

CONVERSATIONS
what is Jesus
saying to you?

THE FESTIVAL CONVERSATION

PART 1

July 30th, 2017

TEXT: JOHN 7:1-9 ESV

After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. ²Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. ³So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. ⁴For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." ⁵For not even his brothers believed in him. ⁶Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. ⁷The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. ⁸You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come." ⁹After saying this, he remained in Galilee.

- John 7:1-9 ESV

THE ETERNITY-CENTERED PERSPECTIVE...

He has set the right time for everything. He has given us a desire to know the future, but never gives us the satisfaction of fully understanding what he does.

- Ecclesiastes 3:11 GNT

You have been raised to life with Christ, so set your hearts on the things that are in heaven, where Christ sits on his throne at the right side of God. ²Keep your minds fixed on things there, not on things here on earth. - Colossians 3:1-2 GNT

1. DOES NOT THINK LIKE THE WORLD.

So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. ⁴For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." ⁵For not even his brothers believed in him. - John 7:3-5 ESV

...I have come to save the world and not to judge it. - John 12:47 NLT

This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed... - John 3:16 MSG

1 John 2:15-17; 1 Timothy 4:1-5

THE "ISMS" OF THIS AGE

- MATERIALISM
- TOTALITARIANISM
- RELATIVISM
- NOW-ISM
- POPULAR-ISM

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. - Romans 13:11-12 ESV

2. DOES NOT HATE LIKE THE WORLD.

The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. - John 7:7 ESV

...If they persecuted me they will also persecute you. - John 15:20 ESV

*Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.
- 2 Timothy 3:12 ESV*

*John 16:33; 1 Thess. 3:3; Acts 9:16, 14:22; Mark 10:30; Luke 22:28, 29;
Rom. 8:17; Phil. 1:20; 2 Thess. 1:5; 2 Tim. 2:12; 1 Pet. 5:10; Rev. 1:9*

3. DOES NOT HOPE LIKE THE WORLD.

You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come. - John 7:8 ESV

*If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.
- 1 Corinthians 15:19 ESV*

God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. ¹² Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven... - Matthew 5:11-12 NLT

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." - 1 Corinthians 2:9 NLT

MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK...

- Memorize **John 7:7**.
- Commit to having an eternity-centered perspective, in which Jesus is Lord of every area of my life.
- Give my life to Jesus as Savior and Lord, for the first time.