

Text: John 7: 1- 31

Study Outline

- I. Jesus' Brothers Disbelieve Before the Feast (vss. 1-9)
 - a. Parallel account is given in Mark 7-9.
 - b. Jesus walked in Galilee because He did not want to walk in Judea (vs 1)
 - i. Question: Why did he walk in Galilee and not in Jerusalem?
 - c. The Feast of Tabernacles was at hand (vs. 2)
 - i. Thanksgiving festival celebrated at the end of September and beginning of October
 - ii. This festival commemorates the divine guidance granted Israel during the wilderness wanderings (Spirit Filled Life Bible, p. 1456)
 - iii. During the festival the people erect and dwell in temporary shelters made of palm trees and branches (see Numbers 29:12 – 39).
 - d. Jesus' brothers chided Him to go to Jerusalem (vss. 3-5)
 - i. They seemed to want him to prove himself to His followers in Judea
 - ii. In reality they did not yet believe him
 - e. Jesus said His time had not come and he was not yet going up to the feast (vss. 6-9)
- II. The Heavenly Scholar is Revealed During the Middle of the Feast (vss. 10 – 24)
 - a. After His brothers left, Jesus went up to the feast, not openly (vs. 10)
 - b. The Jews sought him
 - i. Some defended Jesus
 - ii. Others complained about Him
 - iii. But no one spoke openly of Jesus for fear of the Jews (vs. 13).
 - c. About the middle of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple and taught (vs. 14)
 - d. The Jews marveled, saying "How does this man know letters, having never studied?" (vs 15)
 - e. Jesus' responds and the Jewish leaders react (vss. 16-24)
- III. Could This Be the Christ? (vss. 25-31)
 - a. Some of them from Jerusalem questioned whether Jesus was the Messiah (vss 25-27)
 - b. Jesus declares what they should already know about Him (vss. 28-29)
 - c. They sought to take Him but because *His hour had not yet come*, they couldn't (vss 30-31).