

The Book of John

LESSON TEN

John 7

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1 Look in His Word

Feel free to underline, circle or otherwise mark the text if it will aid your study.

John 7:1-13

¹After this, Jesus went around in Galilee, purposely staying away from Judea because the Jews there were waiting to take his life.

²But when the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles was near,

³Jesus' brothers said to him, "You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do.

⁴No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world."

⁵For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

⁶Therefore Jesus told them, "The right time for me has not yet come; for you any time is right.

⁷The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify that what it does is evil.

⁸You go to the Feast. I am not yet going up to this Feast, because for me the right time has not yet come."

⁹Having said this, he stayed in Galilee.

¹⁰However, after his brothers had left for the Feast, he went also, not publicly, but in secret.

¹¹Now at the Feast the Jews were watching for him and asking, "Where is that man?"

¹²Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about him. Some said, "He is a good man."

¹³Others replied, "No, he deceives the people." But no one would say anything publicly about him for fear of the Jews.

2 List the Facts

What does the passage say? Make a verse-by-verse list of the most obvious, outstanding facts. Be literal as you answer.

Example:

(7:1) Jesus stayed away from Judea because the Jews were waiting to take His life.

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3 Learn from the Lessons

What does the passage mean? What lessons can be learned from these facts? Be spiritual as you answer.

Example:

(7:1) A Christ-like life is not always popular.

4 Listen to His Voice

What does this passage mean to you? Rewrite the lessons from step 3 in the form of a question. Be personal as you answer.

Example:

(7:1) Do I quietly avoid my critics or do I compromise to avoid criticism?

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John 7:14-24

¹⁴Not until halfway through the Feast did Jesus go up to the temple courts and begin to teach.

¹⁵The Jews were amazed and asked, “How did this man get such learning without having studied?”

¹⁶Jesus answered, “My teaching is not my own. It comes from him who sent me.

¹⁷If anyone chooses to do God’s will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.

¹⁸He who speaks on his own does so to gain honor for himself, but he who works for the honor of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him.

¹⁹Has not Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law. Why are you trying to kill me?”

²⁰“You are demon-possessed,” the crowd answered. “Who is trying to kill you?”

²¹Jesus said to them, “I did one miracle, and you are all astonished.

²²Yet, because Moses gave you circumcision (though actually it did not come from Moses, but from the patriarchs), you circumcise a child on the Sabbath.

²³Now if a child can be circumcised on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry with me for healing the whole man on the Sabbath?

²⁴Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment.”

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Listen to His Voice

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2 List the Facts

John 7:25-31

²⁵At that point some of the people of Jerusalem began to ask, “Isn’t this the man they are trying to kill?”

²⁶Here he is, speaking publicly, and they are not saying a word to him. Have the authorities really concluded that he is the Christ?

²⁷But we know where this man is from; when the Christ comes, no one will know where he is from.”

²⁸Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, “Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on my own, but he who sent me is true. You do not know him,

²⁹but I know him because I am from him and he sent me.”

³⁰At this they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his time had not yet come.

³¹Still, many in the crowd put their faith in him. They said, “When the Christ comes, will he do more miraculous signs than this man?”

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John 7:32-44

³²The Pharisees heard the crowd whispering such things about him. Then the chief priests and the Pharisees sent temple guards to arrest him.

³³Jesus said, "I am with you for only a short time, and then I go to the one who sent me."

³⁴You will look for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come."

³⁵The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we cannot find him? Will he go where our people live scattered among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks?"

³⁶What did he mean when he said, 'You will look for me, but you will not find me,' and 'Where I am, you cannot come'?"

³⁷On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink."

³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

³⁹By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

⁴⁰On hearing his words, some of the people said, "Surely this man is the Prophet."

⁴¹Others said, "He is the Christ."

⁴²Still others asked, "How can the Christ come from Galilee? Does not the Scripture say that the Christ will come from David's family and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?"

⁴³Thus the people were divided because of Jesus.

⁴⁴Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him.

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John 7:45-53

⁴⁵Finally the temple guards went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, “Why didn’t you bring him in?”

⁴⁶“No one ever spoke the way this man does,” the guards declared.

⁴⁷“You mean he has deceived you also?” the Pharisees retorted.

⁴⁸“Has any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him?”

⁴⁹No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law--there is a curse on them.”

⁵⁰Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number, asked,

⁵¹“Does our law condemn anyone without first hearing him to find out what he is doing?”

⁵²They replied, “Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee.”

(The earliest and most reliable manuscripts and other ancient witnesses do not have John 7:53-8:11.)

⁵³Then each went to his own home.

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5 Live in Response

How will you respond? Pinpoint what God is saying to you from this passage. Write down today's date and what you will do now about what He has said.

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