

THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

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Study of John / John 7:1-31

Introduction

“On the fifteenth of Tishri, the seven-day Feast of Tabernacles commences. It is the seventh and final feast. It usually occurs in October. Observant Jews erect little ‘huts’ or ‘booths’ from bulrushes as a reminder of the temporary housing erected by their forefathers during the Exodus wanderings. Samples of the fall crop are hung in each family’s booth to acknowledge God’s faithfulness in providing for His people.” (Howard & Rosenthal, The Feasts of the Lord, p. 30).

I. Jesus Works in Galilee. (1)

II. Jesus’ Brothers Urge Him to Go to the Feast in Judaea. (2-5)

III. Jesus Refuses to Go with His Brothers to the Feast. (6-9)

IV. Jesus Goes to the Feast Secretly. (10-13)

V. Jesus Teaches in the Temple. (14-18)

VI. Jesus Confronts the Jewish Leaders. (19-24)

VII. The Reaction of the Crowd to Jesus. (25-27)

VIII. Jesus' Reaction to the Crowd. (28-29)

IX. The Leaders Want Him Arrested. (30)

X. The People Believe. (31)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT

John 7:1-24 Jesus at the Feast of Booths/Tabernacles

1. Comprehension: (What does it say?)

- A. Who are the main characters?
- B. Where does this take place?
- C. What Jewish festival was near? Who is going to it?

2. Interpretation: (What does it mean?)

- A. What is the reaction of the people at Jerusalem to Jesus?
- B. What is Jesus' response to those questioning him? Was He bold or timid? Did Jesus unite or divide the people?

3. Application: (How do I apply this to my life?)

- A. Jesus went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Booths or Tabernacles? Which holiday do you enjoy the most and why?
- B. Even today when the name of God or Jesus comes up and it divides families and groups. How should you respond?

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