

Believe

JOHN

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Jesus Challenged by His Brothers

Bible Reading: John 7:1-24

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Jesus and His Brothers – 7:1-9

- A. Jesus had brothers – (no perpetual virginity of Mary)
 - 1. Sons of Joseph and Mary, all younger than Jesus
- B. His brothers challenge
 - 1. Make a display of his works
 - 2. Do this in Jerusalem at the time of the festival
- C. His brothers mocking – v. 4
 - 1. People seeking public recognition don't do things in secret
 - 2. Show yourself to the world
 - 3. Like Joseph's brothers – "...here comes the dreamer"
- D. His brothers' unbelief – v. 5
 - 1. Initially they didn't believe
 - 2. Ultimately after Jesus' resurrection James and Jude became believers and disciples.
- E. Jesus distances himself from his brothers – 7:6-8
 - 1. Jesus actions are dictated by the Father not people
 - 1. "My time has not arrived"
 - 2. "Your time is always at hand"
 - 2. The world
 - 1. The first time the world is used in a negative sense
 - 2. The world hates Jesus because he doesn't belong to it
 - 3. The world doesn't hate his brothers because they belong to the world
 - 4. The world's deeds are evil.

5. Where is the distinction between believers and the world today?
 1. Does the world love you?
 2. John 15:18-19
 3. He tells them to go and he stays behind
 1. Festival time was a family affair
 4. Jesus resists the pressures of his family
- F. Following Jesus may affect our relationship with our family.

Going to Jerusalem – 7:10-24

- A. Jesus not going or going is sanctioned by the Father not by people, not even his family
- B. Going later, in secret
 1. When?
 2. With whom?
 3. How? – secretly
- C. The various opinions the crowd has about Jesus – vv. 12-13
 1. Some say “He’s a good man.”
 2. Others “No, on the contrary, he’s deceiving the people.”
 1. A false prophet who should be stoned – Deut. 13:1-11
 3. Nobody talking openly for fear of the Jews

Jesus teaches at the festival- 7:14-24

- A. Teaching and not performing miracles/signs
- B. Rejected by the Jewish leaders – 14-18
 1. For not being trained in the rabbinical school
 2. His teaching is not his but from the one who sent him
 3. Those who desire to do God’s will, will recognize that it is from God
 4. He seeks the glory of the one who sent him
 5. He is true and righteous
- C. Rejected by the crowd
 1. Justifying his “one work.”
 2. Condemns them for not keeping the law of Moses
 3. Questions why they are trying to kill him
 4. If circumcision can be done on the Sabbath, then healing the whole man can also be done.
- D. Charging them to judge according to righteous judgment