

# John 7

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## I. Jesus' Brothers Disbelieve

**1 After these things** Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him.

- **Timeline:** After the events of Chapter 6 Jesus goes to Galilee for 6 Months

**Jesus goes north from swarm of Religious bees wanting sting Him in Jerusalem**

- **It is now 6 Months later...**

**2 Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles** was at hand.

- Weeklong celebration of God's faithfulness
- Remembering the Exodus from Egypt

"The Hebrews called it the festival of booths (*sukkoth*), because for the full week that it lasted people lived in make-shift booths of branches and leaves as town-dwellers erected them in their courtyards or on their flat housetops." [Bruce] [Still celebrated in Israel]

- **Feast of tabernacles was at hand...**

**3 [Jesus] brothers** therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing. **4 For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world."**

- **Jesus ½ brothers/sisters:**
- **NEWSFLASH:** Mary was *not* a perpetual virgin after Jesus birth

**Mark 6:3** Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of **James**, **Joses [Joseph]**, **Judas [Jude]**, and **Simon**? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.

- Unspecified number sisters
- **At least 4 brothers:**

**You want to be famous...go to where the people are**

**5 For even His brothers did not believe in Him.**

Jesus would have been without peer in intellect and wisdom. He was astounding temple rabbis by age 12. A sinful, fallen, gifted sibling can be a hard act to follow. Imagine a perfect, gifted sibling. [Jon Bloom]

- Come to believe after Jesus resurrection

**Acts 1:14** [After the resurrection the disciples...] continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

- James and Jude would later write self-titled books of NT

**James 2:1** My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord **Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory,** with partiality.

**Jude 1:1** Jude, a bondservant of **Jesus Christ,** and brother of James...**21** keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the **mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ** unto eternal life.

- Brothers now acting as Jesus publicity agents...Go to where the people are...

**6** Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.

- **My time has not come:** I walk by the Spirit
- **Your time is anytime:** You walk by your flesh; impulses

As Jesus obeyed His Father, He lived out the truth that God's timing is an important expression of His will. Something may be in God's will but not yet in His timing. [Guzic]

**7** The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil.

- **The world won't hate you:** You are part of the world and live to please people

Are you okay if somebody hates you? Will you melt?

**If nobody hates you...**you're obviously not fully identifying yourself with Jesus [NJC]

- **The world hates me:** I tell the truth and I live to please the Father

To His brothers: You don't get it...I will not become increasingly more popular

**The more I speak truth...the more despised I will become until I am killed**

**8** You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come." **9** When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee.

- Brothers go to feast Jesus stays home...

**SUMMARY Jesus' Brothers Disbelieve**

## **II. Jesus Makes a Scene**

**10** But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.

- **Jesus acts with purpose...**
  1. Waits till His brothers are gone
  2. Waits for Father's prompting by Holy Spirit
  3. Hears then goes to the feast

**11** Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "**Where is He?**" **12** And there was much complaining among the people concerning

Him. Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people."

- **Religious Jews sought Him**

1. Instead of Celebrating God's the feast
2. Jesus is living rent free in their heads...they are consumed

13 However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews.

Everybody was whispering about Jesus...

Voices shut down by Political Correctness of the self-righteous seething religious Jews

"I am offended" is the anthem of today's bullies' wanting to shut us up and take us down  
**NEWSFLASH:** They're not offended at all...they want to control you

**How to win against any bully?** Consciously and deliberately place the Fear of God...  
...exponentially higher than fear of man...and act accordingly [NJC]

- **Everyone at Feast whispering about Jesus:** He's good/He's bad

14 Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught.

- **It's Go Time!**

15 And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?"

**Matthew 7:28** ... when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were **astonished at His teaching, 29 for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.**

- This was literally God teaching at the Feast dedicated to Him

**This guy never went to seminary...where does He get this stuff from?**

16 Jesus answered them and said, "**My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.**

**I speak what the Father shows Me...Every Word I speak is absolute Truth**

17 If anyone wills to do [the Father's] will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.

- When we accept Jesus Words and act on them we will know it was from the Father

"Spiritual understanding is not produced solely by learning facts or procedures, but rather it depends on obedience to known truth." [Tenney]

18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the

glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.

