

“Hating Jesus!”
John 7:1-9

I. Walking in Galilee –

7 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him. ² Now the Jews’ Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. John 7:1–2 (NKJV)

1. *“Walked in Galilee”, this means that He lived and ministered there, at least for a while.*
 - A. *The reason, because the Jews sought to kill Him.*

This is sad! We are told about Jesus’ ministry in Acts 10:38 (NKJV)

³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Despite Jesus’ good, those who know Him wanted to kill Him!

2. *This, the Jews seeking to kill Him – John 7:1 combined with John 6:66*

⁶⁶ From that *time* many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. John 6:66 (NKJV)

- A. *Fit with prophecy about our Lord Jesus Christ –*

³ He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Isaiah 53:3 (NKJV)

- *He is despised and rejected, when He should have been honored and even worshipped!*
- *He is a man of sorrows, on earth He dealt with sin and death, we read –*

³⁵ Jesus wept. John 11:35 (NKJV)

- *There is not one verse in Scripture that reads “Jesus laughed!”*

- B. *This rejection also speaks about men, we do not by nature admire and respect God’s ways -*

⁸ “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. ⁹ “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8–9 (NKJV)

¹⁹ **And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.** John 3:19 (NKJV)

II. Advice from non-believing brothers –

³ His brothers therefore said to Him, “Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing. ⁴ For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.” ⁵ For even His brothers did not believe in Him. John 7:3–5 (NKJV)

1. *The Feast of Tabernacles was the BIG EVENT in Jerusalem and Israel -*
When Jesus’ brothers say, If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.

They are talking about Jesus’ miracles!

- A. *They know He does them!*
- B. *But they are telling Him, you are not strategically doing your miracles in the right way*
- C. *Meaning, show YOURSELF OFF! Make yourself famous! Do them in the BIG CITY...*

2. *People often give preachers advice ...*

- A. *Not doctors*
- B. *Not lawyers*
- C. *Not actors and actresses*
- D. *But preachers, everyone has an opinion how faith could be done, better!*

3. *But it is one thing to give me ADVICE, or any other preacher, but His brothers thought Jesus needed it.*

A. *It is part of His humiliation –*

⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:7–8 (NKJV)

B. *His quiet way, His different way was Who He was and is –*

42 “Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One *in whom* My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. ² He will not cry out, nor raise *His* voice, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. ³ A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. ⁴ He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law.” Isaiah 42:1–4 (NKJV)

C. *His ways were different than the ungodly world’s and we, the church should be different too –*

“Lead on, O King Eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper
The sweet Amen of peace; For not with swords loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums,
With deeds of love and mercy The heavenly kingdom comes.”

Ernest Shurtleff

⁵ For even His brothers did not believe in Him. John 7:5 (NKJV)

4. *Remember the PURPOSE of this Book of John –*

³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. John 20:30–31 (NKJV)

Now, if the purpose of John’s Gospel is that we may “believe” Why does John show us:

- A. *Jews who sought to kill Jesus – John 7:1*
- B. *Brothers who did not believe in Jesus – John 7:5*

Why not MORE MIRACLES (signs) and less about Jews wanting to kill Jesus and brothers not believing?

I believe John shows us these things because he wants us to understand, how unnatural, how far from the NORM, true saving FAITH is, so we would seek it unto we are certain we have found it!

*The norm of an ungodly world is to hate Jesus – **John 15:18** --- How super-natural and at least a little bit rare true Faith in Jesus Christ was and IS!*

God wants us to have true saving faith in Jesus, not just to think we are SAVED because our father, grandfather, or brother was a pastor or elder ... even Jesus' brothers, at least for a time, did not believe.

III. Jesus' call to do God's will, in God's time –

⁶ Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. ⁷ The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. ⁸ You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come."

John 7:6–8 (NKJV)

1. Jesus' time, His time to be seen and known and glorified, would be His second coming –

⁷ Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. Revelation 1:7 (NKJV)

2. His time to die, according to God's will and timing had not come yet, nor was it His time to go to Jerusalem –

A. The Jews sought to kill Him, :1, He avoided them, not because He was frightened, but it just was not His time yet!

B. Jesus did everything He did in God's time, with God's will in mind and in His heart –

³ To everything *there is* a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: ² A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck *what is* planted; ³ A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; ⁴ A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance; ⁵ A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶ A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away; ⁷ A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak; ⁸ A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace. Ecclesiastes 3:1–8 (NKJV)

C. Jesus' time was SHORT in this evil world because He told it the truth about its SIN –

⁷ The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. John 7:7 (NKJV)

IV. Jesus' hated message –

⁷ The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. John 7:7 (NKJV)

Jesus' knew His message told with both words and righteous deeds would lead to His death as this evil world will not abide a good Man, definitely not a God-man ...

¹² not as Cain *who* was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. 1 John 3:12 (NKJV)

V. *Application to the Lord's Supper –*

7 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him. John 7:1

1. *This is not the first evidence in John of this murderous desire ... –*

¹⁶ **For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath.**

¹⁸ **Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. John 5:16 & 18 (NKJV)**

2. *Later in this chapter we see that it is PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE that the Jewish Leaders wanted to kill Jesus -*

²⁵ **Now some of them from Jerusalem said, "Is this not He whom they seek to kill? John 7:25 (NKJV)**

3. *These were the leaders of the faith who desired to KILL JESUS, this does not mean those who knew LESS were better, when opportunity arrives the Roman soldiers are right with the Jews in their sinful, ill treatment of God's Son –*

² **And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. ³ Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands. John 19:2–3 (NKJV)**

4. *Two things put Jesus on the cross, man's hateful sin and God's loving sovereign grace –*

²⁷ **"For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together ²⁸ to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. Acts 4:27–28 (NKJV)**

A. *Sinners gathered against Jesus, hatefully seeking to destroy Him ...*

B. *Yet, God had Jesus' death planned for the salvation of sinners long before, the plan is proved by fulfilled prophecy -*

⁵ **But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV)**

¹⁰ **Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. ¹¹ He shall see the labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. Isaiah 53:10–11 (NKJV)**

5. *Realize it is no small thing to be converted, saved, it is a dramatic change, a battle –*

¹⁷ **Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)**

²³ **Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? *Then* may you also do good who are accustomed to do evil. Jeremiah 13:23 (NKJV)**

¹⁷ **For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. Galatians 5:17 (NKJV)**