

Jesus at the Feast of the Tabernacles

John 7:1-24

Introduction: In John 7 we come to a pivotal moment in Jesus' life that surrounds an annual event of the Jews...the Feast of Tabernacles. The Feast of Tabernacles was a huge event where Jews constructed temporary shelters (booths) and remembered God's presence and provision during the wilderness wandering under Moses. Think of it as a massive camp-out. At the time of this feast Jesus faced a growing opposition from the Jewish religious authorities and even from his own family. Despite this rising tide of hostility, Jesus revealed more about Himself and God's plan of salvation for mankind.

The dangerous time at the Feast of Tabernacles (vs. 1-2)

The half-brothers of Jesus wants Him to go BIG. (vs. 3-9)

The Jewish leaders had a hostile view of Jesus.(vs. 11-19)

The crowd had a mixed view of Jesus (vs. 12)

**Jesus reveals the most basic reason why anyone in the world rejects Him?
(7:7; 3:20; 15:18-20)**

Conclusion: Three Sobering Applications

First, do not be fooled into thinking that you are saved by your familiarity with Jesus.

Second, if you have believed in Christ, you must let Jesus confront your sin so that you forsake it and walk in the light.

Third, if you believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord, you must be prepared to be at war with the world.