

Believe and Have Life*The Gospel of John***John 7:1–24****Read John 7:1–13.**

1. Why is Jesus choosing to stay in Galilee and not go back south to Judea? (v. 1)
2. What has Jesus said and done that has made some of the Jews so angry?
5:16–18

6:51–52

7:7
3. The religious authorities think that they have a valid reason for putting Jesus to death. What is it?
(Deut. 13:1–5)
4. What does the Feast of Tabernacles commemorate and how is it to be celebrated? (Lev. 23:33–36, 39–43;
Deut. 16:13–15)
5. According to Jesus' brothers, why should Jesus go up to the Feast? (vv. 3, 4)
6. Jesus resists his brothers' urging to go to the Feast and show himself to the world because "the right time for me has not yet come" (vv. 6, 8). What does he mean? (v. 1; 5:19–20; 13:1; Acts 2:22–23)
7. Everyone at the Feast seems to have an opinion about Jesus. Who is saying what? (vv. 11–13)

Read John 7:14–20.


8. Even though Jesus decides to go up to the feast later and “in secret” (v. 10), he teaches publicly in the temple. How do the religious authorities react to his teaching? (v. 15)

9. Despite his lack of formal education, Jesus asserts that he is indeed a true prophet. What is the difference between a true prophet and a false prophet (vv. 16, 18)?

10. What does Jesus promise to those who are willing to step out in faith and “do God’s will” (v. 17)?

11. For what does Jesus condemn these very religious Jews? (v. 19)

Read John 7:21–24.


12. Jesus shows that he can dialogue brilliantly with the religious authorities on the finer points of Jewish legal interpretation (vv. 21–23).
 - a. What are they angry about? (v. 23b; * 5:1–11)

 - b. How does Jesus defend himself on this point? (vv. 22–23)

 - c. The Jewish leaders’ problem is not a lack of religious knowledge. What does Jesus say is their real problem? (v. 24)

13. In today’s passage, notice how many people are judging Jesus by mere appearances. Jesus commands the crowd to “make a right judgment” (v. 24). What does making a right judgment about Christ look like? (Consider 2:11; 3:29–30; 4:42, 50; 6:68–69)

14. We are bombarded day in and day out by what we see and experience. What does making a right judgment about Christ look like on a daily basis for you?

*The  symbol indicates verses for further study.