

# Jesus Ridiculed by His Half-Brothers

## John 7:1-10

We begin our study with Jesus' return to \_\_\_\_\_ for the Feast of Tabernacles after staying away for about 18 months. He will not return to Galilee again. More open opposition and hostility await Him from both the Religious and Jewish leadership, marking a turning point that will prove to be the beginning of the end, climaxing at the \_\_\_\_\_. We are about \_\_\_\_\_ months from the cross.

### I. Background

“After these \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to \_\_\_\_\_ him. <sup>2</sup> Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand.” John 7:1-2

“he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him” –

“Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand” –

### II. Brothers and Their Agenda

“His \_\_\_\_\_ therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see (Gk - \_\_\_\_\_) the works (Lit. - \_\_\_\_\_) that thou doest. <sup>4</sup> For there is no man that doeth anything in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, show thyself to the world. <sup>5</sup> For neither did his brethren \_\_\_\_\_ in him.” John 7:3-5

“His brethren” –

“Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest” –

“For there is no man that doeth anything in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly...show thyself to the world” -

“For neither did his brethren believe in him.” –

### **III. Jesus and His Agenda**

“Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not \_\_\_\_\_ come: but your time is always ready. <sup>7</sup> The world cannot \_\_\_\_\_ you; but me it \_\_\_\_\_, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. <sup>8</sup> Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up \_\_\_\_\_ unto this feast: for my time is not \_\_\_\_\_ full come.”  
**John 7:6-8**

“my time is not yet come” –

“your time is always ready” –

“the world cannot hate you; but me it hateth” –

“I go not up yet unto this feast” –

#### **IV. Jesus Lives by God’s Agenda**

“When he had said these words unto them, he \_\_\_\_\_ still in Galilee. <sup>10</sup> But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also \_\_\_\_\_ unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret (Lit. - \_\_\_\_\_).” **John 7:9-10**

“then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret” –

#### **Believers’ Application:**

1. The half-brothers of Jesus were certainly honored to have been raised with Jesus. It was an honor, as Matthew Henry said, “but no saving honor.” Many of us have been honored. Perhaps raised in a Christian home, educated in a Christian environment, attended a good church all our lives, surrounded by good and godly people. But just as these half-brothers of Jesus, these advantages do nothing to save our souls or bring us to a personal belief in Jesus. We are still responsible ourselves!

2. Is God’s timetable important to you? Are you determined to live your life according to His schedule for you, or are you impatient and opt for your wants when you want them? Let’s be like Jesus and make God’s agenda and timetable for us our greatest priority.

3. Jesus made it very plain that the world hated him. That is the same for all those who follow Him. Are you of the world and its system? Do you love the world, and does it love you? Or are you of God? A lover of God will not love the world and will be hated by it. What's your relationship with these polar opposites!?