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True Equity and the Greatest Love / John 7:1–52

Notes

06/16 John 7:1-52, "Jesus is the Christ," Subtitle: You can experience living water,
Scripture: Rev. 21:3-7

There are three responses to the revealed Jesus Christ : Call in question, reject, or believe. What is your response; is Jesus who He claimed to be or not? Join us in person for this discussion, Sunday at 10:30 a.m., or follow along online live!

- **Feast of Booths**
Celebrated in the autumn, this festival is considered the most joyful of the year and takes place five days after the Day of Atonement. The festival commemorates the time when the Israelites lived in huts, or sukkot, while wandering in the wilderness. During Sukkot, Jewish families build three-sided shelters called booths or tabernacles outside their homes and on balconies. The festival lasts for seven days in Israel and eight days elsewhere.
- **Passover**
Celebrated in the spring, this festival is part of an eight-day celebration that also includes Unleavened Bread and First Fruits. Passover commemorates the Israelites' freedom from slavery in ancient Egypt and is centered around God's faithfulness to Israel. The festival begins with a dinner called a seder, during which families eat roasted meat, bitter herbs, and unleavened bread. More sacrifices are offered during Passover than at any other time, with each family or group slaughtering and eating a lamb.

Three Responses to the revealed Christ:

1. ++Call into question (test the fact, grumbling [7:12, 32, 43])
2. ++Reject (7:5, 48, and many among the grumblers)
3. ++Believe (accept His testimony [7:31, 41, 46])

When Jesus Christ has been revealed to us through His testimony in Scripture and the testimony of His followers, we have a choice to make. Have you made that choice?

Speaking of Jesus' brothers in verse 6, like them, our time to choose is always opportune.

2 Corinthians 6:2 NASB95

² for He says, "AT THE ACCEPTABLE TIME I LISTENED TO YOU, AND ON THE DAY OF SALVATION I HELPED YOU." Behold, now is "THE ACCEPTABLE TIME," behold, now is "THE DAY OF SALVATION"—

Where are you in your response to Jesus? Are you still at the grumbling or investigating stage; still undecided?

Worse yet, are you at the point of rejecting full surrender to Him and instead are holding onto this life?

Today is your opportune time (*kairos*), now is the day of salvation.