

JOHN CHAPTER SEVEN

At the Feast of Tabernacles

Take-a-Ways

Before (Vss 1-9)

During (Vss 10-36)

End (Vss 37-53)

All of the events in this chapter take place in Jerusalem at the Feast of Tabernacles
Commemorating the Jews' 40 year wilderness journey
One of three annual feasts Jewish males were commanded to attend

At this point Jesus' earthly half siblings did not believe He could be Messiah
But they encourage Him to perform more miracles
Perhaps for their own amusement – perhaps to fulfil a political agenda

The Holy Spirit had not yet been given (Vs 39)
In the Old Testament the Spirit occasionally filled persons for a specific task
But a day was coming – and now is – when the Spirit permanently lives
Within each believer
He is our guide, counsellor, comforter
Our conscience when we have displeased God

FUN FACT

There is no Greek word for “given”
If translators had not inserted the English word
The verse would have said “The Spirit is not yet”
But the Spirit has been with God since before Creation

As we celebrate America 250
Pause and consider the Statue of Liberty
She says:
“Give me you tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these homeless, tempest tossed to me.
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

Jesus says:

Come, weary and broken souls. Come you thirsty and dying. Come to me and find life and thirst
no more. I am the Golden Door to eternal life.