

# John 7:1-35

(Basic Bible in English)

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**A little background: From chapter 6 to chapter 7, 6 months passed by. John didn't give us any word in that time. In 6 more months from chapter 7, Jesus Christ will be crucified.**

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**1 ¶ After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.** The rumor mill was running about who Jesus Christ really is.

**2 Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand.** Little booths were built of twigs and branches and they lived in them for 7 days. It represents the time the Jews were wandering around in the desert. They would walk through the streets, like a parade, with a container of water, and when they got to the end, they'd pour the water out, and it represented Jesus Christ taking care of them during the 40 years of wandering.

**3 His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest.** Jesus Christ's half-brothers were here, giving Him advice, sending Him to Jerusalem to the center of things to show the people what He can do.

**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.** Jesus Christ's half-brothers (Mat 15:35) didn't believe He was the Lord in the flesh, and they told Him to go to Jerusalem and show the people His powers to prove who He really is. The Jews at this time had had it with the Romans controlling them and taking all their money through taxation. They just wanted the Romans overthrown. They didn't really care if Jesus Christ was the Lord in the flesh or not. The "12 lost years" of Jesus Christ, when He was younger, has many books written about it, but they are rumors and not true. He didn't do any miracles as a child, or people would've believed who He was already.

**6 Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready.** There's a certain time table that God set for Jesus Christ to do things. He has to do things according to God's way, not man's way or Jesus Christ's own way.

**7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.** Jesus Christ already knew the hearts of the people, how they hated Him because He knows and says the people's hearts are evil. He caused a public uproar with His testimonies of evil hearts of men, powerful men. But Jesus Christ didn't worry about the people and their feelings: He only worried about what He had to do for God. The world's leaders are influenced by satan today, just as they were then.

**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.** This is where Jesus Christ had His headquarters, 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.** Jesus Christ went up quietly to Jerusalem, made no big deal about it. This was the biggest feast of the year, the biggest holiday. When they saw Jesus Christ at the feast, the religious leaders made a big fuss, starting up and fueling the rumor mill, "Who is Jesus Christ really?"

**11 Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he?** They knew Jesus Christ was going to show up, and they were looking for Him.

**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.** There was every kind of rumor going on about Jesus Christ, saying He was a deceiver and more bad things.

**13 Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.** Everyone whispered behind Jesus Christ's back, but no one spoke directly to His face. They stood in little groups in the crowd and gossiped behind His back.

**14 ¶ Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.** Now Jesus Christ shows up at the feast and starts teaching.



**15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?** How does Jesus Christ know how to read when He never went to school? How could He possibly know the scriptures? He has no education whatsoever!

**16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but His that sent me.** Jesus Christ is making the declaration to the people that He is of God.

**17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.** If you truly know of God and know the truth, then you will know if I speak the truth or not. This is an important principal for us to know today. If we study the word and know what it says, we will not be fooled by cults or leaders under Satan's influence or any doctrines of men. People can be misled when they don't know the scriptures by heart. Knowing the scriptures is to protect yourself.

**18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.** Jesus Christ is making the statement to these people; if you see anyone teaching their own doctrine, it is only to glorify themselves. They don't want you to know the truth. They are not doing it to glorify God, but to glorify themselves. This is the first test to find out if someone is teaching the truth or not: who are they glorifying? Jesus Christ or themselves? If they're promoting themselves, a founder, or anyone or anything other than Jesus Christ, stay away!

**19 Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?** This whole issue stems from when He healed the lame man at the river on the Sabbath. They want to kill Him because he "worked" on the Sabbath, yet they break the Sabbath themselves.

**20 The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee?** Jesus Christ tells them they have a demon driving them; their thoughts are not their own.

**21 Jesus answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel.** Talking about healing the lame man; all of you marveled about it.

**22 Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man.** Abraham was the first one told by God to circumcise the male children. The people circumcise men on the Sabbath, which is work, and don't complain about it. I heal a man on the Sabbath, and you want to kill Me. Hypocrites.

**23 If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?** How can you be mad at Me and want to kill Me for healing a man who had been lame for 30+ years on the Sabbath, yet you break the Sabbath when it suits you to circumcise men? The Pharisees had developed over 250 new laws that they attached to the Law of Moses. Some were so ridiculous.

**24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.** Think about what God's attitude is towards what you're doing and when you're doing it; not what you or others think. It is all about God.

**25 Then said some of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he, whom they seek to kill?**

**26 But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ?** Now the question comes up, is He really the messiah, and the leaders know it, and their just not telling us?

**27 Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is.** The people thought Jesus Christ was going to come like a secret, no one would know where He came from.

**28 Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not.** Jesus Christ yelled out (no whispering here), I didn't come for myself; I came because God sent Me.

**29 But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me.** Again Jesus Christ declares He is from God.

**30 Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come.** No man could catch Him because it wasn't God's will.

**31 And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this man hath done?** Again, the people are getting into the discussion mode.



**32 The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him.** These were the temple guards. The Romans who ruled at this time sent the guards to keep peace in Jerusalem because it was well known back in Rome how much trouble the Jewish people could cause.

**33 Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go unto him that sent me.** This is 6 months later.

**34 Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come.**

**35 Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles?** Is He going to leave us and go to the gentiles where we can't find Him? They didn't teach God's word to gentiles, or Greeks back then.