

Mysteries in the Gospel of John Season 7: Tuning Into God's Frequency



Scripture

- **John 7:1-21**

After these things Jesus was walking in Galilee, for He was unwilling to walk in Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill Him. Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was near. Therefore, His brothers said to Him, “Leave here and go into Judea, so that Your disciples also may see Your works which You are doing. For no one does anything in secret when he himself seeks to be known publicly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world. For not even His brothers were believing in Him. So Jesus said to them, “My time is not yet here, but your time is always opportune. The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it, that its deeds are evil. Go up to the feast yourselves; I do not go up to this feast because My time has not yet fully come Having said these things to them, He stayed in Galilee. But when His brothers had gone up to the feast, then He Himself also went up, not publicly, but as if, in secret. So the Jews were seeking Him at the feast and were saying, “Where is He?” There was much grumbling among the crowds concerning Him; some were saying, “He is a good man”; others were saying, “No, on the contrary, He leads the people astray.” Yet no one was speaking openly of Him for fear of the Jews. But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach. The Jews then were astonished, saying, “How has this man become learned, having never been educated?” So Jesus answered them and said, “My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.” If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him. Did not Moses give you the Law, and yet none of you carries out the Law? Why do you seek to kill Me? The crowd answered, “You have a demon! Who seeks to kill You?” Jesus answered them, “I did one deed, and you all marvel.”

Other Scriptures

- Genesis 2:24; 5:2
- Matthew 7:29
- John 11:43-57

Main Points

- The English title Feast of Tabernacles/Booths in Hebrew is Sukkot.
- The Pilgrim Feasts-Jewish festivals when the ancient Israelites would travel to the temple in Jerusalem in order to give offerings to God.
 - Booths/Tabernacles
 - Unleavened Bread/Passover
 - Shavuot/Pentecost
- You and I want to always be looking to the Lord so that we are in tune with His timing.
- When you are a witness of Christ some will say yes and amen, and some will say you don't deserve a voice.
- Sukkat Shalom-experience peace under God's shelter; safe and protected.
- Shelter of peace in English is Sukkat Shalom in Hebrews.
- In order to hear His voice and know, we have to be willing to know.

Discussion Questions

1. What do we learn from this passage about Jesus' relationship with his brothers? What was their reception of Jesus?
2. What timetable did Jesus refer to when He said, "My time is not yet here..."? Does God have a divine timetable for you, too?
3. What are some reasons as to why the people close to us reject us and the Gospel? How did Jesus experience this according to John 7? Does knowing Jesus experienced this bring comfort?
4. What does it mean to be willing to know? How does our willingness to know affect our knowing?
5. Can God make us willing to know? Begin to pray for him to soften the soil of your heart.