

John 7:1-13

The World Hates Me

1) The Setting – v. 1-2, 11-13

- a) Jews want to kill Jesus
- b) Jesus stays in Galilee
- c) Feast of Booths was happening
- d) Crowds were intrigued / divided over Jesus

2) Family Plans – v. 3-5

- a) Did not believe in Him
- b) The Bro Plan

- c) Lessons Learned

3) Jesus' Response – v. 6-10

- a) My Time vs Your Time – v. 6

- b) Differing Relationship to “the world” – v. 7

- c) Jesus' Travel Plans – v. 8-10

Praxis

1. What exactly was Jesus' brother's plan for Jesus? What was the goal of “show yourself to the world” (v. 4)?
2. In what ways might Christians / Churches pursue the brother's plan today?
3. Why does v. 7 say that the “world” hates Jesus?
4. Jesus anticipates here only 2 ultimate responses to Him: believe Him or hate Him. So, what's going on with those who neither believe Him nor hate Him (like the first group in v. 12)?
5. How would Jesus' example (up to this point in John's Gospel) direct us to interact with ones who have not arrived at either believing or hating?