- Those who speak their his own word from their own heart seek their own fame
- I speak the Father's Words to reveal His heart and seek His glory...not My own

**Thus because my motives are true...there is no unrighteousness in Me**

- **No accusation** can stand against Jesus

**John 14:30** ... the ruler of this world is coming, and **he has nothing in Me.**

- **Jesus is Blameless/Sinless:**
  1. No sin in what He said
  2. No sin in what He did
  3. No sin in what He thought

**1 Peter 1:19** [Our sin was paid for...] with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb **without blemish and without spot.**

- **Tempted like us:** Victrious every time...

**Hebrews 4:15** ...we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

**If we have a problem with Jesus... the problem is not His but ours**

**Q.** How righteous must we be to enter heaven?

**A.** We must have the same perfect righteousness as Jesus to enter heaven [Later]

**Hard Teachings: Give up your life for Jesus? What do I get in return?  
Let the Word wash over you...**

- **All of our Sin forgiven:** As far as the east is from the west

**Romans 5:8** ...God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, **Christ died for us.** 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

- **No more condemnation but grace...**

**Romans 8:1** There is therefore now **no condemnation** to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

- **All of our guilt and shame removed:** Jesus took it all

**Hebrews 12:1** ...who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, **despising the shame**, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- **Victory over trials**

**Romans 8:35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." 37 Yet in all

these things **we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.** 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- **Grace when we fail**

**1 John 1:8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to **forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

How can we go to Heaven if we have sin?

...If we must have the same perfect righteousness as Jesus to enter heaven

**Matthew 5:20** ...I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

**Q.** How righteous must we be to enter heaven?

**A.** We have to be perfect...as perfect as Jesus

When we give our lives to Jesus He gives His life to us..That's the Good News

**2 Corinthians 5:21** [God] made [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might **become the righteousness of God in Him.**

We must have the same perfect righteousness as Jesus to enter heaven

Jesus gives us His righteousness without any loss of His own

**Ephesians 5:27** [Jesus will] present [His bride] to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be **holy and without blemish.**

- **Jesus will present us to His Father who will see us as perfect**

**Jude 24** Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you **faultless** Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, 25 To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.

### **What do you think Dad? She is beautiful Son!**

- **Religious Leaders:**

1. How does this guy know what He is talking about
2. We are the ones who **know the law of God...**

19 Did not Moses give you the law, yet **none of you keeps the law?** Why do you seek to kill Me?"

- Are you jealous of My teaching and that I practice what I preach?

**None of you keep the Law:** Such arrogance to believe we do

- Law of Moses says "Do not murder" and you seek to kill me

20 The people answered and said, "**You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?**"

- If you have no answers go for character assassination. Sure sign of weakness

**ad ho-mi-nem:** Argument or reaction directed against a person rather than the position they are maintaining.

- **You have a demon:** Blasphemy of Holy Spirit

1. **Eternal Sin**
2. **Unforgivable sin**

- Attributing the work of Jesus to the Devil
- Saying no to the Holy Spirit revealing your need for a Savior

**...and dying in that condition. Eternal/Unpardonable sin**

**Mark 3:28** "Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter; 29 but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit **never has forgiveness**, but is subject to eternal condemnation"— 30 because they said, "He has an unclean spirit."

- Denying your need for a Savior and dying in that condition

**You have a Demon! Who is seeking to kill you?**

- Religious Jews were seeking to kill Him for healing on Sabbath...

21 Jesus answered and said to them, "I did **one work**, and you all marvel. 22 Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and **you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.**"

- **One work:** Healed the man at the pool
  1. I healed on the Sabbath
  2. Don't you circumcise on the Sabbath? [If the 8<sup>th</sup> day landed on a Saturday]

23 If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath?

- The law is not broken when you circumcise on Sabbath [work in Temple on Sabbath]
- Why do you say I broke the Law by healing on the Sabbath?

