



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: John 7:1-13 (NAS)

“The Third Of The Great Feasts”

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

### **I. THE CHRONOLOGY OF JESUS' MINISTRY**

- A. Gaps in John's Chronology Are Addressed By The Other Gospels
- B. John Builds His Gospel Around The Feasts

### **II. THREE GREAT FEASTS IN THE JEWISH CALENDAR**

- A. Passover Also Known As The Feast Of Unleavened Bread
- B. Feast Of Weeks Known as Feast Of First Fruits Or Pentecost
- C. Feast Of Booths Or Tabernacle *Deuteronomy 16:16*

### **III. FEAST OF BOOTHS**

- A. This Is The Feast In Focus In John 7

- B. It Was A Celebration Of The Final Harvest

### **IV. JESUS' INTERACTIONS WITH HIS BROTHERS**

- A. His Brother's Names: James, Joseph, Simon, Jude
- B. They Were Unbelievers At This Time
- C. They Were Promoting A Worldly Approach To Ministry  
*Matthew 4:10*
- D. Jesus Was Operating On God's Timing *Galatians 4:4,5*

### **V. JESUS' ARRIVAL IN JERUSALEM**

- A. The Crowd Was Divided In Their Opinion Of Him
- B. Popularity Does Not Equal Orthodoxy *John 3:19,20; John 15:19*

### **APPLICATION:**

1. We Are Not Called To Glory Yet
2. We Are Called To Labor In The Harvest
3. We Are Called To Openly Acknowledge Our Savior