

CLEARING UP THE CONFUSION

SO CLOSE AND YET SO FAR

JOHN 7:1-13

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1.		the Jews were seeking to kil him. 2 Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. 3 So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. 4 For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself
What does this passage tell us about		to the world." 5 For not even his brothers believed in him. 6 Jesus said to them, "My
2.		time has not yet come, but your time is always here. 7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. 8 You go up to the feast. I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come." 9 After saying this, he remained in Galilee. 10 But after his brothers had gone up to the
What does this passage tell us about		feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private. 11 The Jews were looking
3		for him at the feast, and saying, "Where is he?" 12 And 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." 13 Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. **Read John 7:7.** Jesus was clearly calling out sin in the world. Why is this so essential to ministry? Why is it often so difficult?
- 2. **Read Galatians 1:10**. What are some of the ways you may be tempted to care more about the opinions of others instead of the opinions of God? How can we change our thinking in these ways?
- 3. How did God open up your eyes to see that your deeds were evil and that you needed Jesus as Savior and Lord?
- 4. **Read 1 Peter 4:12-14**. If persecution is inevitable, what can you do now to prepare your heart to respond the way Peter shows us here?
- 5. **Read John 16:33.** How does not only the example of Christ, but also his accomplishment of "overcoming the world" give you encouragement as you seek to follow him?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

MacArthur, John. *The Gospel According to Jesus*. Zondervan, 2008. Mohler, Albert. *The Gathering Storm*. Thomas Nelson, 2020.

Nyquist, Paul. Prepare: Living Your Faith in an Increasingly Hostile Culture. Moody, 2015

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise God for the faithful ministry of Jesus Christ and his work on our behalf!
Pray that God would open people's eyes to their sin and their need for a Savior.
Pray for God to prepare our hearts for opposition from the world.
Praise God for providing a location for AWANA and Life Groups on Thursday nights!
Pray for a fruitful season of reaching, teaching, and training at Compass Bible Church this Fall.

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8/25/202	0 Job 21-24	Psalm 102:18-28	Luke 14:12-24	1 Timothy 1:1-20	
8/26/202	0 Job 25-30	Psalm 103:1-5	Luke 14:25-35	1 Timothy 2:1-15	
8/27/202	0 Job 31-33	Psalm 103:6-14	Luke 15:1-10	1 Timothy 3:1-16	
8/28/202	0 Job 34-37	Psalm 103:1522	Luke 15:11-24	1 Timothy 4:1-16	
8/29/202	0 Job 38-42	Psalm 104:1-9	Luke 15:25-32	1 Timothy 5:1-16	