"If you may wound a man on the Sabbath-day, may not I heal one?" [Trapp]

**Sounds awfully hypocritical doesn't it boys?**

- **hü-po-krē-tā's:** Actor, Stage player, pretender. From "to impersonate"
- The religious leaders were fakes

Men and brethren, if you pray at all, pray God to make you real, through and through. [Spurgeon]

- Masqueraded as God's custodians of the law but breaking it at the same time

**24 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."**

- As you evaluate Me...make sure you judge with righteous judgment

**What you believe about Me will determine your eternal destination**

SUMMARY Heavenly Scholar

### **III. Could This Be the Christ?**

**25 Now some of them from Jerusalem said, "Is this not He whom they seek to kill? 26 But look! He speaks boldly"**

**Lots of chatter after Jesus publicly rebukes the Bullies  
People now speaking more freely**

- **Some of them:** Those who knew he was a wanted man...
  1. We heard them say they wanted to kill Him
  2. He speaking **boldly**: Lit. continues "*Pouring forth truth*"

**Boldly:** gr. *pär-rā-sē'-ä* freedom in speaking, unreservedness in speech, openly, frankly, i.e. without concealment, free and fearless confidence, cheerful courage, boldness, assurance

- **Where do I get that courage?**

When we consciously and deliberately place the Fear of God...  
...exponentially higher than fear of man...and act accordingly [NJC]

- He speaks boldly even though they seek to kill Him

**25b...and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ? 27 However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from."**

- After Jesus puts them in their place...they say nothing to Him but to each other...
  1. Do the Pharisees believe He is the Christ?
  2. Even we know He is not the Christ...right?
- We know where He is from
- We know that no one will know where the Christ is from

**Wrong on both counts**

- **We know He's from?** They think Jesus is from Nazareth but was born in Bethlehem
- **No one will know where Messiah comes from?** OT reveals where He is from...

**Matthew 2:4** And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 **'But you, Bethlehem,** in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'" [Quoting Micah 5:2]

**It not Him...This is not the Messiah!**

28 Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, "You both know Me, and you know where I am from;

- Jesus cried out as He taught...

**"So you know me...and you know where I am from?"  
"How about this..."**

**28b...and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. 29 But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me."**

I was sent by God and is true He who sent me is true

- **True:** In contrast to your falseness
- You claim to know Him but don't

Cults, Isms, Religions claim to know God ... **but don't know God at all!**

**1 Timothy 1:6** ... some... have turned aside to idle talk, 7 desiring to be teachers of the law, **understanding neither what they say** nor the things which they affirm.

- Claim to know Him by do not

**John 6:45b...everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.**

- If you know God you will come to Jesus and honor Him just as the Father

**John 5:22** ...the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, 23 that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. **He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.**

- I know Him
- I am from Him
- He is the One who sent Me

**The fact that you are not coming to Me proves you do not know God**

**30 Therefore...**

- **Therefore...**because Jesus said He knew the Father **and they did not...**



**30b...they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.**

- Jesus is in complete control

**Matthew 26:52** [Peter wanting to stop Jesus arrest with sword] But Jesus said to [Peter], "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. 53 Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than **twelve legions of angels**? 54 How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?"

- **Legion:** Approx. 6000 soldiers. 12 Legions would be 78,000 angels

**Jesus is always in complete control...even when He allows His own suffering**

**31 And many of the people believed in Him, and said, "When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?"**

- **Signs:** Point to something
- Jesus miracles pointed to Him being the Savior

**If it's not Him who is it? Who will...**

- Do more miracles than Jesus?
- Teach with more insight and authority than Jesus?
- Love more remarkably than Jesus?
- Suffer with more courage than Jesus?
- Atone for more sinners than Jesus?
- Raise from the dead with more triumph than Jesus?
- Ascend to heaven in greater glory than Jesus?
- Present a greater Gospel than Jesus?
- Change more lives than Jesus?
- Free more addictions than Jesus?
- Comfort more grief-stricken hearts than Jesus?
- Heal more broken hearts than Jesus?
- Restore more marriages than Jesus?
- Triumph over more tyrants than Jesus?
- Gain more followers than Jesus? [Guzik]

**"To whom shall we go?" No one but Jesus does these things**

**SUMMARY:** Could this be the One we are waiting for?

## **IV. Promise of the Spirit**

**32 The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him. 33 Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me. 34 You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come."**

- **Crowd murmuring:** Is this Him

1. Religious leaders getting antsy. They are about to lose their power
2. Send officers to take Him by force. Still not time...

I'm going to be here as long as I need to...I will leave when My work is done

**You will seek Me but won't find Me: Allusion to ascetnion and the empty tomb**

"To the officers the saying is an exhibition of His triumphant confidence that their malice is impotent and their arms paralysed; that when He wills He will go, not be dragged by them or any man." [Maclaren]

35 Then the Jews said among themselves, "Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? 36 What is this thing that He said, 'You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come'?"

