



The Gospel of John

Session Fourteen: The Feast of Tabernacles and Jesus's Teaching

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THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES AND JESUS'S TEACHING

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

LEVITICUS 23:33-44; JOHN 7:1-24

1. **REMEMBER THE _____: THE _____ THAT LOOKED BACK AND AHEAD**

Leviticus 23:33-44

2. **"SHOW YOURSELF": WHEN HUMAN _____ TRIES TO FORCE DIVINE _____**

John 7:1-9

3. **_____ WITHOUT _____: TEACHING AND HEALING FROM THE FATHER**

John 7:10-24

APPLY

Jesus did not arrive with trumpets in today's text, but one day He will return in glory. Until that day, His patience is an act of mercy and grace, and an invitation to draw near. What does it look like for you to faithfully wait on Him?

READING PLAN

- Monday- Leviticus 23:33-44
- Tuesday- John 7:1-5
- Wednesday- John 7:6-9
- Thursday- John 7:10-15
- Friday- John 7:16-24

The Feast of Tabernacles (or Shelters) was a reminder of the rescue God provided Israel from Egypt. As Jesus reiterates that His time to enter the festival grounds has not come and the teaching He brings is the Father's, He is preparing the way for salvation and extending the invitation to understand and come near.



Think back on your own journey to Christ. What hints or seeds did He drop along the way? What people played a role and what circumstances shaped your openness? What preparations were being made that you are now able to see with new appreciation?

LOOKING TO NEXT WEEK...

LESSON #15

THE PEOPLE'S DIVIDED OPINIONS ON JESUS

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

JOHN 7:25-44

THE LESSON AT A GLANCE

On the last day of the Feast of Shelters, a day when the temple leaders would pour fresh water on the altar as a drink offering, Jesus addressed the crowd: "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. The one who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him" (John 7:37-38).

Jesus's call is the same today—come to Him. Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit, whom God would send after Christ's resurrection, would be a source of ongoing connection to the Father. Through Christ, we have access to a never-ending source of life and connection.

In today's text, we'll examine how the crowd misunderstood Jesus. In the last section of the lesson, we'll examine reasons why the Old Testament is still important for us to study today.

THE MAIN IDEA

The crowd continued in confusion about Jesus. He calls us, not primarily to increased knowledge, but to increased intimacy with God. Jesus promised to send Living Waters—the Holy Spirit—to flow within and from the hearts of His followers when we come to Him in faith.

QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE

What does it mean to "come to Jesus," not as a one-time salvation event, but as an ongoing posture for life?

