12:3 Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

(Jn 7:37-38) On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”

**Desires:** Holy Spirit - thirst, come to Jesus, drink, believe in Jesus (vs control)

Jews continue debating about Him

officers tell Pharisees/Chief Priests couldn't bring Him because no one ever spoke like Him

Pharisees arrogant (ignorant crowd), dismiss Him on technicality (Nicodemus - hear Him)