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**Joh 7:1-29** After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him. 2 Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand. 3 His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. 4 For *there is* no man *that* doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world. 5 For neither did his brethren believe in him. 6 Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready. 7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. 8 Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come. 9 When he had said these words unto them, he abode *still* in Galilee. 10 But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. 11 Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he? 12 And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people. 13 Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews. 14 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. 15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? 16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. 17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or *whether* I speak of myself. 18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. 19 Did not Moses give you the law, and *yet* none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me? 20 The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee? 21 Jesus answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel. 22 Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man. 23 If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day? 24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. 25 Then said some of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he, whom they seek to kill? 26 But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ? 27 Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is. 28 Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not. 29 But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me.

***So after the feedings of the thousands, the hard teaching of eating/drinking Jesus, and the feast of Tabernacles, Jesus continued in Galilee from Capernaum and did not go where the Jews were for the threats against His life. His time had not yet come.***

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**Challenged by Unbelief**

In vs’ 3-5 we see this initial exchange between Jesus’ unbelieving brothers and Himself. They challenged Jesus to go and show His miracles at the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem. We see their unbelief in Him as their motive to influence Jesus to go and ‘show’ Himself to those He wants to disciple. We still see unbelievers challenging Jesus and the saints to do things before their time or God’s will to be done. For example, the sinners will say, “I challenge your God to a test, ‘God strike me dead!’” Then they will gleefully say, “See your God isn’t real!” To wit, I reply. My God is not only powerful enough to strike you dead where you are, but He is patient as well wanting to give you mercy. In this passage we see that Jesus follows the will of the Father vs. the will of his earthly brothers.

Act 14:2-5 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brethren. 3 Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. 4 But the multitude of the city was divided: part sided with the Jews, and part with the apostles. **5** And when a violent attempt was made by both the Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to abuse and stone them, …they fled

**Hated by the World**

Why did Jesus tell His own brothers that the world hates Him but not them? Does this mean we won’t be hated by the world? It is obvious that at this time his brothers were not believing or following Him as Lord and Savior. Why did Jesus explain that He was hated by the world? Because He testified that their works were wicked. Isn’t this the same reason that true disciples are hated today? We testify for Christ, His wrath, His mercy, His righteousness, His Law, and their rejection of Christ’s authority in their lives at every level. Does the world hate you? Has anyone hated you for your testimony of their evil? How about your testimony for Christ and His mercy? His Judgment day? If you are walking according to the Spirit you will want to do these things. But, because they are carnal and not spiritual the unsaved will hate the Gospel and you. Don’t feel alone they have always done that from the beginning, there is nothing new under the sun. Our own earthly families are the hardest to witness/share with.

Mat\_10:22 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

Mat\_24:9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

Mar\_13:13 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

Luk\_19:14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this *man* to reign over us.'

Luk\_21:17 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake.

Joh\_15:18 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you.

Joh\_15:24 If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.

Joh\_15:25 But *this happened* that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.'

Joh\_17:14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

**In God’s Time vs’ 10-14**

We see the Lord Jesus send his earthly brothers to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast without Him. He did not fall to their temptations to go before the right time and the right way. I believe He went secretly in a different time for several reasons; 1. He was being hunted to be killed 2. This allowed Him to get into the Temple where the people would witness what would happen if He was. 3. To test the Jewish leaders 4. To test the beliefs of the people 5. To teach the people openly

Mat\_26:18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.

Mar\_1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Mar 13:32-33 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. **33** Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.

Rom\_13:11 And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed.

2Ti 4:5-6 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. **6** For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand.

Take a look at Vs. 13. This clearly shows that the fear of man is a snare. In this case, the people were afraid to tell the truth because of the religious leaders. Are we afraid to do so today to our leadership in our churches and fellowships? How about just speaking openly to people in general?

**Keeping the Law and Killing Christ**

What hypocrisy it is to keep the Law, all the while attempting to kill the One who wrote the Law with His finger and gave them to Moses! As I wondered at this idea I realized that modern day unbelieving Christians do the very thing that the Jewish hypocrites were doing just in the opposite manner. They claim that no one is able or willing to obey the Law of Christ, and deny the One who said IF you love Me you will keep my commands. Then they attempt to shut down the preaching or witness by cursing, threatening, assaulting and even killing if they could/would have the opportunity.

**Exo\_31:18** And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

**Mat 15:7-9** *Ye* hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, **8** This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me. 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.

Mat\_26:59 Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death;

Mar\_14:55 And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none.

Joh\_5:16 And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

**One Miracle to Marvel**

Amazingly, the Jewish leadership despised the teachings, miracles and healings of Jesus Christ. However, the people both marveled at his healings and were astounded at His teachings. I suppose the Pharisees saw him as a religious and political threat to their positions and livelihood. He continually showed his powers to; his disciples, the religious leaders, and the people in general. But, how many supernatural miracles would it take for you to believe that Jesus was/is God?

**Mar 2:5-12** When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. 6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, 7 **Why doth this *man* thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?** 8 And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? **9** Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? 10 **But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins,** (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) 11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. 12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

Mat 11:20-24 **Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent:** **21** "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. 23 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24 But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you."

Mat\_23:13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves,* neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

**This scathing rebuke goes on until vs 39!**

**Who’s Jesus and Where’s He From?**

As we have seen throughout this series Jesus reveals where He is from, and who sent Him. These doctrines which the Father gave to the Son of God, Jesus gave to us. He still does through His Word and the Holy Ghost instructing us. Note that we will continue to see this theme as we proceed through the Book of John. Those that suppose Jesus is a created being blaspheme God’s Word by changing the very nature of who Jesus was and is. To deny these clear passages is to become an unbeliever.

1Co\_15:47 The first man *was* of the earth, *made* of dust; the second Man *is* the Lord from heaven.

1Th\_1:10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Heb\_12:25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more *shall we not escape* if we turn away from Him who *speaks* from heaven,

**In summary, we can see the world will challenge us with their unbeliefs, then they will hate us for not accepting their unbeliefs and then warning them of God’s judgment about the same. We need to operate spiritually in God’s timing lest we get out of His will and lose the battle, though He will win the war. Ungodly religious people are the most dangerous to Christians, ie; lukewarmers, Muslims, Catholics, Buddhists, etc. The world will be amazed at miracles but some will just demand another. We see the continuing theme of; Jesus come down from heaven sent from the Father to teach and do what the Father taught and does.**