

## Mount Olive Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

November 25, 2020

### John 7: 1 - 13

After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him. 2 Now the Jew's feast of tabernacles was at hand. 3 His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. 4 For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world. 5 For neither did his brethren believe in him. 6 Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready. 7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. 8 Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast: for my time is not yet full come. 9 When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee. 10 But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. 11 Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he? 12 And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people. 13 Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.

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### Verse 1

*“After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.”*

\*Jewry is another name for the area of Judea.

\*Jesus knew about the plans to kill him in Judea. Human desires wanted to kill him physically. But in our day, there is an effort to kill the WORD of Jesus in whatever way possible. Why does the name of Jesus cause such conflict or anger? It comes down to spiritual roots - Satan hates what Jesus has done and who He is. He is at war with Jesus. Therefore, if there is a spiritual hatred of Jesus, then it is a battle of good versus evil.

## **Verse 2**

*“Now the Jew's feast of tabernacles was at hand.”*

\*Feast of Tabernacles can be found in Leviticus 23:34. Also known as Feast of Shelters, Feast of In-gathering or the Harvest Festival or Succor. It lasts for 7 days. In Jesus' day, Jews would erect temporary shelters outside of their homes to eat and sleep in during the 7 days. It is a remembrance of the days spent in the wilderness during the exodus from Egypt when the Jews had to live in tents. It is one of three festivals when Jewish men are required to go to Jerusalem to the temple.

## **Verse 3**

*“His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest.”*

\*Brethren can mean brothers or more broadly, not just biological brothers.

\*Jesus' brethren, not just biological brothers, are telling Him to go to Judea. This sounds counter to them being His friends because there are people in Judea that want to kill Him. But they did not believe who He was and wanted Jesus to prove Himself to them.

## **Verse 4**

*“For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world.”*

\*They could be thinking:

IF you go there, show yourself to the world.

IF you are the Messiah, no person would do that in secret.

IF He wants the world to know He is the Messiah, He would do these things on a grand scale.

\*But we cannot go around just telling Jesus, 'If you do this, then I'll believe.'

## **Verse 5**

“For neither did his brethren believe in him.”

\*So not even Jesus’ closest disciples believed in Him

\*It has been said that our greatest mission field is our own home. It seems we can have more effect on strangers than in our own homes with loved ones. Our battle isn’t with flesh and blood when we struggle with family who do not believe.

## **Verse 6**

“Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready.”

\*Jesus responds. God’s timing is not our timing but His timing is perfect.

\*Now (during Jesus’ time) was not the time to show up as Messiah or to be killed.

## **Verse 7**

*“The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.”*

\*The world hates Jesus and He is exposing this message.

## **Verse 8**

*“Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast: for my time is not yet full come.”*

\*Jesus wants them to go to Jerusalem to attend the Festival as required but He is not going. He did not come to take the Law away but to fulfil the Law.

\*There is a thin line between the Law of God and the Law of Man and it is up to us to determine where that line is. The times are telling us that man has been overstepping the Law of God. Where that line is, determines how strong our faith is. The biggest struggle for a pastor is where that line is. And distractions cloud up our definition of the line between the Law of God and the Law of Man. In our lives we must be able to define the line or as

Pastor Jon often says - What one generation tolerates another generation accepts.

\*As the line changes in our culture/society we must be faithful to the WORD because that it not change....ever!

### **Verse 9**

*“When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee.”*

\*This verse is informational.

### **Verse 10**

*“But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.”*

\*Jesus did go to the Feast of Tabernacles, but He did so secretly.

\*The Law said He was required as a Jewish man to attend but if He had gone with His brethren, the Jews would have killed Him.

\*So He went secretly, in His own way.

### **Verse 11**

*“Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he?”*

\*The Jews knew the integrity of Jesus - that He had to go to the Temple for the Feast to follow the Law. So they were looking for Him there to complete their plan to kill Him.

\*Jesus did not break the Law but attended the Feast on His terms.

### **Verse 12**

*“And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people.”*

\*This is where the people were murmuring about Jesus' character - was He a good man or a deceiver? Everyone had an opinion but....

### **Verse 13**

*“Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.”*

\*...they did not speak out because they feared the Jewish leaders.

\*Maybe we do the same thing...we don't speak out for Jesus or Christian values because we don't want the rebuttal or conflict it will cause.

Pastor Tom then unmuted us for discussion. (Because of audio issues, it was difficult to hear this concluding discussion. Apologies from the note-taker)

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Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Go in peace, go in joy, go in love!

*May the Lord watch between me and thee,  
While we are absent one from the other.*

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