- Note that the officers listened carefully and repeated what he said though...
- They did not understand His leaving to mean His death

Does he intend on traveling to Greece? No but His Word will by the Apostles

- Jesus leaves them bewildered as He walks away

37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus **stood and cried out**

On the last day of the feast...they poured out a double portion of water in the temple. I think He could have been standing ankle deep in water when He said these words. They were celebrating the fact God had given them water from the rock during the long trek of Israel through the wilderness. Paul tells us that the Rock was Christ...He is the One that give the real water, the Water of Life [JV McGee]

**1 Corinthians 10:4** [Children of Israel] ... drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that **Rock was Christ.**

- OT all speaks of Jesus. He is the One they were waiting for

**Last and great day of feast:** Last time Jesus would able to speak to such multitude

**37b...** [Jesus cried out...] saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

- In the Temple courts with an offer to all who ever lived
- If you thirst come to me

**Revelation 22:17** And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. **Whoever desires**, let him take the water of life freely.

Everyone is born with God-shaped whole in their heart waiting to be filled with Living Water

**If anyone thirst let him come to Me and drink**

- **Anyone no matter your...**

1. Race
2. Intelligence
3. Class
4. Nationality
5. Guilt
6. Shame

**Prophesied that the Messiah would make this offer...**

**Isaiah 55:1** "Ho! **Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters**; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy?"

38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

**Satisfaction to the point of overflowing!**

**Drink of My living water and out of your heart will come the same for others**

- **Out of your heart:** Lit. *out of your belly or innermost being*
- **Living Water**
  1. Promise of God's Holy Spirit indwelling every believer
  2. Beginning of Pentecost and for the purpose of being a bold witness for Jesus

**Acts 1:7** [When will you restore the Kingdom on earth?] And [Jesus] said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall **receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall **be witnesses** to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

- **Flowing as Jesus reigns from Jerusalem:** Life, Cleansing, Refreshing, Healing

**Zechariah 13:1** "In that day a **fountain shall be opened** for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness."

**Zechariah 14:8** And in that day it shall be That **living waters shall flow from Jerusalem**, Half of them toward the eastern sea And half of them toward the western sea; In both summer and winter it shall occur. 9 And the Lord shall be King over all the earth.

**Isaiah 44:3** For I will **pour water on him who is thirsty**, And floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring...

- Water pouring from the Temple in Jerusalem when Jesus returns
- Bringing Life and Healing...

**Dead Sea will come alive when living water touches it**

**Ezekiel 47:8** [Spoken to Ezekiel] "This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea [dead], **its waters are healed**. 9 And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will

live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.

**SUMMARY Promise of the Spirit:** Offer of Living Water

## V. Who Is He?

40 Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." 41 Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee? 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" 43 So there was a division among the people because of Him.

- People are checking their Bibles
- **Division:** Lit. Violent dissension

**Matthew 10:34** "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a **sword**."

- Not to contradict God's heart to all men

**1 Timothy 2:4** who desires **all men** to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

44 Now some of them wanted to take Him

- Some wanted to take Him: Not to lunch

44b...but no one laid hands on Him.

- Not time yet [Till John 12]

45 Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?"

- **Officers return without Jesus:** Why didn't you take Him?

46 The officers answered, "**No man ever spoke like this Man!**" 47 Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? 48 Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him? 49 But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed."

- **Officers moved by Jesus words:** No one EVER spoke like this man
  1. Did He convince you too?
  2. If we don't believe in Him that should be enough for you
  3. Crowd believes in Him but they don't know their Bibles

**We Pharisees know our Bibles and we don't believe in Him!**

50 Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by night, being one of them) said to them, 51 "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he

is doing?"

- **Isn't a man innocent until he is proved guilty?**

Nick at Night tests the waters...puts his hand out just so far...and gets bit

**52 They answered and said to him, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee."**

- Are you a childhood friend sticking up for Him
- You don't know your Bible either...why are you even a Pharisee? No soup for you!

**No prophet has arisen out of Galilee?**

Actually at least 2 prophets were from Galilee; Jonah and Elijah [Maybe Nahum and Hosea]

**53 And everyone went to his own house.**

**SUMMARY Who is He?**

A woman caught in act of adultery will know exactly who He is next week  
**He is the Savior of sinners...of whom I am the worst**