

JESUS BY JOHN

Judging Jesus

APPETIZER: Setting the Scene

John 6:66-69

“At this point, many of his disciples turned away and deserted him.”

Six months later...

John 7:1

“After this, Jesus went around in Galilee. He did not want to go about in Judea because the Jewish leaders there were looking for a way to kill him.”

DINE IN: It's a Matter of Time

John 7:1-24

Jesus had brothers?

Matthew 13:55-56, Mark 6:3, , John 2:12

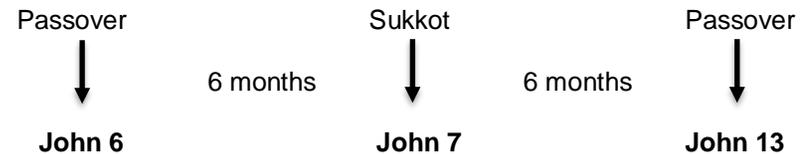
v 8 - “My time is not yet here.”

Chronos vs Kairos – sequential vs circumstantial time

Sneaky Jesus?

v 8 - “You go to this festival, I am not going to go.”

v 10 - “..after his brothers went to the festival, he went also.”



reference week 6 in the Death and Life of God: Losing my Religion

Amazed and Afraid

v 12-15 - The crowds were skeptical, and judgmental of what Jesus was doing. They missed what his presence meant.

Asked and Answered

v 16-17 - Jesus answers their questions by reminding them of his mission and purpose, to point to the Father.

John 5:19, John 12:45, John 14:7

Greater than, Less Than

v 17 - Authority of Jewish leaders < authority of God

v 19 - Mosaic Law < Law of Christ

v 21-22 - Circumcision < whole body healing

“Jesus presents a predicament to the religious leaders who are holding Jewish law against him. If there are exceptions to the Sabbath law, then there is a greater, more foundational basis for actions performed on the Sabbath” *Edward W Klink, Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament*

TAKE OUT: Don't Judge too Quickly

v 24 - “Look beneath the surface so you can judge correctly.”

The brothers on the surface were concerned with timing.
The crowds on the surface were concerned with credentials.
The Jewish leaders on the surface were concerned with the law.

Questions to consider:

- Am I limiting Jesus in my beliefs?
- Have I created a religious shell?
- Am I looking for God other places than Jesus?

Home Church Questions

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic – in one Large Group]

1. Review Sunday's sermon and talk about what most interested you and/or lingering questions that remain.
2. Before diving into the passage, talk about the context heading into **John 7**. What was happening in the previous chapter? What were things like for Jesus?

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture – in Discussion Groups]

3. Read **John 7:1-24**
 - a. In pairs, take a minute to summarize what each section is saying (**v 1-9, v 10-13, v 14-19, v 20-24**)
 - b. Talk about Jesus' brothers. Did you know he had brothers? (If your group is interested, check out the passages referenced in the notes to learn more). Why do you think they spoke to Jesus the way they did?
 - c. **Re-read v 17**. Talk about the significance of this verse and what you think it means. How can this impact your life? (Can it change how you make choices?)
4. This passage has a lot to do with timing. Review the difference between Chronos and Kairos timing, and share examples in your own life of these two types of time.
 - a. Read **John 2:4, 7:6, 7:8, 7:30, 8:20**. What understanding did Jesus have about his ministry? What then, was the right time for Jesus?
 - b. Can you think of any examples in your own life when Jesus timing was different than your own?

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together – in Huddles]

5. Share with your huddle which verse stands out more: **v 17** (trusting and obeying the will of God) , or **v 24** (judging correctly) and what is one step you can take this week to allow that principle to shape you.
6. Pray for each other.

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