

# JOHN 7

The Feast of Tabernacles celebrated God's provision for the Israelites during the Exodus. People would use branches to create booths in which to live for seven days. This was a special celebration for families, servants, widows, orphans and foreigners in the community. One special feature of the celebration was the pouring of water from the Pool of Siloam.

**Read 7:1-13.**

- Jesus has reached an interesting point in his ministry. What is happening to Him?
- Why do you think Jesus' brothers didn't believe in Him?
- How does He respond to His brothers' advice?
- Jesus makes a decision to attend the Feast. What is significant about His decision to go in secret (verse 10)?
- How would you describe the crowd's understanding of Jesus?

**Read John 7:14-24.**

- Jesus now makes his appearance at the Feast. How did the people react to Jesus' teaching?
- Describe the argument Jesus made for the authority of his teaching.
- The crowd believes that he is "demon-possessed." Why do you think they came to this conclusion?
- If Jesus physically appeared in the middle of a worship service today, how do you think people would respond?

**Read John 7:25-52.**

- How did the crowd react to Jesus' teaching in verses 30-32?
- Jesus tells the Jews that they do not know God. Why was Jesus so vehement in His statements?
- Jesus makes a bold declaration in verses 37-38. What is He saying about Himself?
- What will happen in people's lives when they believe in Jesus?
- What insights does this passage give us about the Holy Spirit?
- If we were to experience the Holy Spirit in our lives (as described by Jesus), what would it be like?
- Can we be Christians and not experience this work of the Holy Spirit?
- Jesus put the crowd in a turmoil about His identity. How do the religious leaders respond to what's going on in the crowd (verses 45-49)?
- Nicodemus makes a defense for Jesus. How did the leaders respond to him?
- How are the responses of people today similar/dissimilar to the reactions in verses 40-52?
- If you were one of Jesus' disciples observing all that was going on, what would you be thinking/feeling at this point in time?

**QuickStart**

**Discussion**

**Questions**