

Pride Rejects Grace

John 7:1–24

The Unbelief Of Jesus's Brothers

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What is Unbelief?

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The Unbelief Of The Crowds

Verse 1

"After this Jesus traveled throughout Galilee. He stayed out of Judea because the Jewish leaders wanted to kill him."

Verses 19-20

"Hasn't Moses given you the law? Yet not one of you keeps the law! Why do you want to kill me?" The crowd answered, "You're possessed by a demon!"

John 7:21–23

Jesus replied, "I performed one miracle and you are all amazed. However, because Moses gave you the practice of circumcision (not that it came from Moses, but from the forefathers), you circumcise a male child on the Sabbath. But if a male child is circumcised on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses is not broken, why are you angry with me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath?"

Are they both unbelief?

John 3:36

"The one who believes in the Son has eternal life. The one who rejects the Son will not see life, but God's wrath remains on him."

1 Corinthians 15:1-2

“Now I want to make clear for you, brothers and sisters, the gospel that I preached to you, that you received and on which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message I preached to you – unless you believed in vain.”

What does this have to do with me?

1. Jesus Goes To The Feast In Secret, Not Public

Verses 8–10

You go up to the feast yourselves. I am not going up to this feast because my time has not yet fully arrived.” When He had said this, He remained in Galilee. But when His brothers had gone up to the feast, then Jesus himself also went up, not openly but in secret.

So what Jesus meant when he said, “I am not going up to the feast,” was: “I am not going the way you want me to go. I am not going to seek human approval the way you want me to. You are after human praise. This desire is deeply defective. What I go to Jerusalem for is to die. But this is not what you love about me — not what you believe.”

2. Jesus Goes Public With Teaching, Not Miracles

Verses 14–18

When the feast was half over, Jesus went up to the temple courts and began to teach. Then the Jewish leaders were astonished and said, “How does this man know so much when he has never had formal instruction?” So Jesus replied, “My teaching is not from me, but from the one who sent me. If anyone wants to do God’s will, he will know about my teaching, whether it is from God or whether I speak from my own authority. The person who speaks on his own authority desires to receive honor for himself; the one who desires the honor of the one who sent him is a man of integrity, and there is no unrighteousness in him”.

John 12:27-28

“Now my soul is greatly distressed. And what should I say? ‘Father, deliver me from this hour’? No, but for this very reason I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

3. The World Hates Jesus, Not His Brothers

Verses 7–8

“The world cannot hate you, but it hates me, because I am testifying about it that its deeds are evil. You go up to the feast yourselves. I am not going up to this feast because my time has not yet fully arrived.”

4. Pride Rejects Grace. Faith Embraces Grace.

John 5:43–44

“I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me. If someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe, if you accept praise from one another and don’t seek the praise that comes from the only God?”

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Verse 23

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