



The Great I AM
"Kingdom Conflicts"
John 7:1-13

Family Conflict (vv. 1-5)

Matt. 13:57-58 *And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household." 58 And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.*

Worldly Conflict (vv. 6-9)

James 4:4b-c *Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

1 John 2:15 *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

Religious Conflict (vv. 10-13)

What has been said about Jesus?

"I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ."
— Mahatma Gandhi

"Who thinks it's normal to kneel down to a naked man who's nailed to a cross? It's like a bad leather bar." — John Waters, atheist film-maker

"Jesus was the first socialist, the first to seek a better life for mankind." — Mikhail Gorbachev

"Christianity will go. It will vanish and shrink. I needn't argue with that; I'm right and I will be proved right. We're more popular than Jesus now; I don't know which will go first, rock and roll or Christianity." — John Lennon

“In boundless love as a Christian and as a man I read through the passage which tells us how the Lord at last rose in His might and seized the scourge to drive out of the Temple the brood of vipers and adders. How terrific was His fight for the world.” — Adolf Hitler

“If Christ were here now there is one thing he would not be ‘a Christian’.” — Mark Twain

Food For Thought: Christians are called to remain faithful to the calling and will of God, following the example of Jesus, overcoming kingdom conflicts of family, cultural and religious opposition as he travels to Jerusalem for the time of a major feast.

- 1. Why did the religious leaders want to kill Jesus ?”**
 - 2. In urging Jesus to attend the feast, are the brothers being wise or worldly (vv. 2-5)?**
 - 3. What rumors are circulating about Jesus in Jerusalem (vv. 12-13)? What rumors circulate about Jesus today?**
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Bible Text
John 7:1-13
(ESV)

7 After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews[a] were seeking to kill him. 2 Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. 3 So his brothers[b] said to him, “Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. 4 For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world.” 5 For not even his brothers believed in him. 6 Jesus said to them, “My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. 7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. 8 You go up to the feast. I am not[c] going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come.” 9 After saying this, he remained in Galilee. 10 But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private. 11 The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, “Where is he?” 12 And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, “He is a good man,” others said, “No, he is leading the people astray.” 13 Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

Summer is over!

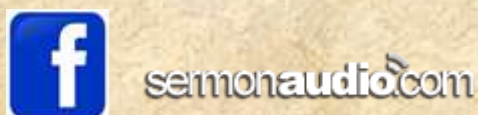
We hope you enjoyed our 2 series this summer and that God spoke to you through them. If you missed any of the summer sermons they are available at <http://www.sermonaudio.com/christcommchurch>

Please join us as we continue in our current series, “The Great I Am”

Pray as you go (*Coram Deo*) this week:

- Pray for opportunities to take advantage of what you learned in our summer series to share your faith and the gospel. Invite friends to visit CCC through the front door of the church on Sunday to meet Jesus (*see above- The Great I AM*) or the backdoor through our shepherd small-group Bible studies and sermon audio website.
 - Pray for God's grace and faith for brothers and sisters in the midst of horrific suffering in Mosul, Iraq. They had been given the choice of converting to Islam, paying a high tax, leaving the area or being killed. Nearly every Christian family chose to flee, some with only the clothes on their backs. Pray for the deliverance of the people of Northern Iraq from the terrible advancement of ISIS and its extreme Islamic goals for mass conversion or death for Christians across this region.
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Our Mission: Christ Community Church exists to worship God, fellowship in community and build the body of Christ by making disciples, baptizing them and teaching them until the Lord Jesus Christ returns (Acts 2:42-47, Mt. 28:18-20, Eph. 4:11-16).

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And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers. – Acts 2:42 (NKJV)