

From Believing Unbelief to Belief

John 7:1-24



John 7:1-2 (English Standard Version)

¹After 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.

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- ◆ Christ is in Galilee and has fed the 5,000 - 20,000 +
- ◆ Spent only a few days with the masses
- ◆ Spent over 7 months with only His disciples - why?
- ◆ Christ came to redeem people and to make disciples
- ◆ God wants His Son's life reproduced in as many people as possible

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- ◆ As "little Christs" we're supposed to pour our lives into others
- ◆ Are you attracted to the 'big show'?
- ◆ Are you pouring Christ into someone else?

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- ◆ The Feast of Booths / Tabernacles
- ◆ Fall harvest
- ◆ Temporary shelters built to protect crops
- ◆ Celebrated Christ's protection in the wilderness
- ◆ Symbolized with light and water
- ◆ Theologically tied to past preservation and future Messiah

John 7:3-9 (English Standard Version)

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." ⁵ For 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.

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- ◆ Christ was confronted by His brothers who had a belief that was really unbelief
- ◆ Earthly wisdom vs heavenly distraction
- ◆ Similar temptations will come for us -
compromise convictions for _____

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- ◆ God has timing and a plan
- ◆ God is still working on a divine timetable
- ◆ God is outside of time, but the Creator of time works in time and is always on time!

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- ◆ Do you sense God's timing?
- ◆ Wait! Pray ⇔ Work ⇔ Watch
- ◆ Act! Move ⇔ Go ⇔ Do

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- ◆ The brothers believe something....v. 5 says it's unbelief; Christ confronts this
- ◆ I won't go to Jerusalem for your reasons
- ◆ When I go, I'm going to die and call you to die
- ◆ What you want is fatally flawed!
- ◆ The world hates Me but not you - why?
- ◆ You comfort and validate them (self-worship is OK)
- ◆ I expose them (self-worship is evil)

John 7:10-18 (English Standard Version)

¹⁰But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private. ¹¹The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, "Where is he?" ¹²And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, "He is a good man," others said, "No, he is leading the people astray." ¹³Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

John 7:10-18 (English Standard Version)

¹⁴About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. ¹⁵The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?"

¹⁶So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. ¹⁷ If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. ¹⁸The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.

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- ◆ Christ presents several reasons to believe
- ◆ Knowledge and authority from God
- ◆ Selfless humility
- ◆ This directly conflicts with what I want from Jesus....
- ◆ Miracles, goodness, religion
- ◆ What we want must be changed!
- ◆ Jesus says I can't know Him until my will is changed

John 7:19-24 (English Standard Version)

¹⁹Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?" ²⁰The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" ²¹Jesus answered them, "I did one work, and you all marvel at it. ²²Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. ²³If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well? ²⁴Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

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- ◆ Moses gave you the law; you love and claim Moses; you can't keep the law - you want to kill Me!
- ◆ I've come to fulfill the law
- ◆ The purpose of the law was for people to worship God
- ◆ You've made it a tool for self-worship
- ◆ Brothers want to use Christ for self-praise
- ◆ Jews hate Jesus because He removes self-praise

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- ◆ Verse 24 is the invitation for today and all time!
- ◆ Don't reject/judge Jesus ignorantly/wrongly
- ◆ Come to Christ to have your will born again


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- ◆ Ask God for a will that is changed to obey Christ so you can know Him
- ◆ Confess your pride, self-worship and joy from the praise of men
- ◆ Ask God for a joy in God's praise
- ◆ God, eradicate self-glory from my heart
- ◆ Am I in your timing?
- ◆ Wait ⇔ Go



Grace Walk Men's Group – TUESDAY, 6.28–

- Move from legalism into grace!
 - Discover the foundational, Biblical truths of who you are in Christ
 - 6:45 AM at Chick-Fil-A, Greatwood, with Pastor Joe
 - Purchase your Grace Walk book online at christianbook.com
 - RSVP Pastor Joe at joe@thesanctuaryfellowship.com
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 - No experience necessary!
 - High School & College Students welcome!
 - Contact Pastor Jimmy



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A NIGHT OF WORSHIP

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Hilton Garden Inn

VBS ~ We Need *YOU!*

- **WHEN?**

- June 27 – 30

- **WHO'S IT FOR?**

- The Jenny Lane trailer park in Richmond

- **HOW CAN I HELP?**

- **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS:**

- *Sign up at the VBS Table*

- Donate pre-packaged snacks, juice, etc.

JESUS SAID, "LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN
COME UNTO ME."

